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EDUCATION

2014 - 2018	Ph.D., Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA Thesis advisors: Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac, and Alexander L. Stolyar Thesis title: A Service System with On-Demand Agents, Stochastic Gradient Algorithms
	and the SARAH Algorithm
	Elizabeth V. Stout Dissertation Award
	Research areas: Optimization for Large Scale Problems, Machine Learning, Deep Learning,
	Stochastic Models, Optimal Control
2011 - 2013	M.B.A., College of Business, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
	Beta Gamma Sigma (Academic Honor)
2004 - 2008	B.S. , Applied Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Computational Mathematics and Cybernetics, <i>Lomonosov Moscow State University</i> , Moscow, Russia Thesis advisor: <i>Vladimir I. Dmitriev</i>
	Thesis title: Methods for Detecting Hidden Period in Some Economics Processes

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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06/2022 – Present	Staff Research Scientist, IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
	Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Time Series
04/2021 - 06/2022	Research Staff Member, IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
	Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning
09/2020 - Present	Principal Investigator, MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab, Cambridge, MA
,	Research areas: Dynamical Systems, Time Series, Reinforcement Learning, Adversarial Robustness
10/2018 - 03/2021	Research Scientist, IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
	Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, AI Solutions, Explainable AI
05/2018 - 08/2018	Research Intern, IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
	Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning
08/2017 - 05/2018	Research Co-op, IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
	Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning
06/2017 - 08/2017	Research Intern, IBM Research, Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
	Research areas: Optimization, Machine Learning, Deep Learning
09/2014 - 05/2017	Research Assistant, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA Research areas: Optimization for Large Scale Problems, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Stochastic Models, Optimal Control
01/2012 - 12/2013	Graduate (Research) Assistant, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA Research areas: Operations Management and Finance

${\bf EDITORSHIP} \ / \ {\bf PROGRAM} \ {\bf COMMITTEE} \ / \ {\bf ORGANIZING} \ {\bf COMMITTEE}$

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	EDITORSHIP (PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)
06/2022 – Present	Action Editor, Journal of Machine Learning Research
06/2021 – Present	Action Editor, Machine Learning
01/2022 – Present	Associate Editor, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems
06/2022 – Present	Associate Editor, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications
01/2022 - 12/2022	Action Editor, Neural Networks
	AREA CHAIR / META-REVIEWER/ SENIOR PROGRAM COMMITTEE (PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES)
2020 - 2023	Area Chair, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
2022 - 2023	Area Chair, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
2021 - 2024	Area Chair, International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
2021 - 2024	Area Chair , International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
2022 - 2023	Area Chair, Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)
2023 - 2024	Area Chair, Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
2022	Senior Program Committee, AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
	ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
2023	Journal Chair , The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023)
2023	General Chair & Program Chair , When Machine Learning meets Dynamical Systems: Theory and Applications, AAAI 2023 Workshop
2021	Program Chair , New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership (NFFL 2021), NeurIPS 2021 Workshop
	REVIEWER (PROPOSALS)
2022	Reviewer & Panelist, Grant proposals, National Science Foundation (NSF)
2022	Evaluation Member, Grant proposals, AI Singapore (AISG) Research Programme
2021	Reviewer, Workshop proposals, NeurIPS 2021 Workshops

GRANT EXPERIENCE

MIT PI: Cathy Wu

MIT Student: Vindula Jayawardana

01/2023 - 12/2025	Principal Investigator, "Safe Learning for Time Series Problems: Data, Structure and Optimization", MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Foundational Project, \$750K + \$150K IBM PI: Lam M. Nguyen, IBM Co-PI: Subhro Das MIT PI: Luca Daniel, MIT Co-PI: Alexandre Megretski MIT Students: Wang Zhang, Ziwen (Martin) Ma (Harvard)
01/2022 - 12/2022	Principal Investigator, "Safe AI Certification", MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Project, \$150K IBM PI: Lam M. Nguyen, IBM Co-PI: Subhro Das MIT PI: Alexandre Megretski, MIT Co-PI: Luca Daniel MIT Student: Wang Zhang
01/2021 - 12/2021	Principal Investigator, "Safety Structures, Certification, and Training for AI in the Feedback Loop", MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Exploratory Project, \$150K. IBM PI: Lam M. Nguyen, IBM Co-PI: Subhro Das, Tsui-Wei Weng MIT PI: Alexandre Megretski, MIT Co-PI: Luca Daniel MIT Student: Wang Zhang
09/2020 - 09/2021	Co-Principal Investigator, "Hierarchical Disentangled Representations for Scalable Multi-agent Reinforcement Learning", MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Exploratory Project, \$100K. IBM PI: Tsui-Wei Weng, IBM Co-PI: Lam M. Nguyen

