# YIHAN DU

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#### **EDUCATION**

Tsinghua University

September 2018 - June 2023 (expected)

Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Sciences (headed by Prof. Andrew Chi-Chih Yao)

Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science

Advisor: Prof. Longbo Huang

Research interests: online learning (multi-armed bandit), reinforcement learning

Xiamen University

September 2014 - June 2018

B.E. in Computer Science

Rank: 3/93

### **VISIT & INTERNSHIP**

Cornell University

September 2022 - Present

Visiting Ph.D. student Research topic: reinforcement learning

Supervisor: Prof. Wen Sun

Microsoft Research (MSR) Asia

January 2020 - May 2020

Research intern Research topic: combinatorial bandit

Supervisor: Dr. Wei Chen (IEEE Fellow, Director of MSR Asia Theory Center)

### **PUBLICATIONS**

Yihan Du, Wei Chen, "Branching Reinforcement Learning," International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2022.

Yihan Du, Siwei Wang, Zhixuan Fang, Longbo Huang, "Continuous Mean-Covariance Bandits," Proceedings of the Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021.

Yihan Du, Yuko Kuroki, Wei Chen, "Combinatorial Pure Exploration with Bottleneck Reward Function," Proceedings of the Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2021.

Yihan Du, Siwei Wang, Longbo Huang, "A One-Size-Fits-All Solution to Conservative Bandit Problems," Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021.

Yihan Du\*, Yuko Kuroki\*, Wei Chen, "Combinatorial Pure Exploration with Full-Bandit or Partial Linear Feedback," Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), 2021 (\*equal contribution).

 $(*\alpha-\beta \text{ ordering})$  Wei Chen, **Yihan Du**, Longbo Huang, Haoyu Zhao, "Combinatorial Pure Exploration for Dueling Bandit," International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2020.

Yihan Du, Siwei Wang and Longbo Huang, "Dueling Bandits: From Two-dueling to Multi-dueling," Proceedings of the International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS), 2020.

**Yihan Du**, Yan Yan, Si Chen and Yang Hua, "Object-adaptive LSTM network for Real-time Visual Tracking with Adversarial Data Augmentation," Neurocomputing, 2019.

Yihan Du, Yan Yan, Si Chen, Yang Hua and Hanzi Wang, "Object-Adaptive LSTM Network for Visual Tracking," International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2018.

#### **PREPRINTS**

Yihan Du, Siwei Wang, Longbo Huang, "Risk-sensitive reinforcement learning: Iterated CVaR and the worst path," arXiv preprint arXiv:2206.02678, 2022.

**Yihan Du**, Wei Chen, Yuko Kuroki, Longbo Huang, "Collaborative pure exploration in kernel bandit," arXiv preprint arXiv:2110.15771, 2021.

#### INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

### **Invited Talks**

"Optimal Experimental Design in Linear Bandit," Bandit Algorithm Seminar, Yau Mathematical Sciences Center (YMSC), Tsinghua University

\*November 2022\*

"Combinatorial Pure Exploration for Dueling Bandit," China Computer Federation (CCF) Doctoral Forum in Theoretical Computer Science

June 2021
(Only 18 Ph.D. students in theoretical computer science are invited nationwide)

## **Presentations**

ICML 2022, NeurIPS 2021, AAAI 2021, ICML 2020, AAMAS 2020

### ACADEMIC SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

## Program Committee Member/Reviewer

Conference: ICLR 2022-2023, NeurIPS 2021-2022, ICML 2021-2022 Journal: Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR)

## Teaching Assistant

Stochastic Network Optimization, graduate course (IIIS, Tsinghua University)

Spring 2021
Introduction to Computer Science, undergraduate course (Yao Class, Tsinghua University)

Fall 2019

### **Social Activity**

President of Graduate Union at IIIS, Tsinghua University

June 2020 - June 2021

# AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

China National Scholarship, by Ministry of Education of China	$October\ 2022$
Toyota Scholarship, by Toyota and Tsinghua University	$October\ 2021$
Huawei Academic Excellence Scholarship, by Huawei and Tsinghua University	$October\ 2020$
Wuqing Talent Scholarship, by Wuqing District Government and Tsinghua University	$October\ 2020$
Outstanding Graduate, by Xiamen University	$June\ 2018$
Academic Excellence Scholarship, by Xiamen University  Octo	ober 2017, 2015
Tan Chong International Scolarship, by Tan Chong International Limited and Xiamen University April	
2016	

Dean's List in School of Informatics, by Xiamen University

October 2016 - 2018