Wei Tang

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RESEARCH Sequential decision making with uncertainty, machine learning, algorithmic economics,

INTERESTS behavioral (social) sciences and optimization.

APPOINTMENTS Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Data Science Institute, Columbia University, NYC, NY Sep 2022 – Present

Mentor: Shipra Agrawal

EDUCATION Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

Ph.D in Computer Science. Sep 2017 – July 2022

Advisor: Chien-Ju Ho

Tianjin University, Tianjin, China

B.E. in Engineering Sep 2013 – Jun 2017

AWARDS Best Paper Honorable Mention, 11/2021

9th AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing (HCOMP).

Rising Star in Data Science, 10/2021

 ${\bf Data\ Science\ Institute,\ University\ of\ Chicago}.$

Honors (top 15% of grad. students), 2019-2020, 2020-2021

Washington University CSE department.

WORKING Dynamic Pricing and Demand Learning with Averaging Reference Effect

PAPERS $(\alpha-\beta)$ Shipra Agrawal, **Wei Tang**

To be submitted to Operations Research

Dynamic Pricing and Learning with Bayesian Persuasion

 $(\alpha-\beta)$ Shipra Agrawal, Yiding Feng, **Wei Tang**

Under review, and to be submitted to Operations Research

Rationality-Robust Information Design: Bayesian Persuasion under Quantal Response

 $(\alpha-\beta)$ Yiding Feng, Chien-Ju Ho, **Wei Tang**

Under review, and to be submitted to Operations Research

HAIDNet: Encoding Human Behavior in Automated Information Design

Guanghui Yu, Wei Tang, Saumik Narayanan, Chien-Ju Ho

Under review

PUBLICATIONS (SODA'23) Competitive Information Design for Pandora's Box

 $(\alpha-\beta)$ Bolin Ding, Yiding Feng, Chien-Ju Ho, **Wei Tang**, Haifeng Xu. In Proc. of The 34th ACM-SIAM Symposium on Discrete Algorithms.

To be submitted to Mathematics of Operations Research

(EC'22) Online Bayesian Recommendation with No Regret

 $(\alpha-\beta)$ Yiding Feng, **Wei Tang**, Haifeng Xu.

In Proc. of The 23rd ACM conference on Economics and Computation.

Under review at *Operations Research*

(AIES'22) How Does Predictive Information Affect Human Ethical Preferences?

Saumik Narayanan, Guanghui Yu, Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, and Ming Yin.

In Proc. of The 5th AAAI/ACM Conference on AI, Ethics, and Society.

(NeurIPS'21) Bandit Learning with Delayed Impact of Actions

Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.

In Proc. of The 35th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.

Also Presented at Fairness in AI/ML models at INFORMS, 2019.

(HCOMP'21) On the Bayesian Rational Assumption in Information Design

Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho. In Proc. of The 9th AAAI Conference on Human Computation and Crowdsourcing.

Best Paper Honorable Mention

(AISTATS'21) Linear Models are Robust Optimal Under Strategic Behavior

Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.

In Proc. of The 24th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics.

(NeurIPS'20) Optimal Query Complexity of Secure Stochastic Convex Optimization Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.

In Proc. of The 34th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems.

(AAMAS'20) Differentially Private Contextual Dynamic Pricing

Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Yang Liu.

In Proc. of the 19th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems.

(WWW'19) Leveraging Peer Communication to Enhance Crowdsourcing

Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho, Ming Yin.

In Proc. of The Web Conference.

(AAMAS'19) Bandit Learning with Biased Human Feedback

Wei Tang, Chien-Ju Ho.

In Proc. of the 18th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems.

Also presented as the contributed talk at The first Workshop on Behavioral EC, June 2019.

Tumor origin detection with tissue-specific miRNA and DNA methylation markers Wei Tang, Shixiang Wan, Zhen Yang, Andrew E Teschendorff, Quan Zou. Bioinformatics 34.3 (2018): 398-406.

dbDEMC 2.0: updated database of differentially expressed miRNAs in human cancers Zhen Yang, Liangcai Wu, Anqiang Wang, Wei Tang, Yi Zhao, Haitao Zhao, Andrew E. Teschendorff. Nucleic acids research 45.D1 (2017): D812-D818.

Which statistical significance test best detects oncomiRNAs in cancer tissues? An exploratory analysis

Wei Tang, Zhijun Liao, Quan Zou. Oncotarget 7.51 (2016): 85613.

RESEARCH **EXPERIENCE**

Research Assistant.

2017 - 2022

Department of Computer Science & Engineering, Washington University. St. Louis, MO Supervisor: Chien-Ju Ho

Summer Research Intern.

Alibaba DAMO Academy. (Remote) Seattle, WA Mentor: Bolin Ding Dynamic Pricing and Learning with Bayesian Persuasion INFORMS Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ Oct 2023 Columbia Statistical Machine Learning Symposium Apr 2023 Rationality-Robust Information Design: Bayesian Persuasion under Quantal Response The 34th Stony Brook International Conference on Game Theory July 2023 Competitive Information Design for Pandora's Box Eighth Marketplace Innovation Workshop (MIW). May 2023 Nov 2022 Gaoling School of Artificial Intelligence, Renmin University of China. Online Bayesian Recommendation with No Regret SIGecom Seminar Series, Virtual. Dec 2022INFORMS Annual Meeting, Indianapolis, IN. Oct 2022 July 2022 The 23rd ACM Conference on Economics and Computation, Boulder, CO. INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Section Conference, Virtual. June 2022 Learning with Understanding: Human Behavior in Algorithm Design The Rising Stars in Data Science workshop at the University of Chicago. Nov 2021 Optimal Query Complexity of Secure Stochastic Convex Optimization Workshop on Economics of Privacy and Data Labor (ICML'20). Jun 2020 Linear Models are Robust Optimal Under Strategic Behavior Workshop on Incentives in Machine Learning (ICML'20). Jun 2020 Bandit Learning with Biased Human Feedback Contributed Talk at The first Workshop on Behavioral EC. Jun 2019 International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS). May 2019 Teaching Assistant Human-in-the-loop Computation (CSE 518A WashU) Fall 2019 Workshop Organization

SERVICES

TALKS

TEACHING

Co-Chair, RMP session on Pricing and Information in Modern Marketplaces at IN-FORMS Annual Meeting 2023

Journal Referee

Operations Research (OR)

Manufacturing and Service Operations Management (MSOM)

Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)

Transactions on Economics and Computation (TEAC)

Machine Learning Journal (MLJ)

Conference Program Committee

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): 2021–2023 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML): 2022 – 2023 AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI): 2021-2024

ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT): 2022-2023 Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI): 2022

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR): 2022, 2024

Conference On Web And InterNet Economics: 2022

International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems: 2022

International Symposium on Algorithmic Game Theory: 2022

International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS): 2021