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[27]Besting the Black-Box: Barrier Zones for Adversarial Example Defense. Kaleel Mahmood, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen, Thanh Nguyen, Marten van Diik IEEE Access, 2022 [26] Interpretable Clustering via Multi-Polytope Machines. Connor Lawless, Jayant Kalagnanam, Lam M. Nguyen, Dzung Phan, Chandra Reddy The 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2022), 2022 (15% acceptance rate) [25] FedDR - Randomized Douglas-Rachford Splitting Algorithms for Nonconvex Federated Composite Optimization. Quoc Tran-Dinh, Nhan Pham, Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021), 2021 (26% acceptance rate) [24] Ensembling Graph Predictions for AMR Parsing. Thanh Lam Hoang, Gabriele Picco, Yufang Hou, Young-Suk Lee, Lam M. Nguyen, Dzung T. Phan, Vanessa López, Ramon Fernandez Astudillo The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021), 2021 (26% acceptance rate) [23]On the Equivalence between Neural Network and Support Vector Machine. Yilan Chen, Wei Huang, Lam M. Nguyen, Tsui-Wei Weng The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2021), 2021 (26% acceptance rate) [22] A Unified Convergence Analysis for Shuffling-Type Gradient Methods. Lam M. Nguyen, Quoc Tran-Dinh, Dzung T. Phan, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Marten van Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), volume 22, 1-43, 2021 [21] SMG: A Shuffling Gradient-Based Method with Momentum. Trang H. Tran, Lam M. Nguyen, Quoc Tran-Dinh The 38th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2021), PMLR 139, 2021 (21.47% acceptance rate) [20] Regression Optimization for System-level Production Control. Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen, Pavankumar Murali, Nhan H. Pham, Hongsheng Liu, Jayant R. Kalagnanam The 2021 American Control Conference (ACC 2021), 2021 [19]Hogwild! over Distributed Local Data Sets with Linearly Increasing Mini-Batch Sizes. Nhuong V. Nguyen, Toan N. Nguyen, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Quoc Tran-Dinh, Lam M. Nguyen, Marten van Dijk The 24th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS **2021**), 2021 (29.8% acceptance rate) [18] A Hybrid Stochastic Optimization Framework for Stochastic Composite Nonconvex Optimization. Quoc Tran-Dinh, Nhan H. Pham, Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen Mathematical Programming (MAPR), 2021 IBM 2022 Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Award Hybrid Variance-Reduced SGD Algorithms for Nonconvex-Concave Minimax Problems. [17]Quoc Tran-Dinh, Deyi Liu, Lam M. Nguyen The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020), 2020 (20.1% acceptance rate)

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Haoran Zhu, Pavankumar Murali, Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen, Jayant R.

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[4] SARAH: A Novel Method for Machine Learning Problems Using Stochastic Recursive Gradient.

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[3] A Queueing System with On-demand Servers: Local Stability of Fluid Limits.

Lam M. Nguyen, Alexander L. Stolyar

Queueing Systems (QUESTA), 1-26, Springer, 2017

[2] A Service System with Randomly Behaving On-demand Agents.

Lam M. Nguyen, Alexander L. Stolyar

The 42nd International Conference on Measurement and Modeling of Computer Systems (SIGMETRICS 2016), ACM SIGMETRICS Performance Evaluation Review, 44(1):365-366, 2016 (25% acceptance rate)

[1] CEO Compensation: Does Financial Crisis Matter?

Prasad Vemala, Lam Nguyen, Dung Nguyen, Alekhya Kommasani

International Business Research, 7(4):125-131, 2014

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[7] Stochastic FISTA Step Search Algorithm for Convex Optimization.

