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Employment

CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

Department of Mathematics, NUS

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR (PRESIDENTIAL YOUNG PROFESSOR)

Singapore

May. 2019 - Present

Institute for Functional Intelligent Materials, NUS

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR

Singapore

May. 2022 - Present

PAST EMPLOYMENT

Institute of High Performance Computing, A*STAR

SCIENTIST

Singapore

Nov. 2016 - Nov. 2021

Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore

ADJUNCT ASSISTANT PROFESSOR

Singapore

Feb. 2017 - May. 2019

Institute of High Performance Computing, A*STAR

RESEARCH ENGINEER

Singapore

Aug. 2010 - Aug. 2011

Education

Princeton University

PHD IN APPLIED AND COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS

Princeton, NJ, USA

Sep. 2011 - Apr. 2016

University of Cambridge

B.A. IN MATHEMATICS

Cambridge, UK

Oct. 2007 - May. 2010

Selected Talks

PLENARY TALKS

Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning, MSML 2021

PLENARY TALK

Lausanne, Switzerland

Aug. 2021

Machine learning and dynamical systems - approximation, optimization and beyond

OTHER TALKS

ICIAM 2023

MINISYMPOSIUM TALK

Tokyo, Japan

Aug. 2023

Approximation theory of deep learning for sequence modelling

ICOSAHOM 2023

MINISYMPOSIUM TALK

Seoul, Korea

Aug. 2023

Reduction and closure of dynamical systems using deep learning

Dynamical systems and Semi-algebraic geometry: interactions with Optimization and Deep Learning

INVITED LECTURE SERIES

Dalat, Vietnam

Jul. 2023

Deep Learning, Dynamics and Control

International Workshop on Reduced Order Methods	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>May. 2023</i>
Learning parametric Koopman operators for prediction, identification and control	
EASIAM Workshop	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>May. 2023</i>
Approximation theory of deep learning for sequence modelling	
SIAM CSE 2023	<i>Amsterdam, Netherlands</i>
MINISYMPOSIUM TALK	<i>Mar. 2023</i>
Approximation theory of deep learning for sequence modelling	
IMS Workshop on Multiscale Analysis and Methods for Quantum and Kinetic Problems	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Feb. 2023</i>
Reduction and closure fo dynamical systems using deep learning	
IMS Workshop on Multiscale Analysis and Methods for Quantum and Kinetic Problems	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Feb. 2023</i>
Reduction and closure fo dynamical systems using deep learning	
Inverse Problems Seminar, CUHK	<i>Hongkong, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Nov. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory of Deep Learning from the Dynamical Systems Viewpoint	
SDSC/HKIDS seminar, CityU-HK	<i>Hongkong, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Oct. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory of Deep Learning for Sequence Modelling	
SIAM Conference on Mathematics of Data Science (MDS)	<i>San Diego, USA</i>
MINISYMPOSIUM TALK	<i>Sep. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory of Deep Learning for Sequence Modelling	
Third Symposium on Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, The Fields Institute	<i>Toronto, Canada</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Sep. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory of Deep Learning for Sequence Modelling	
KSIAM-MINDS-NIMS International Conference on Machine Learning and PDEs	<i>Seoul, South Korea</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Aug. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory of Deep Learning for Sequence Modelling	
SIAM Annual Meeting (AN22)	<i>Pittsburgh, USA</i>
MINISYMPOSIUM TALK	<i>Jul. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory for Deep Learning in Time Series Analysis	
Machine Learning for the Working Mathematician, The University of Sydney	<i>Sydney, Australia</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>May. 2022</i>
Deep Learning for Sequence Modelling	
Numerical Analysis and Scientific Computing Seminar, Courant Institute, NYU	<i>New York, USA</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Apr. 2022</i>
Approximation Theory of Deep Learning for Sequence Modelling	
Mean Field Approach in Machine Learning and Statistics, Univeristy of Chicago	<i>Chicago, USA</i>
INVITED MINI-COURSE	<i>Oct. 2021</i>
Deep Learning, Dynamical Systems and Optimal Control	
Workshop on theory of deep learning, INI, University of Cambridge	<i>Cambridge, UK</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Aug. 2021</i>
Approximation theory for machine learning and dynamical systems	
2021 Wutong Forum, CUHK-Shenzhen	<i>Shenzhen, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Aug. 2021</i>
Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems	

