Yi-Chun Chen

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Education

PhD in Management (Decisions, Operations and Technology Management), University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), Los Angeles, California. 9/2017 - present.

MS in Computational and Mathematical Engineering, Stanford University, Stanford, California. 9/2014 - 4/2017.

BS in Physics, National Taiwan University, Taiwan. 9/2009 - 6/2013, with Presidential Awards (2012,2013).

Publication Submitted articles

- 1. "Decision Forest: A Nonparametric Approach to Modeling Irrational Choice" (2019), Yi-Chun Chen, Velibor Mišić, submitted.
 - Spotlighted Presentation, 2019 INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Conference, Stanford, CA.
 - Winner, 2019 INFORMS Decision Analysis Student Paper Competition.
 - 2nd Place, 2019 INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Student Paper Competition.
 - Finalist, 2019 INFORMS Service Science Best Paper Competition.

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2. "Learning Discrete Bayesian Networks from Continuous Data" (2017), Yi-Chun Chen, Tim A. Wheeler, Mykel J. Kochenderfer, Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research, 59, 103-132.
- 1. "Deep Reinforcement Learning for Event-Driven Multi-Agent Decision Processes" (2017), Kunal Menda, Yi-Chun Chen, Justin Grana, James W. Bono, Brendan D. Tracey, Mykel J. Kochenderfer, David Wolpert IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems, 20(4), 1259-1268.

Other Publications

1. "Improving Offline Value-Function Approximations for POMDPs by Reducing Discount Factors" (2018), Yi-Chun Chen, Mykel J Kochenderfer, Matthijs TJ Spaan, IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS).

Research Experience

Decisions, Operations, and Technology Management,

UCLA Anderson School of Management.

- Advisor: Professor Velibor Mišić.
- Research Topics: Choice Modeling, Assortment Optimization.

Stanford Intelligent System Laboratory,

Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Stanford University.

- Advisor: Professor Mykel Kochenderfer.
- Research Topics: Probabilistic Graphical Models, Reinforcement Learning.

Quantum Condensed Matter Theory Laboratory,

Institute of Atomic and Molecular Sciences (IAMS), Academia Sinica, Taiwan.

- Advisor: Professor Mei-Yin Chou.
- Research Topics: Computational Physics, Condensed Matter Physics.
- Award: Dr. Chao-Ting Chang Memorial Research Scholarship.

Teaching

Teaching Assistantships

- 2. MGMT410: Operations and Technology Management (NUS-UCLA Global Execute MBA Program), Fall 2019
 - Instructors: Professor Christopher Tang
 - TA review session, grading homework and exams.
- 1. MGMT402: Data and Decisions (UCLA Anderson FEMBA Core Course), Fall 2018 (2 sections)
 - Instructors: Professor Velibor Mišić and Professor Rakesh Sarin.
 - Assisted in office hour, TA review session, grading homework and exams.

Programming Languages

Julia, Python, Matlab, R.

Extracurricular Experience

Director, Taiwanese Student Association, Stanford University.
Vice President, Student Association, Dept. of Physics, NTU.
Captain, Basketball Team, Dept. of Physics, NTU.
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