Trang H. Tran, Lam M. Nguyen, Katya Scheinberg

The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2023), Optimization for Machine Learning (OPT 2023), 2023

[6] c-MBA: Adversarial Attack for Cooperative MARL Using Learned Dynamics Model.

Nhan H. Pham, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Jie Chen, Hoang Thanh Lam, Subhro Das, Tsui-Wei Weng

The 36th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2022), ML Safety, 2022

[5] Fast Convergence for Unstable Reinforcement Learning Problems by Logarithmic Mapping.

Wang Zhang, **Lam M. Nguyen**, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel, Tsui-Wei Weng

The 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2022), Decision Awareness in Reinforcement Learning, 2022

[4] Robust Randomized Smoothing via Two Cost-Effective Approaches.

Linbo Liu, Trong Nghia Hoang, Lam M. Nguyen, Tsui-Wei Weng

The 10th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2022), PAIR2Struct: Privacy, Accountability, Interpretability, Robustness, Reasoning on Structured Data, 2022

[3] Addressing Solution Quality in Data Generated Optimization Models.

Orit Davidovich, Parikshit Ram, Segev Wasserkrug, Dharmashankar Subramanian, Nianjun Zhou, Dzung Phan, Pavankumar Murali, Lam M. Nguyen
The 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2022), AI for Decision

Optimization, AI4DO, 2022

[2] <u>Automated Decision Optimization: Data and Knowledge Driven Optimization Model</u> Generation with Human-in-the-loop.

Lisa Amini, Arunima Chaudhary, Yishai Feldman, Pavankumar Murali, Lam M. Nguyen, Dzung Phan, Aviad Sela, Carolina Spina, Dharmashankar Subramanian, Abel Valente, Long Vu, Dakuo Wang, Segev Wasserkrug, Ritesh Yadav, Nianjun Zhou The 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2022), AI for Decision Optimization, AI4DO, 2022

[1] Ensuring the Quality of Optimization Solutions in Data Generated Optimization Models. Segev Wasserkrug, Orit Davidovith, Evgeny Shindin, Dharmashankar Subramanian, Parikshit Ram, Pavankumar Murali, Dzung Phan, Nianjun Zhou, Lam M. Nguyen The 30th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2021), Data Science Meets Optimisation, DSO@IJCAI2021, 2021 **PREPRINTS** A Supervised Contrastive Learning Pretrain-Finetune Approach for Time Series. [17]Trang H. Tran, Lam M. Nguyen, Kyongmin Yeo, Nam Nguyen, Roman Vaculin Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2023 [16] Correlated Attention in Transformers for Multivariate Time Series. Quang Minh Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen, Subhro Das Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2023 Batch Clipping and Adaptive Layerwise Clipping for Differential Private Stochastic [15]Gradient Descent. Toan N. Nguyen*, Phuong Ha Nguyen*, Lam M. Nguyen, Marten van Dijk Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2023 Learning Robust and Consistent Time Series Representations: A Dilated Inception-Based [14]Approach. Anh Duy Nguyen, Trang H. Tran, Hieu H. Pham, Phi Le Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2023 An End-to-End Time Series Model for Simultaneous Imputation and Forecast. [13] Trang H. Tran, Lam M. Nguyen, Kyongmin Yeo, Nam Nguyen, Dzung Phan, Roman Vaculin, Jayant Kalagnanam Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2023 Generalizing DP-SGD with Shuffling and Batching Clipping. [12]Marten van Dijk, Phuong Ha Nguyen, Toan N. Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2022 [11] Finding Optimal Policy for Queueing Models: New Parameterization. Trang H. Tran, Lam M. Nguyen, Katya Scheinberg Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2022 [10] Finite-Sum Optimization: A New Perspective for Convergence to a Global Solution. Lam M. Nguyen*, Trang H. Tran*, Marten van Dijk Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2022 [9] On Unbalanced Optimal Transport: Gradient Methods, Sparsity and Approximation Error. Quang Minh Nguyen, Hoang H. Nguyen, Yi Zhou, Lam M. Nguyen Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2022 [8] Differential Private Hogwild! over Distributed Local Data Sets. Marten van Dijk, Nhuong V. Nguyen, Toan N. Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen, Phuong Ha Nguyen Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2021 [7] An Optimal Hybrid Variance-Reduced Algorithm for Stochastic Composite Nonconvex Optimization. Deyi Liu, Lam M. Nguyen, Quoc Tran-Dinh Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2020 [6] Asynchronous Federated Learning with Reduced Number of Rounds and with Differential Privacy from Less Aggregated Gaussian Noise.

