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EDUCATION

University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW

Mar. 2020 — Sep. 2023

Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in Business Analytics

Doctoral Thesis: Optimization and Learning over Riemannian Manifolds.[link]

University of Sydney, Sydney, NSW

Mar. 2016 — Mar. 2020

Bachelor of Commerce (Honors) in Business Analytics First Class Honors with the University Medal (Top 1 graduate)

RESEARCH INTEREST

Nonconvex optimization, optimization on manifolds, optimization theory and practice for deep learning and foundation models, graph machine learning.

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

- 1. [NeurIPS 2024] A Han, J Li, W Huang, M Hong, A Takeda, P Jawanpuria, B Mishra. "SLTrain: a sparse plus low rank approach for parameter and memory efficient pretraining". *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*.
- 2. [NeurIPS 2024] A Han, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, A Takeda. "A Framework for Bilevel Optimization on Riemannian Manifolds". Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.
- 3. [NeurIPS 2024] W Huang*, A Han*, Y Chen, Y Cao, Z Xu, T Suzuki. "On the Comparison between Multi-modal and Single-modal Contrastive Learning". *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*.
- 4. [NeurIPS 2024] D Bu, W Huang, A Han, A Nitanda, T Suzuki, Q Zhang, H Wong. "Provably Transformers Harness Multi-Concept Word Semantics for Efficient In-Context Learning". *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*.
- 5. **[ICML 2024] A Han**, P Jawanpuria, B Mishra. "Riemannian coordinate descent algorithms on matrix manifolds". *International Conference on Machine Learning*. [link]
- 6. [BIBM 2024, ICML 2024 AI4Science] Y Hu*, Y Tan*, A Han*, L Zheng, L Hong, B Zhou. "Secondary Structure-Guided Novel Protein Sequence Generation with Latent Graph Diffusion". *IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine* + *International Conference on Machine Learning AI for Science Workshop.*
- 7. [AISTATS 2023] A Han, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, J Gao. "Riemannian accelerated gradient methods via extrapolation". *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*. [link]
- 8. **[GSI 2023] A Han**, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, J Gao. "Learning with symmetric positive definite matrices via generalized Bures-Wasserstein geometry". *International Conference on Geometric Science of Information*. [link]
- 9. [ACML 2023] D Shi, Z Shao, A Han, Y Guo, J Gao. "A New Perspective On the Expressive Equivalence Between Graph Convolution and Attention Models". *Asian Conference on Machine Learning*. [link]
- 10. [IJCNN 2023] D Shi, A Han, Y Guo, J Gao. "Fixed Point Laplacian Mapping: A Geometrically Correct Manifold Learning Algorithm". International Joint Conference on Neural Networks. [link]
- 11. **[SCCI 2022]** S Zhang, **A Han**, J Gao. "Robust Denoising in Graph Neural Networks". *IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence*. (Best Paper Award). [link]
- 12. [NeurIPS 2021] A Han, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, J Gao. "On Riemannian optimization over positive definite matrices with the Bures-Wasserstein geometry". Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems. [link]
- 13. **[IJCAI 2021] A Han**, J Gao. "Riemannian stochastic recursive momentum method for non-convex optimization". *International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence*. [link]

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

- 1. **[IJMLC**] (IF: 5.6) D Shi*, **A Han***, L Lin*, Y Guo, Z Wang, J Gao, "Design your own universe: a physics-informed agnostic method for enhancing graph neural networks". *International Journal of Machine Learning and Cybernetics*. 2024.
- 2. **[ML]** (IF: 7.5) **A Han**, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, J Gao. "Differentially private Riemannian optimization". *Machine Learning*. (ECML 2023 Special Issue). 2024. [link]
- 3. **[TMLR] A Han**, D Shi, L Lin, J Gao. "From continuous dynamics to graph neural networks: Neural diffusion and beyond". *Transactions on Machine Learning Research.* 2024. [link]
- 4. **[IJMLC]** (IF: 5.6) Z Shao*, D Shi*, A Han*, A Vasnev, Y Guo, J Gao. "Enhancing framelet GCNs with generalized p-Laplacian regularization". *International Journal of Machine Learning and Cybernetics*. 2023. [link]
- 5. [SIOPT] (IF: 3.1) A Han, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, P Kumar, J Gao. "Riemannian Hamiltonian methods for min-max optimization on manifolds". SIAM Journal on Optimization. 2023. [link]
- 6. **[TMLR] A Han**, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, J Gao. "Nonconvex-nonconcave min-max optimization on Riemannian manifolds". *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*. 2023. [link]
- 7. **[IEEE TAI]** (IF: 4.7) C Zou, A Han, L Lin, M Li, J Gao. "A simple yet effective framelet-based graph neural network for directed graphs". *IEEE Transactions on Artificial Intelligence*. 2023. [link]

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- 8. **[ML]** (IF: 7.5) **A Han**, B Mishra, P Jawanpuria, J Gao. "Riemannian block SPD coupling manifold and its application to optimal transport". *Machine Learning*. 2022. (ACML 2022 Special Issue, Oral). [link]
- 9. **[TMLR]** S Utpala, A Han, P Jawanpuria, B Mishra. "Improved differentially private Riemannian optimization: Fast sampling and variance reduction". *Transactions on Machine Learning Research*. 2022. [link]
- 10. **[IEEE TPAMI]** (IF: 23.6) **A Han**, J Gao. "Improved variance reduction methods for Riemannian non-convex optimization". *IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*. 2021. [link]

BOOK CHAPTERS

1. A Han, P Jawanpuria, and B Mishra, "Riemannian optimization". Encyclopedia of Optimization. 2024. [link]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral ResearcherNov. 2023 - PresentRIKEN AIPTokyo, JapanAdvisor: Prof. Akiko TakedaJuly. 2021 - Nov. 2023Teaching Assistant, (Head) TutorJuly. 2021 - Nov. 2023University of SydneySydney, AustraliaResearch AssistantJuly. 2021 - Nov. 2023University of SydneySydney, AustraliaAdvisor: Prof. Junbin GaoSydney, Australia

INVITED TALKS

Optimization on smooth manifolds and its applications

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, hosted by Dr. Fenglei Fan

Subspace methods for efficient optimization on matrix manifolds

The University of Sydney, Department of Business Analytics

CUHK (Feb. 2024)

USYD (May. 2024)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Session chair at ICCOPT 2025

Conference reviewer: NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, AISTATS, AAAI, IJCAI, IJCNN Journal reviewer: JMLR, ML (Springer), SICON, TMLR, FITEE, Symmetry

HONOURS

Business School PhD Completion Award, USYD	June. 2023
Feedback for Teachers (FFT) Award, USYD	May. 2022
Enhanced Business School Research Scholarship, USYD	Mar. 2020
University of Sydney International Strategic Scholarship, USYD	Mar. 2020
The University Medal, USYD	Mar. 2020
University of Sydney Honours Scholarship, USYD	Dec. 2018
Business Analytics 2018 Prize, USYD	Dec. 2018
Dean's List of Excellence in Academic Performance, USYD	Apr. 2018
University of Sydney Academic Merit Prize, USYD	Apr. 2018