Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Shape constrained regression, Optimization and Recommendation systems

EDUCATION University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois USA

Aug 2019 - Current

Post-doctoral researcher working on interpreting black-box machine learning models with Prof. Sendhil Mullainathan and Prof. Tengyuan Liang

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

Aug 2013 - May 2019

Ph.D. , Machine Learning

- Dissertation Topic: "Nonparametric Methods with Total Variation Regularization"
- Advisor: Ryan J. Tibshirani

M.S., Machine Learning, December 2017

Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay, India

Jul 2005 - May 2009

B.Tech., Computer Science and Engineering

TEACHING EXPERIENCE Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania USA

 $Teaching \ Assistant$

Fall 2014 - Spring 2015

Introduction to Machine Learning(10-715), Fall 2014, CMU Convex Optimization(10/36-725), Spring 2015, CMU

Industry

Amazon, San Jose, CA, USA

Experience Summer Internship

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016

Studied channel assignment and connectivity problems of a wireless mesh network via max-k-cut and graph effective resistance formulations.

Morgan Stanley, New York, NY, USA

Quantitative Analyst/Associate

Jul 2009 - May 2013

Developed software for valuation of interest rate and other derivatives in C++ using analytical formulas, backward induction and PDE solvers. Brought around 250000 interest rates swaps and swaptions in various currencies into production in a new library for risk calculation.

Papers

Additive Models with Trend Filtering

Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala, Ryan Tibshirani.

Annals of Statistics, 2019.

A Higher-Order Kolmogorov-Smirnov Test

Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala, Aaditya Ramdas, Yu-Xiang Wang, Ryan Tibshirani. Oral Presentation. International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, 2019.

Higher-Order Total Variation Classes on Grids: Minimax Theory and Trend Filtering Methods **Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala***, Yu-Xiang Wang*, James Sharpnack, Ryan Tibshirani. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2017.

(* indicates equal contribution)

Total Variation Classes Beyond 1d: Minimax Rates, and the Limitations of Linear Smoothers **Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala***, Yu-Xiang Wang*, Ryan Tibshirani. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2016.

Graph Sparsification Approaches for Laplacian Smoothing **Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala***, Yu-Xiang Wang*, Ryan Tibshirani. International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, 2016.

Parallel and Distributed Block-Coordinate Frank-Wolfe Algorithms Yu-Xiang Wang, **Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala**, Wei Dai, Willie Neiswanger, Suvrit Sra, and Eric Xing. International Conference on Machine Learning, 2016.

Scheduling of dataflow models within the reconfigurable video coding framework Jani Boutellier , **Veeranjaneyulu Sadhanala**, Christophe Lucarz , Philip Brisk , Marco Mattavelli. IEEE Workshop on Signal Processing Systems, 2008.

Professional Services

Reviewed for Annals of Statistics (2017-2020), Journal of the American Statistical Association (2017), SIAM Journal on Optimization (2016), Neural Information Processing Systems (2016, 2018,2019), International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (2016-2021), Journal on Advances in Signal Processing (2018), Optimization Methods and Software (2015), Applied and Computational Harmonic Analysis (2021).

Programming Skills

Proficient in C++, Java, Python, MATLAB, and R. Can write in Scala and SQL. Can work with TensorFlow. Experienced in implementing numerical algorithms. Co-developed glmgen package for trend filtering a time series.

Course Knowledge

Statistical machine learning, Convex optimization, Probabilistic graphical models, Deep neural networks for Natural language processing and Computer vision.