Marten van Dijk, Nhuong V. Nguyen, Toan N. Nguyen, Lam M. Nguyen, Quoc

Tran-Dinh, Phuong Ha Nguyen Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2020

[5] Finite-Time Analysis of Stochastic Gradient Descent under Markov Randomness. Thinh T. Doan, Lam M. Nguyen, Nhan H. Pham, Justin Romberg Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2020 [4]Convergence Rates of Accelerated Markov Gradient Descent with Applications in Reinforcement Learning. Thinh T. Doan, Lam M. Nguyen, Nhan H. Pham, Justin Romberg Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2020 Hybrid Stochastic Gradient Descent Algorithms for Stochastic Nonconvex Optimization. [3] Quoc Tran-Dinh, Nhan H. Pham, Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2019 [2] When Does Stochastic Gradient Algorithm Work Well? Lam M. Nguyen, Nam H. Nguyen, Dzung T. Phan, Jayant R. Kalagnanam, Katya Scheinberg Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2018 [1] Stochastic Recursive Gradient Algorithm for Nonconvex Optimization. Lam M. Nguyen, Jie Liu, Katya Scheinberg, Martin Takac Technical report, arXiv preprint, 2017 GRANTED PATENTS [5]A Method for Tuning Hyper-Parameters for Classification. Patent 11823076 Dung Tien Phan, Hongsheng Liu, Lam M. Nguyen [4] Optimal Interpretable Decision Trees Using Integer Linear Programming Techniques. Patent 11676039 Pavankumar Murali, Haoran Zhu, Dung Tien Phan, Lam M. Nguyen [3] Site-wide Operations Management Optimization for Manufacturing and Processing Control. Patent 11656606 Dung Tien Phan, Lam M. Nguyen, Pavankumar Murali, and Hongsheng Liu A Shuffling-Type Gradient Method for Training Machine Learning models with Big Data. [2] Patent 11568171 Lam M. Nguyen, Dung Tien Phan [1] Prediction Optimization for System-level Production Control. Patent 11099529 Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen, Pavankumar Murali, Jayant R. Kalagnanam PATENTS APPLICATIONS [30] Neural Network-Based Dynamical System Modeling for Contrastively Learned Conservation Laws. Filed on July 21, 2023 Lam M. Nguyen, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel [29] Generative Modeling and Representational Learning from Multi-Sequence Alignment and Phylogenetic Tree Data. Filed on June 30, 2023 Thanh Lam Hoang, Marcos Martínez Galindo, Gabriele Picco, Mykhaylo Zayats, Nhan Huu Pham, Lam M. Nguyen, Marco Luca Sbodio, Dzung Tien Phan, Vanessa Lopez [28] Regression-Optimization Control of Production Process with Dynamic Inputs. Filed on May 11, 2023 Lam M. Nguyen, Pavankumar Murali, Nianjun Zhou, Binny Winston Samuel [27]Time Series Forecasting Using Multivariate Time Series Data with Missing Values. Filed on January 28, 2023 Lam M. Nguyen, Trang H. Tran, Kyong Min Yeo, Nam H. Nguyen, Dzung Tien Phan, Roman Vaculin, Jayant R. Kalagnanam

