

# Pingbang Hu

## RESEARCH INTEREST

# **Machine Learning**

Trustworthy Machine Learning, Data-Centric AI, Statistical Learning Theory, Manifold and Graph Learning

# Theoretical Computer Science

\* Fast Graph Algorithm, Approximation Algorithm, Learning Theory

### EDUCATION

#### University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Illinois \* Ph.D. Candidate in Information Science, School of Information Science Aug. 2023-Present o Advisor: Jiaqi Ma University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign Illinois \* M.S. in Applied Mathematics, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Aug. 2023-May 2025 o Concentration: Optimization and Algorithms University of Michigan Michigan B.S. in Computer Science with Summa Cum Laude, College of Engineering Aug. 2021-May 2023 o Minor: Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University Hsinchu, Taiwan Visiting Scholar Jan. 2020-Jul. 2020 Shanghai Jiao Tong University Shanghai, China B.E. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, UM-SJTU Joint Institute Aug. 2019-Aug. 2023 o Minor: Computer Science, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

### Research and Industry Experience

AWS AI Lab, Amazon Applied Scientist Intern	<b>New York</b> <i>May 2025–Aug. 2025</i>
Sugiyama Laboratory, National Institute of Informatics  *Research Intern  O Advisor: Mahito Sugiyama	<b>Tokyo, Japan</b> <i>May 2024–Aug. 2024</i>
Theory of Computation Laboratory, University of Michigan Undergraduate Researcher  • Advisor: Thatchaphol Saranurak	<b>Michigan</b> <i>Mar. 2022–Dec. 2023</i>
SURE Program, University of Michigan  *Undergraduate Researcher  O Advisor: Wei Hu	Michigan May 2022–Apr. 2023
FORESEER Research Group, University of Michigan  * Undergraduate Research Assistant  • Advisor: Jiaqi Ma	<b>Michigan</b> <i>Dec. 2021–Jan. 2023</i>
Chief Noob  Backend Developer	Shanghai, China Oct. 2020–June 2021

# PEER-REVIEWED CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS

(\* denotes equal contribution)

- [C1] Xinhe Wang, Pingbang Hu, Junwei Deng, Jiaqi Ma, "Adversarial Attacks on Data Attribution". In Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2025)
- [C2] Yuzheng Hu, Pingbang Hu, Han Zhao, Jiaqi Ma, "Most Influential Subset Selection: Challenges, Promises, and Beyond". In Proceedings of the 38th Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2024)
- [C3] Junwei Deng\*, Ting-Wei Li\*, Shiyuan Zhang, Yijun Pan, Hao Huang, Xinhe Wang, Pingbang Hu, Xingjian Zhang, Jiaqi Ma, "dattri: A Library for Efficient Data Attribution". In Proceedings of the 38th Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems Datasets and Benchmarks Track (NeurIPS 2024) (Spotlight)

- [P1] Pingbang Hu, Joseph Melkonian, Weijing Tang, Han Zhao, Jiaqi Ma, "GraSS: Scalable Influence Function with Sparse Gradient Compression". In submission
- [P2] Pingbang Hu, Mahito Sugiyama, "Pseudo-Non-Linear Data Augmentation via Energy Minimization". In submission
- [P3] Yiwen Tu\*, Pingbang Hu\*, Jiaqi Ma, "Towards Reliable Empirical Machine Unlearning Evaluation: A Game-Theoretic View". In submission
- [T1] Pingbang Hu, "Travel the Same Path: A Novel TSP Solving Strategy". Technical Report

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

## Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Illinois

Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design assignment and exam problems, grade and guide projects.

• Network Analysis: A graduate-level course on the M.S. IS track.

Spring 2025 Michigan

Instructional Aide, University of Michigan

Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design assignment and exam problems, grade and guide projects.

• Introduction to Cryptography: An upper-level course on the main undergraduate CS track.

Winter 2023 Fall 2022

o Randomness and Computation: A graduate-level course on the M.S. CS theory track. Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design and grade assignments and exams.

Shanghai, China

• Honor Mathematics III: An undergraduate-level course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.

Summer 2021

\* Competition: Hold the 1st UM-SJTU JIntegration Bee competition.

• Honor Mathematics II: An undergraduate-level course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.

Fall 2020

# Honors and Awards

### Graduate Conference Travel Award

Illinois Nov. 2024

Graduate College's Competition at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

British Columbia, Canada

NeurIPS 2024 Scholar Award Financial Aid Award for NeurIPS 2024

Oct. 2024

Excellent Internship Award

Tokyo, Japan Aug. 2024

Excellent (best) internship evaluation at National Institute of Informatics

Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship

Shanghai, China Oct. 2021

First Prize (Ranked #2) among all HK, MC and TW students at Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China

Undergraduate Excellent Scholarship

Nov. 2020

Third Prize among all students at UM-SJTU Joint Institute

Bao Gang Excellent Scholarship

Shanghai, China

Second Prize (Ranked #3) among all Taiwan students at Shanghai Jiao Tong University

June 2020

Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship

Shanghai, China

First Prize (Ranked #1) among all HK, MC and TW students at UM-SJTU Joint Institute

Dec. 2019

## Professional Service

## **Program Committee**

AAAI 2025

# Conference Reviewer

ICML 2024, IEEE BigData 2023, ICLR 2025