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Research Experience

2024 - present University of Texas at Austin

Postdoctoral Fellow working with Prof. Roger Peng

Education

2020 - 2023	PhD in Statistics, Monash University Thesis: New tools for visualising and explaining multivariate spatio-temporal data, supervised by Prof. Dianne Cook, Dr. Patricia Menéndez, Dr. Nicolas Langrené, and Dr. Ursula Laa
2016 – 2019	BComm(Hons.), Monash University Bachelor of Commerce with Honours, First Class Honours (H1) Thesis: Exploration of judicial facial expression in videos of legal proceedings, supervised by Prof. Dianne Cook and Prof. Russell Smyth

Publications

- 1. **Zhang, H. S.**, Cook, D., Laa, U., Langrené, N., & Menéndez, P. (2024). A Tidy Framework and Infrastructure to Systematically Assemble Spatio-temporal Indexes from Multivariate Data. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 1-19. https://doi.org/10.1080/10618600.2024.2374960
- 2. **Zhang, H. S.**, Cook, D., Laa, U., Langrené, N., & Menéndez, P. (2021). Visual Diagnostics for Constrained Optimisation with Application to Guided Tours. The R Journal, 13(2), 624–641. https://doi.org/10.32614/RJ-2021-105
- 3. Lee, S., Cook, D., Silva, N. da, Laa, U., Spyrison, N., Wang, E., & **Zhang, H. S.** (2022). The state-of-the-art on tours for dynamic visualization of high-dimensional data. WIREs Computational Statistics, 14(4), e1573. https://doi.org/10.1002/wics.1573

Accepted:

4. **Zhang, H. S.**, Cook, D., Laa, U., Langrené, N., & Menéndez, P. (2024). cubble: An R package for organizing and wrangling multivariate spatio-temporal data. Accepted by the Journal of Statistical Software. https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.00259

Talks

Invited		
Sep 2024	(upcoming) Intl. Conf. on Trends & Perspectives in Linear Stats. Inference (LinStat 2024)	Poprad, Slovakia
Aug 2024 Aug 2024 Aug 2024 Dec 2023 Sep 2023 Nov 2022	Computational Statistics (COMPSTAT 2024) Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM) John M. Chambers Statistical Software Award Talk Computational and Methodological Statistics (CMStatistics 2023) Monash Research Tools Workshop CANSSI Ontario Statistical Software Conference	Giessen, Germany Portland, USA Portland, USA Berlin, Germany Melbourne, Australia virtual
Contributed Feb 2023 Nov 2022 Jun 2022 Jul 2021	The Australian Spatial Econometrics and Statistics Workshop Early Career and Student Statisticians Miniconference UseR! 2022 UseR! 2021	Melbourne, Australia virtual virtual virtual
Visiting talks		
Jan 2024 May 2023 Apr 2023	Humboldt University of Berlin, Faculty of Economics University of Münster, Institute for Geoinformatics Maynooth University, Department of Mathematics and Statistics	Germany Germany Ireland

Software

Maintainer:

tidyindex A general data pipeline for computing indexes

cubble A data structure for organizing and wrangling spatio-temporal data, 52 stars on GitHub

ferrn Visual diagnostics plots for projection pursuit guided tour optimisation

Contributor:

rj Tools to help the (associate) editors with the reviewing process of the R journal

rjtools Tools for authors to write, check, and submit articles to the R Journal, 30 stars on GitHub

tourr Tour methods for multivariate data visualisation, 62 stars on GitHub

Teaching and Supervision

2024 summer Co-supervisor for Google Summer of Code R Project: ribbon and segment glyph map Co-supervisor for summer first year PhD student at University of Texas at Austin

TA for Monash coursework:

2020, 2021	ETC5512 Wild Caught Data
2020, 2021	ETC5521 Exploratory Data Analysis

2019, 2020 ETC1010/ETC5510 Introduction to Data Analysis

Instructor for workshops:

Apr 2023	Switching between space and time: Spatio-temporal analysis with cubble, R Ladies Vienna
Dec 2022	Wrangling spatio-temporal data with R, WOMBAT
Sep 2022	Switching between space and time: Spatio-temporal analysis with cubble, R Ladies Melbourne

Awards

2024	John M. Chambers Statistical Software Award, American Statistical Association
2023	Opportunity scholar, Posit::conf(2023)
2022	People's Choice Award, ECSS Miniconference, Statistical Society of Australia
2020 - 2023	Postgraduate (PhD) Research Scholarship, CSIRO Data61
2020 - 2023	Co-Funded Graduate Research Scholarship, Monash Business School
2020	Dean's Honours List, Monash Business School
2019	Summer Vacation Research Scholarship, Monash University

Service

2024 onwards Reviewer for the R Journal

2022 Seminar organiser: Monash NUMBATs

Media Coverage

2023 Monash Graduate research impact: Crunching the numbers: How new research has revealed the

hidden truth behind indexes