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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Ph.D. in Operations Research, Advisor: Thodoris Lykouris

2022-Current

- Research Interests: Sequential Decision Making for Economic Environments, Machine Learning, Applied Probability, Online Marketplaces and Platforms
- Relevant Courses: Statistical Reinforcement Learning, Machine Learning, Inference and Information, Nonlinear Optimization, Probability, Linear Programming, Inventory Management, Revenue Management, GPA: 5/5

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

A.B. in Mathematics, Magna Cum Laude, GPA: 3.968/4

2018-2022

 Relevant Courses: Probability Theory, High-Dimensional Probability, Stochastic Calculus, Statistical Theory and Methods, Stochastic Control, Financial Econometrics, Machine Learning, Complex and Real Analysis, Combinatorics, Graph Theory, Algebra

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Research Assistant, Advisor: Thodoris Lykouris

August 2022-

 I develop theoretical frameworks and methodologies for sequential decision making and apply tools from stochastic processes to analyze and improve the efficiency of digital marketplaces.

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: S. Matthew Weinberg

2020-2022

- Designed a novel optimal online contention resolution scheme for k-uniform matroids and proved its optimality.
- Proved new tight bounds on manipulation gains in Incentive Compatible Tournament Design.

Princeton University, Department of Computer Science

Princeton NJ

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Ryan P. Adams

Summer 2019

- Designed and analyzed a Gibbs sampling algorithm for uniform samples from the Birkhoff polytope.

PUBLICATIONS

- Social Learning with Limited Attention: Negative Reviews Persist under Newest First with Jackie Baek and Thodoris Lykouris
 - 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC), 2024
 - Major Revision at Operations Research
 - arXiv link: https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.06929
- Simple and Optimal Online Contention Resolution Schemes for k-Uniform Matroids with S. Matthew Weinberg
 - Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), 2024
 - arXiv link: https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.10078
- Tight Bounds on 3-Team Manipulations in Randomized Death Match with S. Matthew Weinberg
 - Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2022
 - arXiv link: https://arxiv.org/abs/2301.07862

TALKS

- Social Learning with Limited Attention: Negative Reviews Persist under Newest First
 - INFORMS Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference SIG (MSOM SIG 2025), June 2025
 - Marketplace Innovation Workshop (MIW 2025), May 2025
 - INFORMS Annual Meeting (INFORMS 2024), October 2024
 - INFORMS Revenue Management and Pricing Section Conference (RMP 2024), July 2024
 - 25th ACM Conference on Economics and Computation (EC 2024), July 2024
 - INFORMS Manufacturing and Service Operations Management Conference (MSOM 2024), June 2024
- Simple and Optimal Online Contention Resolution Schemes for k-Uniform Matroids
 - Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science (ITCS), 2024
- Tight Bounds on 3-Team Manipulations in Randomized Death Match
 - Conference on Web and Internet Economics (WINE), 2022

Honors and Awards

| • Phi Beta Kappa, Princeton University | May 2022 |
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| • Sigma Xi, Princeton University | May 2022 |
| • Shapiro Prize For Academic Excellence, <i>Princeton University</i> , Top 2-3% of class | Sep 2020 |
| • International Mathematical Olympiad 2016 - Bronze Medal, 2017 - Bronze Medal, 2018 - Bronze Medal | 2016, 2017, 2018 |
| • William Lowell Putnam Mathematical Competition - Top 200 out of 4000 | 2018,2019 |
| • Balkan Mathematical Olympiad 2016 - Silver Medal, 2017 - Gold Medal, 2018 - Silver Medal | 2016, 2017, 2018 |
| • East Coast Regional Datathon, Citadel, Citadel Securities, and Correlation One - Top 8 out of 30 | Feb 2019 |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Data, Models, and Decisions (15.060), MIT Graduate, MBA Core Course, 400 students

Fall 2024

- Led recitations on random variables, linear and logistic regression, classiciation metrics, and optimization.
- Head Teaching Assistant, The Analytics Edge (15.071), MIT Graduate, MBA Course, 200 students

Spring 2024

- Designed and improved course materials on linear regression, classification, regularization, and CART.
- Princeton University, Teaching Assistant Economics and Computation (COS 445), Undergraduate, 200 students

Spring 2022

Industry Experience

Citadel Securities LLC

New York, NY

Quantitaive Trading Intern

Summer 2021

- Learned about financial markets; built time series model for ETF returns; analyzed counterparty accumulation.

Aquatic Capital Management

Chicago, IL

Research Intern

Summer 2020

Investigated a coordinate descent algorithm and optimized its performance on elastic net for large datasets.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Seminar Coordinator, MIT Operations Research Center (ORC)

Spring 2025

- Organize and coordinate weekly seminars featuring invited speakers in operations research and related fields.

SKILLS

Advanced: Python, R, Numpy, Pandas, scikit-learn, statsmodels, LATEX, Power Point

Intermediate: Git, GitHub, Julia, JuMP, Gurobi, Java, Excel

Basic: Matlab, C++