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[24]	Unsupervised Learning from Public Tabular Datasets. Filed on December 15, 2022
	Thanh Lam Hoang, Gabriele Picco, Lam M. Nguyen, Dzung Tien Phan
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	Lam M. Nguyen, Wang Zhang, Subhro Das, Alexandre Megretski, Luca Daniel
[22]	Active Learning in Model Training. Filed on November 22, 2022
	Dzung Tien Phan, Huozhi Zhou, Lam M. Nguyen , Chandrasekhara K. Reddy, Jayant R. Kalagnanam
[21]	Automated Decision Optimization for Maintenance of Physical Assets. Filed on October 31, 2022
	Nianjun Zhou, Pavankumar Murali, Dzung T. Phan, Lam M. Nguyen
[20]	Adversarial Attacks for Improving Cooperative Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning Systems. Filed on September 23, 2022
	Nhan Huu Pham, Lam M. Nguyen , Jie Chen, Thanh Lam Hoang, Subhro Das
[19]	Training Neural Networks with Convergence to a Global Minimum. Filed on September
	23, 2022 Lam M. Nguyen
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[14]	System and Method for unsupervised Learning of Semantic Graph from textual data and language generation from Semantic grapH via Reinforcement learning. Filed on July 11, 2022
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[13]	Integrated Machine Learning Prediction and Optimization for Decision-Making. Filed on March 30, 2022
[10]	Dzung T. Phan, Long Vu, Lam M. Nguyen, Dharmashankar Subramanian
[12]	Interpretable Clustering via Multi-Polytope Machines. Filed on February 18, 2022
	Dzung T. Phan, Connor Lawless, Jayant R. Kalagnanam, Lam M. Nguyen , Chandrasekhara K. Reddy
[11]	Blending Graph Predictions. Filed on February 08, 2022
	Thanh Lam Hoang, Gabriele Picco, Yufang Hou, Young-Suk Lee, Lam M. Nguyen , Dzung Tien Phan, Vanessa Lopez Garcia, Ramon Fernandez Astudillo
[10]	Optimal Control of Dynamic Systems via Linearizable Deep Learning. Filed on February 07, 2022 Dynamic Systems via Linearizable Deep Learning. Filed on February No. 1000 Physics Tion Physics Learning 1000 Physics Tion Physics 1000 Physics
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INVITED TALKS

10/2023	On the Convergence to a Global Solution of Shuffling-Type Gradient Algorithms. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
10/2022	New Perspective On The Convergence To A Global Solution Of Finite-sum Optimization. $INFORMS\ Annual\ Meeting,\ Indianapolis,\ IN$
09/2022	Nesterov Accelerated Shuffling Gradient Method for Convex Optimization. Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
10/2021	Hogwild! Over Distributed Local Data Sets With Linearly Increasing Mini-batch Sizes. $INFORMS\ Annual\ Meeting,\ Anaheim,\ CA$
11/2020	A Unified Convergence Analysis for Shuffling-Type Gradient Methods. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference
10/2019	Finite-Sum Smooth Optimization with SARAH. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
11/2018	Inexact SARAH for Solving Stochastic Optimization Problems. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ
08/2018	Inexact SARAH for Solving Stochastic Optimization Problems. DIMACS/TRIPODS/MOPTA, Bethlehem, PA
03/2018	When does stochastic gradient algorithm work well? INFORMS Optimization Society Conference, Denver, CO
10/2017	SARAH: Stochastic Recursive Gradient Algorithm. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Houston, TX
08/2017	SARAH Algorithm. IBM Thomas J. Watson Research Center, Yorktown Heights, NY
11/2016	A Queueing System with On-demand Servers: Local Stability of Fluid Limits. INFORMS Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN
08/2016	A Queueing System with On-demand Servers: Local Stability of Fluid Limits. Modeling and Optimization: Theory and Applications, Bethlehem, PA

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

MEMBER

Editorial Board, Journal of Machine Learning Research
Editorial Board, Machine Learning
Editorial Board, IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems
Editorial Board, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications
Editorial Board, Neural Networks
Program Committee, "When Machine Learning meets Dynamical Systems: Theory and Applications (MLmDS 2023)", AAAI 2023 Workshop
Program Committee , "New Frontiers in Federated Learning: Privacy, Fairness, Robustness, Personalization and Data Ownership (NFFL 2021)", NeurIPS 2021 Workshop
Program Committee , "Optimization for Machine Learning (OPT 2020)", NeurIPS 2020 Workshop
$ {\bf Program~Committee}, "Modern~Trends~in~Nonconvex~Optimization~for~Machine~Learning", ICML~2018~Workshop $
REVIEWER / PROGRAM COMMITTEE (PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCES)
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS/NeurIPS)
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)