Joint Workshop on Mathematical Finance, Machine Learning and Statistics, SJTU	<i>Shanghai, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>June. 2021</i>
Approximation theory for machine learning and dynamical systems	
SIAM Conference on Applications of Dynamical Systems (DS21)	<i>Virtual</i>
MINISYMPOSIUM TALK	<i>May. 2021</i>
On the Curse of Memory in Recurrent Neural Networks	
JSML Workshop	<i>Virtual</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Apr. 2021</i>
Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems	
Workshop on Data Driven Scientific Computing, SUSTech	<i>Shenzhen, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Nov. 2020</i>
On the Curse of Memory in Recurrent Neural Networks	
Seminar at AMSS, Chinese Academy of Sciences	<i>Beijing, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Oct. 2020</i>
Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Approximation and Optimization Aspects	
Seminar at Center for Control, Dynamical-systems and Computation, UC Santa Barbara	<i>Santa Barbara, USA</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Oct. 2020</i>
Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Approximation and Optimization Aspects	
Seminar at the Center for Mathematical Sciences, HUST	<i>Wuhan, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Oct. 2020</i>
Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Approximation and Optimization Aspects	
Second Symposium on Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, The Fields Institute	<i>Toronto, Canada</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Sep. 2020</i>
On the Curse of Memory in Recurrent Neural Networks	
Foundation of Computational Science, Harvard University	<i>Cambridge, USA</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Aug. 2019</i>
A Dynamical Systems Approach to Deep Learning	
CSIAM Big Data and AI Conference	<i>Kunming, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Jul. 2019</i>
A mean-field optimal control formulation of deep learning	
Machine Learning Theory Workshop, Peking University	<i>Beijing, China</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Jun. 2019</i>
Continuous-time methods for stochastic optimization and batch normalization	
36th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	<i>Long Beach, USA</i>
CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATION	<i>Jun. 2019</i>
A quantitative analysis of the effect of batch normalization on gradient descent	
Analysis and PDE Seminar, NUS Mathematics Department	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Mar. 2019</i>
Deep learning as mean field optimal control	
Workshop on Machine Learning and Dynamical Systems, Imperial College	<i>London, UK</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Feb. 2019</i>
Dynamical systems, optimal control and deep learning	
Seminar at School of Computing, NUS	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Oct. 2018</i>
Dynamical systems, optimal control and deep learning	
Workshop on accelerated materials development for manufacturing, A*STAR	<i>Singapore</i>
INVITED TALK	<i>Aug. 2018</i>
Materials property prediction and inverse design	

35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) CONFERENCE ORAL PRESENTATION An optimal control approach to deep learning and applications to discrete-weight neural networks	Stockholm, Sweden Jul. 2018
Seminar at the College of Control Science and Engineering, Zhejiang University INVITED TALK An optimal control approach to deep learning	Hangzhou, China Jun. 2018
Machine Learning Theory Workshop, Peking University INVITED TALK An optimal control approach to deep learning	Beijing, China Jun. 2018
SIAM Conference on Imaging Science (SI18) MINISYMPOSIUM TALK Maximum principles based algorithms for deep learning	Bologna, Italy Jun. 2018
Learning, Modelling and Simulation Workshop, CSML, Princeton University INVITED TALK Maximum principles based algorithms for deep learning	Princeton, USA Feb. 2018
Theory of Deep Learning Workshop, IAS, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology INVITED TALK Maximum principles based algorithms for deep learning	Hong Kong, China Jan. 2018
2017 NUS-PKU Joint Workshop, Peking University INVITED TALK Method of successive approximations for training deep neural networks	Beijing, China Aug. 2017
35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) CONFERENCE PRESENTATION Stochastic modified equations and dynamics of stochastic gradient algorithms	Sydney, Australia Aug. 2017
2017 PKU Workshop on Deep Learning, Peking University INVITED TALK Dynamics of stochastic gradient algorithms	Beijing, China Jul. 2017
Applied and Computational Mathematics Seminar, NUS INVITED TALK Dynamics of stochastic gradient algorithms	Singapore Aug. 2017
SIAM Conference on Mathematical Aspects of Material Science (MS16) MINISYMPOSIUM TALK Modeling rare events in non-equilibrium systems	Philadelphia, USA May. 2016

