

# Junshen Mai

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## Research Interests

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Bayesian Inference, Bayesian Nonparametrics, Spatial Statistics, Application in Geography

## Education

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### The University of Hong Kong (HKU)

BSc. in Statistics, minor in Mathematics and Computer Science

Sep 2022 – Present

**Cumulative GPA: 4.05 / 4.3**

Member of HKU Young Scientist Scheme

**Major GPA: 4.13 / 4.3**

Teaching assistant for COMP2113 (2025 semester 1)

### National University of Singapore (NUS)

Exchange Semester

Jan 2025 – May 2025

**GPA: 5.0 / 5.0**

### Guangzhou No.2 High School

Sep 2019 – Jun 2022

Member of the Olympiad in Informatics Team (learned C++, Algorithms, Graph Theory, Dynamic programming, Data structures, Combinatorics, Computational geometry etc.)

## Research Experience in Statistics

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### Research Assistant, HKU Statistics

Sep 2025 – Present

Supervisor: Prof. Edwin C.H. Fong

- Experimenting on robust stochastic process for Bayesian Optimization

### Research Assistant, NUS Statistics

Mar 2025 – Present

Supervisor: Prof. Cheng Li

- Reviewed the-state-of-the-art methods to circumvent the high time complexity of matrix inverse in **Gaussian Process** model
- Developing a scalable tree-partitioned **Gaussian Process** model with approximation approach

## Other Research and Industry Experience

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### Mitacs Globalink Research Intern, UBC Vancouver

May 2025 – Aug 2025

Supervisor: Prof. Yankai Cao

- Reviewed literature on **diffusion model** and its different varieties and formulations
- Inspired by **ShiftDDPMs**, performed guidance on the forward process by the image category for image **counterfactual explanations** generation
- Controlling the semantic shift in the **latent space** with a designed loss function to fit into the **model-agnostic counterfactual explanations** settings

## Data Science Intern, Carnot Innovations Ltd.

Jun 2024 – Aug 2024

- Optimized air-conditioning systems for energy saving by controlling chillers with a **greedy algorithm**
- Prediction chiller performance using **tree-boosting**.
- Transformed a data index matching problem into a **minimum-cost flow problem** during data cleaning process. Used the **Ford–Fulkerson algorithm** to complete the task.

## Research Assistant, HKU Geography

Apr 2023 – Jun 2023

Supervisor: Prof. Peter K. Koh

- Clustered geographic areas with **Self-Organizing Map** by COVID-19 cases time series
- Reviewed different **spatial interpolation** methods. Performed interpolation with Python-controlled ArcGIS Pro
- Acknowledged in: *Tang, K.C. et al. (2025). Cities, 158, 105600.* [DOI: 10.1016/j.cities.2024.105600](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cities.2024.105600)

## Honors and Awards

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- Ho Kam Chiu Lo Lai Ching Memorial Scholarship – Department of Statistics, HKU (2025)
- Dean's Honours List – Faculty of Science, HKU (2024)
- Dean's Honours List – Faculty of Science, HKU (2023)
- HKU Worldwide Undergraduate Exchange Scholarship (2023)
- First Prize – CCF Certified Software Professional (Senior Level), (2019)

## Coursework

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- **Statistics:** Probability theory (STAT2601, self-learned STAT7610 and S. I. Resnick's *A probability path*), Statistical inference (STAT2602, STAT3602), Time series analysis (STAT4601), Bayesian statistics (NUS ST4234), Stochastic process (self-learned, following NUS EE5137)
- **Mathematics:** Linear algebra (MATH2101), Multivariable calculus (MATH2211), Discrete mathematics (COMP2121), Real analysis (self-learned, following MATH7505), Functional analysis (self-learned, following MATH4404)
- **Computer Science:** Algorithm and data structure (COMP2119), Machine learning (STAT3612, NUS ST4248), Database management systems (COMP3278)

My study notes: [Linear algebra and Functional Analysis](#), [Real analysis and probability theory](#)

Courses to be taken in my final year: Nonparametric statistics (STAT3620), Survival analysis (STAT3655), Multivariate data analysis (STAT4602)

## Skills

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**Languages:** Cantonese (native), Mandarin (native), English (advanced, IELTS score: 8)

**Programming and software:** Python, C++, R, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, JavaScript, SQL, ArcGIS Pro