Harry Bendekgey

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Education

Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Irvine

Fall 2019-present

Advised by Erik Sudderth. Advanced to Candidacy Spring 2022.

Relevant Coursework: Probabilistic Graphical Models,

Probabilistic Learning, Deep Generative Models, Stochastic Processes

B.A., Pomona College

Graduated Spring 2019

Computer Science and Mathematics (Double Major)

GPA: 3.97

GPA: 4.0

Relevant Coursework: Combinatorial Optimization, Computational Biology, Bayesian Statistics, Computational Statistics, Statistical Linear Models Natural Language Processing, Topics in Topology and Geometry

Research Experience

Intern

Summer 2019

Chan Zuckerberg Biohub

San Francisco

Work with the theory group on two projects touching biology, physics, and statistics: \circ Investigating the ability of $(MC)^3$ to explore the space of phylogenetic trees, and

• Discovering a new power law for modeling diffusion in crowded dynamic spaces

Research Fellow

Fall 2018

Computer Science Department

Pomona College

Designed a novel approach for understanding the landscape of personas across games; Scraped and cleaned data from online *Dominion* logs to visualize player strategies.

Research Fellow

Summer 2018

Kenneth Cooke Research Fellowship

Pomona College

Researched the mathematical models underlying state-of-the-art election forecasting; Implemented adjustable forecasts for the 2018 midterm election based on these models.

Teaching Experience

Guest Lecturer

Fall 2018

CS 151: Artificial Intelligence

Pomona College

MATH 154: Computational Statistics

Gave guest lectures to upper-division undergraduate elective courses on:

Artificial Intelligence: Monte Carlo Tree Search and the Multi-Armed Bandit Problem. Computational Statistics: Markov Chain Monte Carlo for Metropolis-Hastings.

Teaching Assistant

• Computer Systems

Computer Science Department

Pomona College

 \circ Discrete Math and Functional Programming (Head TA)

Spring 2019 Fall 2018

• Fundamentals of Computer Science (Head TA)

Spring 2017, Spring 2018

o Introduction to Computer Science

Spring 2016-Fall 2016

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Mentor and Grader

Mathematics Department

Pomona College

 \circ Combinatorial Mathematics

Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Spring 2019 Fall 2018

Linear AlgebraStatistical Theory

Fall 2018

Technical Experience

Engineering Intern

Summer 2017

QuanticMind

Created an API for employees to access databases without requiring access credentials; Led meetings with colleagues to generate common use cases to be addressed by API.

Publications

Scalable & Stable Surrogates for Flexible Classifiers with Fairness Constraints.

H Bendekgey, E Sudderth. NeurIPS 2021

Scaling Study of Diffusion in Dynamic Crowded Spaces.

H Bendekgey, G Huber, D Yllanes, L Yan. APS March Meeting 2022

Clustering Player Strategies from Variable-Length Game Logs in Dominion.

H Bendekgey, AAAI Workshop on Knowledge Extraction from Games (KEG), 2019.

Consistency and Reproducibility in U.S. House of Representatives Forecasts.

H Bendekgey, arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.12466, 2018

Programming Languages

Proficient with R, C, Python, Java, LATEX; Familiar with: SQL, C++, JavaScript.

UC Irvine Awards

Hasso Plattner Institute Fellowship

2021-2023

Provides 3 years of full Ph.D funding for work on adaptive, safe and human-centered artificial intelligence.

Enhanced Computer Science Department Excellence Fellowship

Allows first-year Ph.D students to engage sooner and more deeply with research by dispensing with teaching assistant requirement.

Dean's Award 2019

Extra first-year grant for outstanding research potential.

Pomona College Awards

Paul B. Yale Computer Science Prize

2019

Awarded annually to an outstanding senior majoring in Computer Science.

Phi Beta Kappa Award

2019

Awarded to a senior for high quality of scholarship and promise of future distinction.

Kenneth Cooke Summer Research Fellowship

2018

Grant for summer research in an area of applied mathematics or statistics.

Bruce Jay Levy Prize in Mathematics

2018

Awarded annually to a student for excellence in the field of mathematics.

Llewellyn Bixby Mathematics Prize

2017

Awarded annually to a sophomore for excellence in the second year of mathematics.

National Awards

Phi Beta Kappa Member

Elected Junior year, 2018

The oldest honor society in the country; at eligible schools, 2% of Juniors are elected.

National Merit Scholar

2015

College scholarship based on performance on the Practice SAT.

Caroline D. Bradley Scholar

2011-2015

Merit-based, four-year high school scholarship granted to 11 students nationally.