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Research interests

Probability, high-dimensional statistics, combinatorics, and theoretical computer science.

EDUCATION

2023 - present Ph.D Candidate in Probability at Peking University

2019 - 2023 Bachelor in Mathematics at **Peking University**

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

• A Computational Transition for Detecting Correlated Stochastic Block Models by Low-Degree Polynomials

Guanyi Chen, Jian Ding, Shuyang Gong, and Zhangsong Li *Annals of Statistics*, to appear

• Low-Degree Hardness of Detection for Correlated Erdős-Rényi Graphs Jian Ding, Hang Du, and Zhangsong Li

Annals of Statistics, to appear

• A Polynomial Time Iterative Algorithm for Matching Correlated Gaussian Matrices with Non-vanishing Correlation

Jian Ding and Zhangsong Li

Foundations of Computational Mathematics, vol. 25, no. 4, pp. 1287–1344, 2025.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

• Detecting Correlation Efficiently in Stochastic Block Models: Breaking Otter's Threshold by Counting Decorated Trees

Guanyi Chen, Jian Ding, Shuyang Gong, and Zhangsong Li $SODA\ 2026,$ to appear

• Algorithmic Contiguity from Low-Degree Conjecture and Applications in Correlated Random Graphs

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Proceedings of 29th APPROX/RANDOM, paper no. 30, pp. 1–18, 2025.

• Robust Random Graph Matching in Gaussian Models via Vector Approximate Message Passing

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Proceedings of 38th COLT, pp. 3580-3581, 2025.

Preprints

• Detecting Correlation Efficiently in Stochastic Block Models: Breaking Otter's Threshold in the Entire Supercritical Regime

Guanyi Chen, Jian Ding, Shuyang Gong, and Zhangsong Li Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2503.06464

• A Smooth Computational Transition in Tensor PCA

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Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.09904

• Detection and Reconstruction of a Random Hypergraph from Noisy Graph Projection Shuyang Gong, Zhangsong Li, and Qiheng Xu Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2506.17527

• Asymptotic Diameter of Preferential Attachment Model

Hang Du, Shuyang Gong, Zhangsong Li, and Haodong Zhu Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.21741

• A Computational Transition for Detecting Multivariate Shuffled Linear Regression by Low-Degree Polynomials

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Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.03097

• The Umeyama Algorithm for Matching Correlated Gaussian Geometric Models in the Low-Dimensional Regime

Shuyang Gong and Zhangsong Li

Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2402.15095

• A Polynomial-Time Iterative Algorithm for Random Graph Matching with Non-vanishing Correlation

Jian Ding and Zhangsong Li

Preprint, https://arxiv.org/abs/2306.00266

Invited research talks

The 29th International Conference on Randomization and Computation, Algorithmic Contiguity from Low-Degree Conjecture and Applications in Correlated Random Graphs, August 2025.

The 38th Annual Conference on Learning Theory, Robust Random Graph Matching in Gaussian Models via Vector Approximate Message Passing, July 2025.

International Conference on Applied Probability, Robust Random Graph Matching in Gaussian Models via Vector Approximate Message Passing, June 2025.

YMSC Probability Seminar, Asymptotic Diameter of Preferential Attachment Model (joint with Shuyang Gong), May 2025.

Tsinghua University Statistics Seminar, Recent Progress on Random Graph Matching Problems, March 2025.

Tsinghua Sanya International Mathematics Forum, Low-Degree Hardness of Detection for Correlated Erdős-Rényi Graphs, January 2024.

Teaching experience

Spring 2025 TA, Probability Theory Peking University
Fall 2024 TA, Advanced Probability Theory Peking University
Fall 2023 TA, Applied Stochastic Process (Honor) Peking University

SERVICE

• Journal Reviewing: Annals of Applied Probability, Bernoulli