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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Network data analysis, Causal inference, Graphical models, High-dimensional central limit theorem and bootstrap, Ranking from pairwise comparisons

ACADEMIC POSITION

University of Michigan Ann Arbor, MI
Postdoctoral Research Fellow 2023 - Current
Supervisors: *Liza Levina* and *Ji Zhu*

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA
Special Faculty - Postdoctoral Researcher 2022 - 2023
Collaborators: *Robert E. Kass*, *Valérie Ventura*, *Larry Wasserman*, *Alessandro Rinaldo* and *Arun Kumar Kuchibhotla*

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA
Ph.D. of Statistics and Data Science 2017 - 2022
Dissertation: *Discovery of Functional Predictivity across Brain Regions from Local Field Potentials*
Dissertation advisors: *Robert E. Kass* and *Valérie Ventura*

Seoul National University Seoul, Republic of Korea
B.Sc. of Mathematics 2011 - 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Published

Kass, R. E., **Bong, H.**, Olarinre, M., Xin, Q. & Urban, K. (2023). Identification of Interacting Neural Populations from Multiple-Electrode Recordings. *Journal of Neurophysiology.*

Urban, K., **Bong, H.**, Orellana, J. & Kass, R. E. (2023). Oscillating neural circuits: Phase, amplitude, and the complex normal distribution. *Canadian Journal of Statistics.*

Bong, H., Ventura, V. & Wasserman, L. (2023). Heejong Bong, Valerie Ventura and Larry Wasserman's contribution to the Discussion of 'The Second Discussion Meeting on Statistical aspects of the Covid-19 Pandemic'. *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society Series A: Statistics in Society*, qnad054.

Bong, H. & Rinaldo, A. (2022). Generalized results for the existence and consistency of the MLE in the Bradley-Terry-Luce model. In *International Conference on Machine Learning* (pp. 2160-2177). PMLR.

Bong, H., Liu, Z., Ren, Z., Smith, M., Ventura, V. & Kass, R. E. (2020). Latent dynamic factor analysis of high-dimensional neural recordings. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 33, 16446-16456.

Bong, H., Li, W., Shrotriya, S. & Rinaldo, A. (2020). Nonparametric estimation in the dynamic Bradley-Terry model. In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics* (pp. 3317-3326). PMLR.

Preprint

Bong, H., Ventura, V. & Wasserman, L. (2023). Frequentist Inference for Semi-Mechanistic Epidemic Models with Interventions. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2309.10792*. Submitted.

Bong, H., Kuchibhotla, A. K. & Rinaldo, A. (2023). Dual Induction CLT for High-dimensional m-dependent Data. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2306.14299*. Submitted.

Bong, H. & Kuchibhotla, A. K. (2023). Tight Concentration Inequality for sub-Weibull Random Variables with Generalized Bernstien Orlicz norms. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2302.03850*.

Bong, H., Kuchibhotla, A. K. & Rinaldo, A. (2022). High-dimensional Berry-Esseen Bound for m-Dependent Random Samples. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.03508*.

Bong, H., Ventura, V., Yttri, E. A., Smith, M. A. & Kass, R. E. (2023). Cross-Population Amplitude Coupling in High-Dimensional Oscillatory Neural Time Series. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.03508*.

In Preparation

Liu, Z.*, **Bong, H.***, Ren, Z. & Kass, R. E. (2023). Simultaneous Inference in Multiple Matrix-Variate Graphs for High-Dimensional Neural Recordings.

PRESENTATIONS

24w5244: Causal Inference and Prediction for Network Data, Banff International Research Station, ‘‘Doubly Robust Non-parametric Estimation of Causal Effects under Network Interference.” August 2024, Banff, AB, Canada.

International Conference of the ERCIM WG on Computational and Methodological Statistics, ‘‘Tight concentration inequality for sub-Weibull random variables with variance constraints.” December 2023, Berlin, Germany.

Michael Woodroofe Memorial Conference, ‘‘Dual Induction CLT for High-dimensional m-dependent Data.” September 2023, Ann Arbor, MI.

