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EDUCATION

Sept. 2019 - Present Undergraduate Study School of Mathematical Sciences

Peking University (PKU)

GPA: Overall 3.90/4.0 (92.6/100) Major 3.97/4.0 (95.8/100)

Rank: 4/116 (Among all students majoring in mathematics and

applied mathematics at PKU)

Research Interests

Probability Theory and its intersection with Statistical Physics,

Computer Science, Combinatorics and Statistics.

Works

April 2021 -May 2022 Sharp Estimates for Probabilities of Arm Events in Critical Planar Percolation.

Preprint: arXiv:2205.15901 (50 pages)

Coauthors: Yifan Gao (CityU), Xinyi Li (PKU) and Zijie Zhuang (UPenn) **Descriptions**: We improved the estimates of percolation arm probabilities to a very sharp level, which answered (a large part of) a question of Schramm (ICM Proc., 2006). During this work, I proved the super-strong separation lemma (which is initially conjectured by Garban, Pete and Schramm) and used it as a tool to develop generalized coupling techniques.

 $\begin{array}{ccc} \mathrm{Jan} & 2022 & \mathrm{-} \\ \mathrm{May} & 2022 & \mathrm{-} \end{array}$

The Correlated Graph Model: Informational Thresholds for Correlation Detection and Matching Recovery.

Preprints: arXiv:2203.14573 (21 pages) and arXiv:2205.14650 (32 pages)

Coauthor: Jian Ding (PKU)

Descriptions: We determined the informational thresholds for the possibility of testing correlation and (partially) recovering the hidden matching. Our results gave complete answers to fundamental questions in this model, and they also revealed interesting connections between such problems and the densest subgraph problem in Erdős-Rényi random graphs.

July. 2022 -Oct 2022 A Polynomial-Time Approximation Scheme for the Maximal Overlap of Two Independent Erdős-Rényi Graphs.

Preprint: arXiv:2210.07823 (38 pages).

Coauthors: Jian Ding (PKU) and Shuyang Gong (PKU)

Descriptions: We presented a polynomial-time algorithm which finds a vertex correspondence whose overlap approximates the maximal overlap up to a multiplicative factor that is arbitrarily close to 1, and in particular established the asymptotic of the maximal overlap. Our result added one natural example to the list of few problems that efficient algorithms can be discovered for random instances while worse-cases are known to be NP-hard.

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

| Nov 2021 - Feb 2022 | Advised by Prof. Jian Ding, I studied reconstructing the hidden matching between correlated graphs by local algorithms when the noise is small. We also proved the nonexistence of such algorithm when the noise is large. |
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| May 2022 - Present | Advised by Prof. Jian Ding, I studied the method of using subgraph counts as observables to detect correlation between two graphs. We extent the techniques from counting tree to counting general graphs and obtained new results. |
| June 2022 - Sep 2022 | In the 2022 REU program at University of Chicago organized by Prof. Peter May, I studied the convergence of loop-erased random walk to SLE curve in both capacity parameterization and natural parameterization. |

A LIST FOR MAJOR COURSES

| Elementary Course | GRADE | Probability Course | GRADE |
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| Mathematical Analysis I | 100 | Probability Theory | 99 |
| Mathematical Analysis II | 100 | Applied Stochastic Processes (H) | 99 |
| Mathematical Analysis III | 96 | Mathematical Statistics (H) | 100 |
| Functions of Real Variables | 96 | Advanced Probability Theory (G) | 98.5 |
| Functions of Complex Variables | 99 | Theory of Stochastic Processes (G) | 98 |
| Ordinary Differential Equations | 94 | Stochastic Analysis (G) | 94 |
| Functional Analysis | 97 | Stochastic Processes I ^[1] , II ^[2] (G) | 95, 95 |
| Advanced Algebra I (H) | 94 | | |
| Advanced Algebra II (H) | 95 | $(\mathbf{H}) = \text{Honor}, (\mathbf{G}) = \text{Graduate}$ | |
| Abstract Algebra | 98 | [1] is a course on Malliavian Calcu- | |
| Geometry I | 98 | lus and stochastic homogenization | |
| Geometry II (H) | 99 | [2] is a course on random geometry, | |
| Topology | 92 | combinatorics and spin glasses | |
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Honors & Awards

Gold Medal in the 13th S.-T. Yau College Mathematics Contests Team medals One Silver Medal, two Bronze Medals and six winning prizes in previous Yau Contests First Prize (Rank 1) in the 13th National College Student Mathematics Contest National Scholarship (the highest honor for college students in China) Gold Medal (Rank 5) in the 34th China Mathematical Olympiad

Talks & Seminars

| Oct. 2022 | THU-PKU-BKU Joint Probability Webinar Held by probabilists from Tsinghua, Peking and Beijing Normal University |
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| 2020 - 2022 | 15+ student seminar talks at Peking, including topics in Large Deviation Theory, Random Geometry, Probabilistic Combinatorics and Computer Sciences Two student seminars organized by myself, which are focus on Brownian Motion and discrete probability, respectively. See my homepage for details |

STANDARDIZED LANGUAGE TESTS

| Aug. 2021 | TOEFL iBT, Total 106 (Reading 30, Listening 30, Speaking 22, Writing 24) |
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| Feb. 2022 | GRE General Test, Total 325+3.5 (Verbal 157, Quantitative 168, Writing 3.5) |