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EDUCATION

INSTITUTE FOR INTERDISCIPLINARY INFORMATION SCIENCES,
Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

Sept. 2020 – Present

Computer Science and Technology (Special Pilot Class in CS, **a.k.a.** Yao Class).

GPA: 3.99/4.00; Selected course grades listed below.

EXPERIENCE

LIDS, MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (Cambridge, MA, USA)

Spring, 2023

Visiting student, hosted by Prof. SUVRIT SRA.

Computer Science Department, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Spring – Fall, 2022

Remote visitor, advised by Prof. HAIPENG LUO.

Paul G. Allen School, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Winter, 2022

Remote visitor, advised by Prof. SIMON S. DU.

IIIS, TSINGHUA UNIVERSITY (Beijing, China)

Summer – Fall, 2021

Research assistant, hosted by Prof. LONGBO HUANG.

PUBLICATIONS

(* stands for equal contribution. Listed in reverse chronological order.)

Manuscripts

- [5] [YAN DAI](#), HAIPENG LUO, CHEN-YU WEI, and JULIAN ZIMMERT. “Refined Regret for Adversarial MDPs with Linear Function Approximation.” *In submission*. [PDF]
- [4] JIATAI HUANG*, [YAN DAI](#)*, and LONGBO HUANG. “Banker Online Mirror Descent: A Universal Approach for Delayed Online Bandit Learning.” *In submission*. [PDF]

Conference Publications

- [3] (**ICLR 2023**) [YAN DAI](#), RUOSONG WANG, and SIMON S. DU. “Variance-Aware Sparse Linear Bandits.” In *the Eleventh International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2023. [PDF] [OpenReview]
- [2] (**NeurIPS 2022**) [YAN DAI](#), HAIPENG LUO, and LIYU CHEN. “Follow-the-Perturbed-Leader for Adversarial Markov Decision Processes with Bandit Feedback.” In *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (NeurIPS)*, 2022. [PDF] [OpenReview] [Proceeding]
- [1] (**ICML 2022**) JIATAI HUANG*, [YAN DAI](#)*, and LONGBO HUANG. “Adaptive Best-of-Both-Worlds Algorithm for Heavy-Tailed Multi-Armed Bandits.” In *Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, PMLR 162:9173-9200, 2022. [PDF] [Proceeding]

SELECTED AWARDS

Scholarship

- National Scholarship (*top scholarship in China; 0.2% domestically*), Ministry of Education 2022
- SenseTime AI Scholarship (*30 undergrads domestically*), SenseTime. 2022
- 12-9 Scholarship (*top scholarship in Tsinghua; 1 student per department*), Tsinghua University 2021

Competitive Programming

- Gold Medal (*1st place with perfect score*), Asia-Pacific Informatics Olympiad (APIO) 2019
- Gold Medal (*5th place*), Chinese National Olympiad in Informatics (NOI) 2018

Miscellaneous

- 2nd Place, National Collegiate Water Polo Championships 2021
- 1st Place in Men’s 100m Butterfly, Tsinghua Swimming Competition 2022

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Conference Reviewing: AISTATS 2022, NeurIPS 2022, AISTATS 2023, ALT 2023, ICML 2023.

SELECTED COURSE GRADES

• Game Theory	A+	• Causal and Statistical Learning	A+
• Theory of Computation	A+	• Linear Algebra	A+
• Formal Languages and Automata	A+	• Introduction to Computer Science	A+
• Advanced Computer Graphics	A+	• Computer Architecture	A+