Department of Mathematics, Korean Institute for Advanced Study, ‘‘Dual Induction CLT for High-dimensional m-dependent Data.” August 2023, Seoul, Korea.

Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Seoul National University, ‘‘Discovery of functional predictivity across brain regions from local field potentials.” August 2023, Seoul, Korea.

Center for AI and Natural Sciences, Korean Institute for Advanced Study, ‘‘Discovery of functional predictivity across brain regions from local field potentials.” September 2022, Seoul, Korea.

International Conference on Machine Learning, *“Generalized results for the existence and consistency of the MLE in the Bradley-Terry-Luce model.”* July 2022, Baltimore, MD.

Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, *"Latent dynamic factor analysis of high-dimensional neural recordings."* December 2020, online.

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, *"Nonparametric estimation in the dynamic Bradley-Terry model."* August 2020, online.

Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference, *"Time-Varying Bradley Terry Ranking Model with Penalized Estimation."* November 2019, Pittsburgh, PA.

Ninth International Workshop Statistical Analysis of Neuronal Data, *"Linear Factor Model for Discovering Lead-Lag Relationship between Two Brain Areas."* May 2019, Pittsburgh, PA.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

1st Place in Reproducible Research Paper Competition, Carnegie Mellon Sports Analytics Conference . . . 2019

Undergraduate Research Project Fellowship, Seoul National University ($3,000) 2016

Korea National Scholarship for Science and Engineering ($10,000 per year) 2011-2012,2015-2016

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Causal Inference under Netowrk Interference
Postdoctoral Research 2023
Supervisors: Liza Levina and Ji Zhu

Central Limit Theorems for High-dimensional Dependent Samples
Postdoctoral Research 2022
Collaborators: Arun Kumar Kuchibhotla and Alessandro Rinaldo

Optimal Concentration Inequalities for Sums of Sub-Weibull Random Variables
Independent Research 2022
Collaborator: Arun Kumar Kuchibhotla

Frequentist Causal Inference for Semi-mechanistic Epidemic Models with Interventions
Delphi Research Group 2022
Project PIs: Valérie Ventura and Larry Wasserman

Simultaneous Inference in Multiple Matrix-Variate Graphs for High-Dimensional Neural Recordings
Independent Research 2022
Collaborators: Zongge Liu, Zhao Ren, and Robert E. Kass

Theoretical Analyses on Pair-wise Comparison Data and Ranking Models
Independent Research 2019-2022
Collaborators: Wanshan Li, Shamindra Shrotrya, and Alessandro Rinaldo

Discovery of Functional Predictivity across Brain Regions from Local Field Potentials
Dissertation Research 2019 - 2022
Advisors: Robert E. Kass and Valérie Ventura

Statistical Analysis on Neural Activity of Rodents' Motor System during Reinforcement Experiment
Advanced Data Analysis 2018
Advisors: Robert E. Kass and Eric Yttri

SOFTWARE PACKAGES

FreqEpid
Frequentist Inferecne for Semi-Mechanistic Epidemic Models with Interventions 2024

MMGE
Multiple Matrix-variate Graph Estimation 2022

LaDynS
Latent Dynamic Analysis via Sparse Banded Graphs 2021

LDFA-H
Latent Dynamic Factor Analysis for High-dimensional Time Series 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh, PA
Department of Statistics and Data Science 2017-2022
Advanced Statistical Theory, Intermediate Statistics, Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Probability Theory and Random Processes, Undergraduate Advanced Data Analysis, Introduction to Probability Theory (2X), Introduction to Statistical Inference

Seoul National University Seoul, Republic of Korea
Department of Mathematics 2017
Sets and Mathematical Logics

Tutor

Seoul National University Seoul, Republic of Korea
Department of Mathematics 2015
Calculus for Life Science 1

Seoul National University Seoul, Republic of Korea
Undergraduate Student Assembly, Department of Mathematcis 2015
Introduction to Mathematical Analysis 1, 2

TECHNICAL

Programming
R, Python, FORTRAN, MATLAB, and LaTeX