Lin Gui

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EDUCATION

Ph. D. in Statistics, The University of Chicago, Chicago, USA
M.S. in Statistics, The University of Chicago, Chicago, USA
B.S. in Statistics, University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China
2018-2020
2014-2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Statistical Inference and Multiple Testing
- Concept Control for Score-based Generative Models
- Causal Inference and Machine Learning
- Alignment for Large Language Models

CODING SKILLS

- R, Python, MATLAB, SQL; PyTorch, Numpy, Pandas

PUBLICATIONS

• Aggregating Dependent Signals with Heavy-Tailed Combination Test

Lin Gui, Yuchao Jiang, Jingshu Wang *Preprint*

• Concept Algebra for Score-Based Conditional Models

Zihao Wang, Lin Gui, Jeffrey Negrea, Victor Veitch *NeurIPS 2023*

• Causal Estimation for Text Data with (Apparent) Overlap Violations

Lin Gui, Victor Veitch *ICLR* 2023

• Detecting Multiple Replicating Signals using Adaptive Filtering Procedures

Jingshu Wang, Lin Gui, Weijie J. Su, Chiara Sabatti, Art B. Owen *The Annals of Statistics* 50 (4), 1890-1909

RESEARCH

- A Theoretical and Practical Analysis of the Heavy-Tailed Combination Test for Global Test with Correlated Hypotheses
- Undertook comprehensive theoretical evaluations to decipher the intricacies of the state-of-theart Cauchy combination test and its expansion, termed the heavy-tailed combination test, tailored for the global test with correlated hypotheses.
- Conducted empirical studies, offering a general practical guideline for the Cauchy/heavy-tailed combination test
- Enhanced the heavy-tailed combination test into a multiple testing procedure adept at controlling the family-wise error rate (FWER) and introduced a shortcut for this closed testing procedure.
- Implemented the method on genetic data to address real-world challenges.
- Estimating the tail probability of the summation of some heavy-tailed random variables with more general correlation structures to confirm the validity of the heavy-tailed combination test in more realistic scenarios. (Ongoing)

• Concept Algebra for Score-Based Conditional Models

- Established a mathematical framework linking representation structures with concepts in textdriven generative models.
- Demonstrated that the Stein score of the text-controlled distribution is an arithmetically composable representation of the input text.
- Developed concept algebra as a technique for manipulating the concepts expressed by the model through algebraic manipulation of this representation
- Showcased this methodology with diverse examples manipulating various concepts.

• Causal Estimation for Test Date with (Apparent) Overlap Violations

- Formulated a formal causal estimand tailored to the causal inference of the text-attribute question, verifying its identifiability under minimal conditions.
- Provided a computationally efficient estimation of the uncertainty quantification of this causal estimand, supported by theoretical assurances.
- Conducted empirical evaluations to assess the performance of this estimation approach.

• Detecting Multiple Replicating Signals using Adaptive Filtering Procedures

- Introduced an innovative multiple testing procedure that enhances detection power by adaptively filtering out unlikely candidates of PC nulls.
- Theoretically established the control of both Family-Wise Error Rate (FWER) and False Discovery Rate (FDR) for this method.
- Illustrated the application of this AdaFilter method with three case studies: microarray studies of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, single-cell RNA sequencing of T cells in lung cancer tumors and GWAS for metabolomics.

CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

ICML 2023 Workshop SPIGM and SCIS

Jul. 2023

- Concept Algebra for Score-Based Conditional Models

• ICLR 2023 May. 2023

- Causal Estimation for Text Data with (Apparent) Overlap Violations

• 2021 Joint Statistical Meetings

Aug. 2021

- Detecting Multiple Replicating Signals Using Adaptive Filtering Procedures

HONORS & AWARDS

•	Nominee, The 37th. Guo Moruo Scholarship (The highest honor at USTC)	2017
•	Winner, Outstanding Student Scholarship, USTC	2016-2017
•	Winner, China National Scholarship, USTC	2015