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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning Theory; Mechanistic Interpretability; Large Language Model.

EDUCATION

Yale University 2024.9 - Present
Department of Statistics and Data Science New Haven, CT
Ph.D. in Statistics. Advisor: Zhuoran Yang.

Fudan University 2020.9 - 2024.6
Department of Statistics and Data Science, School of Management Shanghai, China
B.S. in Statistics

RESEARCH PAPERS

* stands for equal contribution or alphabetical ordering.

1. **He, J.**, Wang, L., Chen, S., Yang, Z. "On the Mechanism and Dynamics of Modular Addition: Fourier Features, Lottery Ticket, and Grokking". Submitted, 2025.
2. **He, J.**, Pan, X., Chen, S., Yang, Z. "In-Context Linear Regression Demystified: Training Dynamics and Mechanistic Interpretability of Multi-Head Softmax Attention". arXiv.2503.12734. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2025.
3. Qin, S.*, **He, J.***, Kuang, Q*., Gang, B, Xia, Y. "Data-light Uncertainty Set Merging with Admissibility". arXiv.2410.12201. Submitted to *Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)*, 2024.
4. **He, J.***, Chen, S.*, Zhang, F., Yang, Z. "From Words to Actions: Unveiling the Theoretical Underpinnings of LLM-Driven Autonomous Systems". arXiv.2405.19883. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2024.
5. **He, J.**, Zhong, H., Yang, Z. "Sample-Efficient Learning of Infinite-Horizon Average-Reward MDPs with General Function Approximation". arXiv.2404.12648. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2024.
6. Banerjeea, T.*, Gang, B.*, **He, J.***. "Harnessing the Collective Wisdom: Fusion Learning using Decision Sequences from Diverse Sources". arXiv.2308.11026. *Biometrika*, 2025+.

INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Engineer, Cisco Foundation AI Team, San Francisco 2025.6 - Present

- Applied post-training pipelines to develop a reasoning Large Language Model (LLM) for cybersecurity domain.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- MANA130083.01 Nonparametric Statistics, Fudan University Spring, 2023
- S&DS 2410 Probability Theory, Yale University Fall, 2025

SERVICE

Conference Reviewer: NeurIPS (2024, 2025), ICLR (2025,2026), ICML 2025.
Journal Reviewer: Management Science.