Teaching

Department of Mathematics, Peking University MACHINE LEARNING AND DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS Summer school on applied mathematics	Beijing, China 2020
Tianyuan Mathematical Center in Northeast China, Jilin University OPTIMAL CONTROL THEORY / PDE AND THEIR APPLICATIONS IN DEEP LEARNING Summer school on PDE and applications	Jilin, China 2020
Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore MA5232 - MODELLING AND NUMERICAL SIMULATIONS Part III: Optimal control theory and methods	Singapore 2020-Present
Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore DSA5204 - DEEP LEARNING AND APPLICATIONS Course in DSA programme at NUS	Singapore 2020-2022
Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore DSA5102/DSA5102X - FOUNDATIONS OF MACHINE LEARNING Course in DSA programme at NUS	Singapore 2019-2020

Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore

INVITED TALK, NUS MATHEMATICS DSA DAY

Outreach program for prospective university students

Singapore

Mar. 2018

Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore

SUPERVISOR FOR INDIVIDUAL FINAL YEAR PROJECT

Singapore

2017 - 2020

Service

EDITORIAL SERVICE AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mathematical Control and Related Fields

ASSOCIATE EDITOR

AIMS

2023 - Present

Journal of Machine Learning

MANAGING EDITOR

Global Science

2021 - Present

Physica D

GUEST EDITOR, SPECIAL ISSUE ON MACHINE LEARNING AND DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

Elsevier

2019 - 20, 2022 - Present

Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

PMLR

2019 - Present

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ORGANIZATION

One World Seminar Series on the Mathematics of Machine Learning

BOARD MEMBER

Online

Aug. 2023-Present

IMS Workshop on Machine Learning and its Applications, NUS

CO-ORGANIZER

Singapore

Oct. 2022

Third Conference on Mathematical and Scientific Machine Learning

CO-CHAIR

Beijing

Aug. 2022

REVIEWER

Conferences. CDC, ICLR, ICML, ITSC, MSML, NeurIPS

Journals. AIAA Journal, Advances in Computational Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Optimization, Communications in Mathematical Sciences, Digital Discovery, European Journal of Applied Mathematics, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, IEEE Control Systems Letters, IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence, Journal of European Mathematical Society, Journal of Machine Learning Research, Journal of Scientific Computing, Journal of Computational Physics, Machine Learning, Mathematical Finance, Nature Computational Science, Nature Machine Intelligence, Neural Computation, Neural Networks, Nonlinear Analysis, Physica D, Research in the Mathematical Sciences, SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis, SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing, SIAM Journal on Numerical Analysis, SIAM Review, SN Partial Differential Equations and Applications, Transactions on Machine Learning Research

Grants. FWF Austrian Science Fund

Professional Memberships

Member **Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics**, USA

2022 - Present

Member **BAAI Qingyuan Club**, China

2022 - Present

Honors & Awards

2022	Faculty Teaching Award , FOS, NUS	<i>Singapore</i>
2021	NRF Fellowship, Class of 2021 , National Research Foundation	<i>Singapore</i>
2019	Presidential Young Professorship , National University of Singapore	<i>Singapore</i>
2011	NSS(PhD) Scholarship , Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)	<i>Singapore</i>
2010	Foundation Scholarship , Jesus College, University of Cambridge	<i>Cambridge, UK</i>
2009	Exhibitioner Award , Jesus College, University of Cambridge	<i>Cambridge, UK</i>
2008	Scholarship Award , Jesus College, University of Cambridge	<i>Cambridge, UK</i>
2007	Cambridge Commonwealth Trust Scholarship , University of Cambridge	<i>Cambridge, UK</i>
2007	NSS(BS) Scholarship , Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)	<i>Singapore</i>