

# LIANGZU PENG

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## EDUCATION

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| <i>Johns Hopkins University</i> , Baltimore, USA                              | August 2021 – Now          |
| Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering (advisor: Dr. René Vidal)        |                            |
| Thesis: TBD   |                            |
| <i>ShanghaiTech University</i> , Shanghai, China                              | September 2017 – June 2021 |
| M.S. in Computer Science (advisor: Dr. Manolis C. Tsakiris)                   |                            |
| Thesis: From Linear Regression Without Correspondences to Homomorphic Sensing |                            |
| <i>Zhejiang University</i> , Hangzhou, China                                  | September 2013 – June 2017 |
| B.Eng. in Measurement Control Technology and Instruments                      |                            |
| Thesis: Image Measurement Software for Visual Detection                       |                            |

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

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| <i>Research Assistant</i> , Johns Hopkins University      | August 2021 – August 2023 |
| Advisor: Dr. René Vidal                                   |                           |
| <i>Teaching Associate</i> , New York University, Shanghai | September 2020 – May 2021 |
| Instructor: Dr. Siyao Guo                                 |                           |
| <i>Intern</i> , New York University, Shanghai             | February 2020 – June 2020 |
| Instructor: Dr. Irith Hartman                             |                           |

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## PUBLICATION

### Preprint.

1. The Ideal Continual Learner: An Agent That Never Forgets (27 pages)  
[LP](#), Paris V. Giampouras, and René Vidal
2. On the Convergence of IRLS and Its Variants in Outlier-Robust Estimation (32 pages)  
[LP](#), Christian Kümmmerle, and René Vidal
3. Unlabeled Principal Component Analysis and Matrix Completion (31 pages)  
Yunzhen Yao, [LP](#), and Manolis C. Tsakiris

### Conference Papers.

1. [NeurIPS 2022] Global Linear and Local Superlinear Convergence of IRLS for Non-Smooth Robust Regression  
[LP](#), Christian Kümmmerle, and René Vidal  
[OpenReview] [arXiv] [code] [bib]
2. [ECCV 2022] Semidefinite Relaxations of Truncated Least-Squares in Robust Rotation Search: Tight or Not  
[Oral Presentation, 158/5803≈2.7% acceptance rate](#)  
[LP](#), Mahyar Fazlyab, and René Vidal  
[arXiv] [slides] [poster] [talk video] [bib]
3. [CVPR 2022] ARCS: Accurate Rotation and Correspondence Search  
[Oral Presentation, 342/8161≈4.2% acceptance rate](#)  
[LP](#), Manolis C. Tsakiris, and René Vidal  
[arXiv] [code] [slides] [talk video] [bib]
4. [NeurIPS 2021] Unlabeled Principal Component Analysis  
Yunzhen Yao, [LP](#), and Manolis C. Tsakiris

[OpenReview] [arXiv] [code] [bib]

5. [ICML 2021] Homomorphic Sensing: Sparsity and Noise  
[LP](#), Boshi Wang, and Manolis C. Tsakiris  
[pdf] [talk video] [bib]
6. [ISIT 2021] Unsigned Matrix Completion  
Yunzhen Yao, [LP](#), and Manolis C. Tsakiris  
[pdf] [bib]
7. [ICML 2019] Homomorphic Sensing  
Manolis C. Tsakiris and [LP](#)  
[arXiv] [bib]
8. [ICASSP 2019] Algebraically-Initialized Expectation Maximization for Header-Free Communication  
[LP](#), Xuming Song, Manolis C. Tsakiris, Hayoung Choi, Laurent Kneip, and Yuanming Shi  
[pdf] [bib]

#### *Journal Papers.*

1. Homomorphic Sensing of Subspace Arrangements  
Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis, 2021  
[LP](#) and Manolis C. Tsakiris  
[arXiv] [bib]
2. Linear Regression Without Correspondences via Concave Minimization  
IEEE Signal Processing Letters, 2020  
[LP](#) and Manolis C. Tsakiris  
[arXiv] [code] [bib]
3. An Algebraic-Geometric Approach to Linear Regression Without Correspondences  
IEEE Transactions on Information Theory, 2020  
Manolis C. Tsakiris, [LP](#), Aldo Conca, Laurent Kneip, Yuanming Shi, and Hayoung Choi  
[arXiv] [code] [bib]

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## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND HONORS

### *Honors:*

Top Reviewer @NeurIPS 2022	2022
Highlighted Reviewer @ICLR 2022	2022

### *Grants:*

GRO Conference Grants @JHU	June 2022
MINDS PhD Fellowship @JHU	Spring 2022

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## TALKS

<i>Fantastic Iteratively Reweighted Algorithms and Where to Find Them</i> @SIAM Conference on Optimization, Seattle, Washington	May 2023
<i>A Tale of Two Villains: Bandit, Procrustes, and Their Regrets</i> TheoriNet Retreat @Flatiron Institute, New York City [slides]	September 28, 2022
<i>Rotation Search: Optimization Theory and Algorithms</i> @AI TIME (Youth PhD Talk), Virtual [slides v4]	December 8, 2022
@Center for Applied Mathematics of Henan Province, China, Virtual [slides v3]	September 23, 2022
@Vision Lab Retreat, Johns Hopkins University [slides v2]	September 9, 2022
@VITA, University of Texas at Austin, Virtual [slides v1]	August 17, 2022

*Semidefinite Relaxations in Robust Rotation Search: Tight or Not*

@ECCV, Virtual [slides]

October 2022

@ICCOPT, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania [slides]

July 2022

*ARCS: Accurate Rotation and Correspondence Search*

@CVPR, New Orleans, Louisiana [slides] [talk video]

June 2022

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### *Organizer:*

Mini-Symposium @SIAM Conference on Optimization  
with Christian Kümmerle and René Vidal

May 2023

“Iteratively Reweighted Algorithms in Data Science: From Convexity to Nonconvexity”

### *Reviewer:*

International Conference on Computer Vision (2023)

IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (2023)

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (2023)

Learning on Graphs Conference (2022)

European Conference on Computer Vision (2022)

Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (2022, 2023)

International Conference on Learning Representations (2022, 2023)

Neural Information Processing Systems (2021, 2022)

International Conference on Machine Learning (2021 – 2023)

zbMATH Open (2021 - Now)

IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (1)

IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (1)

IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (1)

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## TEACHING

### *Recitation Instructor:*

CSCI-SHU 220, Algorithms

Spring 2021, NYU-Shanghai

CSCI-SHU 220, Algorithms

Fall 2020, NYU-Shanghai

CSCI-SHU 2314, Discrete Mathematics

Spring 2020, NYU-Shanghai

### *Teaching Assistant:*

SI 232, Subspace Learning

Fall 2020, ShanghaiTech

CSCI-SHU 220, Algorithms

Spring 2020, NYU-Shanghai

MATH 2111, Topological Data Analysis

Spring 2020, ShanghaiTech

SI 232, Subspace Learning

Fall 2019, ShanghaiTech

CS 133, Advanced C++ Programming

Spring 2019, ShanghaiTech

SI 192, Applied Algebraic Geometry

Spring 2019, ShanghaiTech

SI 112, Advanced Geometry<sup>1</sup>

Spring 2018, ShanghaiTech

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<sup>1</sup>Lecture notes available: <http://www.liangzu.org/en/ag-notes.html>