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# **EDUCATION**

The University of Tokyo, Japan

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Nanjing University, China

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# RESEARCH INTEREST

My research focuses on developing machine learning techniques to learn with the non-stationary and open world, particularly from the following perspectives:

- Non-stationary Online Learning and Decision-making: Can we develop methods that can promptly adapt to non-stationary data, which appear sequentially and their distribution may shift over time?
  - Key words: online optimization, bandits, reinforcement learning, dynamic regret bound.
- Learning with Imperfect Data: Can we develop reliable methods that can learn from the imperfect data but still perform well on the test environments that contain unknown factors?
  - Key words: distribution shift, weakly supervised learning, unknown classes, excess risk bound.

# **PUBLICATIONS**

# **Preprints**

1. L.-F. Li, Y.-J. Zhang, P. Zhao, and Z.-H. Zhou. Provably Efficient Reinforcement Learning with Multinomial Logit Function Approximation.

# Conference Publications

- Y.-Y. Qian, P. Zhao, Y.-J. Zhang, M. Sugiyama, Z.-H. Zhou. In: Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024.
- W. Wang, T. Ishida, Y.-J. Zhang, G. Niu, and M. Sugiyama. Learning with Complementary Labels Revisited: A Consistent Approach via Negative-Unlabeled Learning. In: Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2024.
- 3. Y.-J. Zhang and M. Sugiyama. Online (Multinomial) Logistic Bandit: Improved Regret and Constant Computation Cost. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 36 (NeurIPS), 2023. [Spotlight]
- 4. **Y.-J. Zhang**, Z.-Y. Zhang, P. Zhao, and M. Sugiyama. Adapting to Continuous Covariate Shift via Online Density Ratio Estimation. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 36 (**NeurIPS**), 2023.
- 5. X.-Q. Cai, **Y.-J. Zhang**, C.-K. Chiang and M. Sugiyama. Imitation Learning from Vague Feedback. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 36 (**NeurIPS**), 2023.
- 6. Y. Bai\*, Y.-J. Zhang\*, P. Zhao, M. Sugiyama, and Z.-H. Zhou. Adapting to Online Label Shift with Provable Guarantees. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 35 (NeurIPS), 2022. (\* equal contribution)
- 7. Z.-Y. Zhang, Y.-Y. Qian, Y.-J. Zhang, Y. Jiang, Z.-H. Zhou. Adaptive Learning for Weakly Labeled Streams. In Proceedings of the 28th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2022.
- 8. **Y.-J. Zhang**, Y.-H. Yan, P. Zhao and Z.-H. Zhou. Towards Enabling Learnware to Handle Unseen Jobs. In Proceedings of the 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2021.
- 9. P. Zhao, **Y.-J. Zhang** and Z.-H. Zhou. Exploratory Machine Learning with Unknown Unknowns. In Proceedings of the 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2021.
- 10. Y.-J. Zhang, P. Zhao, L. Ma and Z.-H. Zhou. An Unbiased Risk Estimator for Learning with Augmented Classes. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33 (NeurIPS), 2020.

- 11. P. Zhao, Y.-J. Zhang, L. Zhang and Z.-H. Zhou. Dynamic Regret of Convex and Smooth Functions. In Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 33 (NeurIPS), 2020.
- 12. Y.-J. Zhang, P. Zhao, and Z.-H. Zhou. A Simple Online Algorithm for Competing with Dynamic Comparators. In Proceedings of the 36th Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), 2020.

# **Journal Publications**

- S. Chen, Y.-J. Zhang, W.-W. Tu, P. Zhao, and L. Zhang. Optimistic Online Mirror Descent for Bridging Stochastic and Adversarial Online Convex Optimization. Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), to appear, 2024.
- 2. P. Zhao, Y.-J. Zhang, L. Zhang, and Z.-H. Zhou. Adaptivity and Non-stationarity: Problem-dependent Dynamic Regret for Online Convex Optimization. Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), 25(98):1–52, 2024.
- 3. P. Zhao, J.-W. Shan, Y.-J. Zhang and Z.-H. Zhou. Exploratory Machine Learning with Unknown Unknowns. Artificial Intelligence (AIJ), 327:104059, 2024.

# **AWARDS & HONORS**

- Top Reviewer for NeurIPS 2023, 2023
- Top Reviewer for UAI 2023, 2023
- Top Reviewer for NeurIPS 2022, 2022
- The University of Tokyo Fellowship, Tokyo, 2021
- Outstanding Master Dissertation Award by Jiangsu Computer Society, Nanjing, 2021
- Excellent Graduate of Nanjing University, Nanjing, 2021
- National Graduate Scholarship for Master Student, MOE of PRC, 2020

#### ACADEMIC SERVICE

- Reviewer for Conference: NeurIPS (2021-2024), ICML (2022-2024), ICLR (2022-2024), AISTATS (2021-2024), UAI (2022-2024), AAAI (2021, 2024), IJCAI (2020-2023), ECAI (2020).
- Reviewer for Journal: Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR), IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI), Frontiers of Computer Science.