2019 - 2021	AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
2020	International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)
2019 - 2022	IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
2019 - 2021	IEEE International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)
2020	European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)
2019 - 2021	Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)
	REVIEWER (PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS)
2018 - 2022	Journal of Machine Learning Research
2020 - 2022	Mathematical Programming
2020 - 2021	SIAM Journal on Optimization
2021	SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis
2020 - 2021	IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems
2019 - 2020	IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing
2019	Artificial Intelligence
2018	Optimization Methods and Software
2020	SIAM Journal on Mathematics of Data Science
	SESSION CHAIR / ORGANIZER (CONFERENCES)
	International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
2022	- Sessions "OPT: Non-Convex" and "Optimization/Reinforcement Learning"
2021	- Sessions "Optimization (Stochastic)" and "Optimization (Nonconvex)"
	International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
2021	- Session "Oral Session 6"
	International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
2021	- Session "Theory and Practice of Machine Learning"
	INFORMS Annual Meeting
2023	- Session "First-Order Methods for Machine Learning"
2022	- Session "Optimization for Machine Learning"
2021	- Session "Recent Advances in Stochastic Gradient Algorithms"
2020	- Session "Recent Advances in Stochastic Gradient Algorithms for Machine Learning"
2019	- Session "Fast and Provable Nonconvex Optimization Algorithms in Machine Learning"
2018	- Session "Recent Advances in Optimization Methods for Machine Learning"
	DIMACS/TRIPODS/MOPTA
2018	- Sessions "Sparse Optimization" and "Stochastic Gradient Descent"
	IBM ACTIVITIES
01/2022 – Present	Champion, International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
11/2021 – Present	Member, Invention Development Team (IDT)
07/2021 – Present	Champion, Professional Interest Community (PIC) - Learning
2022	Member, Research AI Pillar Accomplishment Committee
2021 - 2023	Reviewer, Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Competition
2020	Reviewer, IBM Ph.D. Fellowships
	SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS
2022 – Present	Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
2016 – Present	Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics (SIAM)
2014 – Present	The Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS)
2014 – Present	Beta Gamma Sigma (The International Business Honor Society)
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MENTORSHIP

	PH.D. STUDENTS
03/2021 - Present	Wang Zhang, Ph.D. student, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (co-advise with Prof. Luca Daniel).
10/2019 – Present	Trang H. Tran , Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, <i>Cornell University</i> (co-advise with Prof. Katya Scheinberg).
08/2018 - 12/2021	Nhan H. Pham , Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (co-advise with Prof. Quoc Tran-Dinh). Now at <i>IBM Research</i> , USA.
	IBM RESEARCH INTERNS
06/2023 - 09/2023	Quang M. Nguyen , Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> .
06/2022 - 09/2022	Tuomas Oikarinen , Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of California San Diego.
05/2022 - 08/2022	Vinicius Lima Silva, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical and Systems Engineering, University of Pennsylvania.
05/2023 - 08/2023, 05/2022 - 08/2022	Trang H. Tran , Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, <i>Cornell University</i> .
05/2021 - 08/2021	Connor Lawless , Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engineering, <i>Cornell University</i> .
05/2021 - 08/2021	Huozhi Zhou , Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.
05/2021 - 08/2021	Nathanael Assefa, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science, <i>University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign</i> .
06/2020 - 09/2020	Michael Huang , Ph.D. student, Department of Data Science and Operations, Marshall School of Business, <i>University of Southern California</i> .
06/2020 - 08/2020	Nhan H. Pham , Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (student of Prof. Quoc Tran-Dinh) (IBM Research Intern). Now at IBM Research, USA.
05/2019 - 12/2019	Hongsheng Liu , Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Now at Huawei Technologies Co., Ltd., China.
01/2019 - 08/2019	Haoran Zhu , Ph.D. student, Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering, <i>University of Wisconsin – Madison. Now at Microsoft, USA</i> .
	MIT-IBM PROJECTS
04/2023 – Present	Martin Ma , M.E. Student, School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, <i>Harvard University</i> .
03/2021 - Present	Wang Zhang, Ph.D. student, Department of Mechanical Engineering, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (student of Prof. Luca Daniel).
09/2020 - 09/2021	Vindula Jayawardana, Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (student of Prof. Cathy Wu).
	MIT SUPERUROP UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH PROGRAM
09/2023 - 05/2024	Anthony Baez , Undergraduate student, Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (co-advise with Prof. Luca Daniel).
06/2022 - 05/2023	Angelos Assos , Undergraduate student, Computer Science and Mathematics, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> (co-advise with Prof. Luca Daniel).

