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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning, Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC), Causal Inference, Variational Inference, Measurement Models

EDUCATION

#### University of British Columbia

Master of Science, Statistics September 2020 - May 2022

o Advisor: Benjamin Bloem-Reddy

Bachelor of Science, Honours in Statistics September 2015 - May 2020

o Advisor: Bruno Zumbo, Nguyen LAM

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Mixing time of High-demensional variable selection February 2023 - Present Supervisor: Zhixin Zhou, Amini, Arash

• Calculate the mixing time of Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods for Bayesian variable selection

#### Identifying Causal Structure in Equivariant Models June 2021 - May 2022 Supervisor: Benjamin Bloem-Reddy

• Identify structural causal models by applying constant risk theorem on equivariant predictive models and conducting simulation experiments in Python

# Bayesian Estimation for Cronbach's Alpha

May 2019 - May 2020

Supervisor: Bruno Zumbo and Professor Edward Kroc

• Conducted mathematical analysis and simulation studies in R to explore the deep understanding of Bayes estimators and empirical estimators for Cronbach's Alpha

# Caffarelli-Kohn-Nirenberg Inequalities

July 2018 - December 2018

Supervisor: Nguyen LAM

 $\circ\,$  Used suitable quasiconformal mappings to study the sharp versions and the optimizers of Caffarelli-Kohn-Nirenberg Inequalities

# Hardy Inequalities

May 2018 - June 2018

Research Supervisor: Professor Nguyen LAM

• Calculated the exact remainder terms of some versions of Hardy-type Inequalities with Bessel Pairs and radial derivatives

## Publications and Manuscripts

- N. T. Duy, P. Le-Long, and W. Yin: Hardy inequalities and Caffarelli-Kohn-Nirenberg inequalities with radial derivative, Journal of Mathematical Inequalities. Mentored by Dr. Nguyen LAM.
- N. T. Duy, N. Lam-Hoang, N. A. Triet, and **W. Yin**: *Improved Hardy inequalities with exact remainder terms*. Journal of Mathematical Inequalities and Applications.

#### Manuscripts

 Equivariant Predictive Models and Structural Causal Model Identification. Master project report, University of British Columbia, 2022.

## Talks and Presentations

o On the relationship between equivariant predictive models and structural causal model identification, UBC statistics graduate seminar. (April 14th 2022)[slides]

- Improved Hardy Inequalities with Exact Remainder Terms, 2018 Canadian Mathematical Society (CMS) Winter Meeting in Vancouver. (December 8th 2018)[poster]
- Hardy Inequalities and Bessel Pairs, BC Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics Conference (BC UMSC). (April 25th 2019) [slides]

# SELECTED PROJECTS

- o Gradient Estimator of the Log-Variance Loss Divergence
- o Generalized Linear Models for Predicting Human Suicide Numbers
- o Martingale Convergence Theorem and Stochastic Optimization

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

#### University of British Columbia

Graduate Teaching Assistant

September 2020 - April 2022

- o STAT 305 Introduction to Statistical Inference, 2020 Winter & 2021 Spring
- o STAT 406 Methods for Statistical Learning, 2020 Winter
- o STAT 302 Introduction to Probability, 2022 Spring

#### EMPLOYMENT

### B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, Vancouver, B.C.

Statistician

October 2022 - Present

- Answer HIV questions in HIV by wrangling longitudinal and censored HIV data for exploratory data analysis
- Fit exploratory models and confounding models including generalized linear mixed effect regression models and regression discontinuity design models; selected and adjusted optimal models
- Contribute to manuscript-writing by translating complex statistical concepts into comprehensible language for epidemiologists and proof reading

# Kwantlen Polytechnic University Office of Researcher Service, Richmond, B.C.

Data Analyst

September 2022 - October 2022

• Fitted generalized linear mixed effect regression models on health science data; presented results to researchers

#### Look4Tutor Institute, Vancouver, B.C.

University-Level MATH Tutor

September 2018 - September 2019

- Teach calculus, linear algebra and mathematical proof courses
- Support students with exam preparation to help them improve their grades

#### Professional Service

### Journal Review

o Journal of IEEE Transaction on Cybernetics

#### Honors and Awards

- o International Tuition Award (CAD\$3,200), University of British Columbia, 2021
- o International Tuition Award (CAD\$2,100), University of British Columbia, 2022

#### VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

# UBC-SFU Statistics Joint Seminar, Co-organizer

- UBC-SFU Statistics Joint Seminar Spring 2022
- UBC-SFU Statistics Joint Seminar Spring 2021

ACADEMIC  $\,\circ\,$  14th Women in Machine Learning Workshop (WiML 2019) with NeurIPS

Training Vancouver, December 9th, 2019.

Relevant Skills Languages: English, Mandarin

Programming:  $L^{4}T_{E}X$ , Python, R, Julia, SAS, MATLAB, MySQL

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