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Employment

- Postdoctoral researcher — University of Edinburgh, 2023 -

Education

- Ph.D. student — University of Edinburgh, 2020 - 2023
  Advisor: Heng Guo
- B.Sc. *summa cum laude* in Computer Science *(Turing Class)* — Peking University, 2016 - 2020

Research Visiting

- IT University of Copenhagen / BARC — 07/2023 - 08/2023
  Host: Radu Curticapean
- University of Oxford — 06/2023
  Host: Andreas Galanis and Leslie Ann Goldberg
- Queen Mary, University of London — 06/2022
  Host: Mark Jerrum
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics — 05/2020 - 09/2020
  Host: Pinyan Lu
- University of Edinburgh — 07/2019 - 08/2019
  Host: Heng Guo
- Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences — 09/2018 - 01/2020
  Host: Xiaoming Sun

Research Interests

- General theoretical computer science, especially algorithms and complexity of counting problems.
- Discrete mathematics, including extremal combinatorics and probabilistic combinatorics.

Research Articles

[8] **Approximate counting for spin systems in sub-quadratic time.**
Konrad Anand, Weiming Feng, Graham Freifeld, Heng Guo and **J. Wang**.
submitted
arXiv: 2306.14867

[7] **Inapproximability of counting independent sets in linear hypergraphs.**
Guoliang Qiu and **J. Wang**.
[J] *Information Processing Letters*, accepted
arXiv: 2212.03072

[6] **Towards derandomising Markov chain Monte Carlo.**
Weiming Feng, Heng Guo, Chunyang Wang, **J. Wang** and Yitong Yin.
[C] *64th IEEE Symposium on Foundations of Computer Science* (**FOCS 2023**)
arXiv: 2211.03487

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[5] **A simple polynomial-time approximation algorithm for the total variation distance between two product distributions.**
Weiming Feng, Heng Guo, Mark Jerrum and **J. Wang**.
[J] *TheoretiCS, Volume 2 (2023), Article 8, 1–7*
[C] *6th SIAM Symposium on Simplicity in Algorithms* (**SOSA 2023**)
arXiv: 2208.00740

[4] **Swendsen-Wang dynamics for the ferromagnetic Ising model with external fields.**
Weiming Feng, Heng Guo and **J. Wang**.
[J] *Information and Computation, Volume 294, Article 105066, 1-34, 2023*
arXiv: 2205.01985

[3] **Improved bounds for randomly colouring simple hypergraphs.**
Weiming Feng, Heng Guo and **J. Wang**.
[C] *26th International Conference on Randomization and Computation* (**RANDOM 2022**)
arXiv: 2202.05554

[2] **Inapproximability of counting hypergraph colourings.**
Andreas Galanis, Heng Guo and **J. Wang**.
[J] *ACM Transactions on Computation Theory, 14(3–4):10, pp. 1–33, 2022*
arXiv: 2107.05486

[1] **On the degree of Boolean functions as polynomials over $\mathbb{Z}_m$.**
Xiaoming Sun, Yuan Sun, **J. Wang**, Kewen Wu, Zhiyu Xia and Yufan Zheng.
[C] *47th International Colloquium on Automata, Languages and Programming* (**ICALP 2020**)
arXiv: 1910.12458

Honours and Awards

- Informatics Global PhD Scholarship (3.5 years) — University of Edinburgh, 2020
- 4 awards/scholarships during undergraduate study — Peking University

Services and Activities

- Served as an external reviewer at conferences: ICALP'21, SODA'21
- Student organizer of SAGT'18 (organizing volunteers, getting involved in press, etc.)

Talks

- Approximate counting for spin systems in sub-quadratic time
  - Peking University, Beijing, China
  - Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China
  - NII Shonan Meeting No. 186 "MCMC 2.0", Kanagawa, Japan
- Towards derandomising Markov chain Monte Carlo
  - Basic Algorithm Research Copenhagen (BARC), Denmark
- A simple polynomial-time approximation algorithm for the total variation distance between two product distributions
  - University of Science and Technology of China, Hefei, China
  - QuACT classical talk, Beijing, China
  - Algorithms and Complexity Theory Seminars, Oxford, United Kingdom
  - LFCS Lab Lunch, Edinburgh, United Kingdom
  - SOSA 2023, Florence, Italy
- Improved bounds for randomly colouring simple hypergraphs

  - APPROX/RANDOM 2022, Champaign, IL, United States (virtual conference)
  - Highlights of Algorithms, LSE & QMUL, London, United Kingdom
- Inapproximability of counting hypergraph colourings
  - CS Peer Talk, Peking University, Beijing, China (virtual)
  - Highlights of Algorithms, LSE & QMUL, London, United Kingdom
- On the degree of Boolean functions as polynomials over $\mathbb{Z}_m$.
  - ICALP 2020, Saarbrücken, Germany (virtual conference)

Teaching

- At University of Edinburgh:
  - INFR08026 Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures — Teaching Assistant/Tutor, 2022/23
  - INFR11201 Randomized Algorithms — Tutor, 2022 Autumn
  - INFR08026 Introduction to Algorithms and Data Structures — Teaching Assistant/Tutor, 2021/22
- At Peking University:
  - 04834010 Randomized Algorithms — Teaching Assistant, 2020 Spring
  - 04833440 Introduction to the Theory of Computation — Teaching Assistant, 2020 Spring
  - 04833040/04832363 Introduction to Computer Systems — Teaching Assistant/Tutor, 2019 Fall
  - 04833440 Introduction to the Theory of Computation — Teaching Assistant, 2019 Spring
  - 04833040/04832363 Introduction to Computer Systems — Teaching Assistant/Tutor, 2018 Fall