EXTERNAL STUDENTS

09/2022 – Present	Anh Duy Nguyen , Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
10/2021 - 12/2022	Linbo Liu , Ph.D. student, Department of Mathematics, <i>University of California San Diego</i> .
06/2021 – Present	Quang M. Nguyen , Ph.D. student, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, <i>Massachusetts Institute of Technology</i> .
06/2021 – Present	Hoang H. Nguyen , Ph.D. student, H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering, <i>Georgia Institute of Technology</i> .
03/2021 - 12/2022	Yilan Chen , Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, <i>University of California San Diego</i> (student of Prof. Tsui-Wei Weng).
01/2019 - 12/2022	Toan N. Nguyen , Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering, University of Connecticut (student of Prof. Marten van Dijk).
01/2019 - 11/2021	Nhuong V. Nguyen, Ph.D. student, Department of Computer Science and Engineering,

PH.D. THESIS COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

10/2021 - Present	Trang H. Tran, Ph.D. student, School of Operations Research and Information Engi-
	neering, Cornell University (student of Prof. Katya Scheinberg).
09/2020 - 06/2022	Deyi Liu , Ph.D. student, Department of Statistics and Operations Research, <i>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</i> (student of Prof. Quoc Tran-Dinh). Now at <i>Bytedance</i> , USA.

University of Connecticut (student of Prof. Marten van Dijk).

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant , <i>Lehigh University</i> , Bethlehem, PA Courses: Engineering Probability (ISE 111), Applied Engineering Statistics (ISE 121)
Graduate Assistant (Web Developer), College of Business, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA
Graduate (Teaching) Assistant, McNeese State University, Lake Charles, LA Courses: Human Resource Management (MGMT 310), Staffing (MGMT 315), Strategic Management (MGMT 481), Management Theory and Organizational Behavior (MGMT 604), Issues in Global Business (BADM 218), Entrepreneurial Finance for Small Business (FIN 308)
Software Engineer, FPT Software Company, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
Teaching Assistant , Lomonosov Moscow State University, Moscow, Russia Courses: Mathematical Analysis (Calculus), Linear Algebra and Analytic Geometry

IBM RESEARCH ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2022	Federated Learning Security and Privacy (O-level)
2022	Dynamic Approaches for Machine Learning (A-level)
2022	Regression Optimization for Heavy Processing Industries (A-level)
2022	Combinatorial Sparsity for AI (A-level)
2021	Stochastic Gradient Methods: Theory and Applications (A-level)
2019	SROM: Smarter Resource & Operations Management (A-level)

HONORS & AWARDS

2023	2022 Pat Goldberg Memorial Best Paper Award
2023	IBM 9th Plateau Invention Achievement Award

2023	IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "Dynamic Approaches for Machine Learning"
2023	IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "Regression Optimization for Heavy Processing Industries"
2023	IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "Federated Learning Security and Privacy"
2023	IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "Combinatorial Sparsity for AI"
2023	IBM 8th Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2022	IBM Master Inventor
2022	IBM 7th Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2022	IBM 6th Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2022	IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "Stochastic Gradient Methods: Theory and Applications"
2022	IBM 5th Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2022	IBM 4th Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2021	IBM 3rd Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2020	IBM 2nd Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2020	IBM Research Division Award
2020	IBM Outstanding Technical Achievement Award, "SROM: Smarter Resource & Operations Management"
2020	IBM 1st Plateau Invention Achievement Award
2019	NeurIPS 2019 Top Reviewers
2019	Elizabeth V. Stout Dissertation Award, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
2018	Van Hoesen Family Best Publication Award, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
2016 - 2017	Dean's Doctoral Fellowship (RCEAS), Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
2014 - 2015	Dean's Doctoral Assistantship, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA
2014	Beta Gamma Sigma (Academic Honor Society)