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Research interests: large-scale optimization algorithm design and analysis

Work Experience

HKU Musketeers Foundation Institute of Data Science (HKU-IDS) and Department of Mathematics,

The University of Hong Kong
Research Assistant Professor

HONG KONG, CHINA
11/01/2021 – present

Recruited under HKU-100 Global Recruitment Campaign

H. Milton Stewart School of Industrial and Systems Engineering,
Georgia Institute of Technology
Visiting scholar

ATLANTA, USA
03/01/2025 – 05/15/2025

Education & Training

Wisconsin Institute for Discovery, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Postdoctoral Associate

MADISON, WI, USA
10/22/2018 – 08/31/2021

Supervisor: Stephen J. Wright

Pennsylvania State University
PhD in Industrial Engineering

STATE COLLEGE, PA, USA
08/25/2013 – 08/11/2018

Dual Title Degree for Operations Research

Thesis advisor: Uday V. Shanbhag

Tsinghua University
Pure & Applied Mathematics

BEIJING, CHINA
09/01/2009 – 07/11/2013

Publications

Journal Paper Published:

- Yue Xie, Zhongjian Wang and Zhiwen Zhang, *Randomized methods for computing optimal transport without regularization and their convergence analysis*, **Journal of Scientific Computing**, 2024. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10915-024-02570-w>.
- Yue Xie and Stephen J. Wright, *Complexity of a Projected Newton-CG Method for Optimization with Bounds*, **Mathematical Programming series A**, 2023. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10107-023-02000-z>.
- Yue Xie and Stephen J. Wright, *Complexity of proximal augmented Lagrangian for nonconvex optimization with nonlinear equality constraints*, **Journal of Scientific Computing**, 2021. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10915-021-01409-y>.
- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, *Tractable ADMM schemes for computing KKT points and local minimizers for ℓ_0 -minimization problems*, **Computational Optimization and Application**, 2020. <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10589-020-00227-6>.
- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, *SI-ADMM: A stochastic inexact ADMM framework for stochastic convex programs*, **IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control**, vol. 65, no. 6, pp. 2355-2370, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.1109/TAC.2019.2953209>.
- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, *On robust solutions to uncertain linear complementarity problems and their variants*, **SIAM Journal on Optimization**, 26(4), pp. 2020-2159, 2016. <https://doi.org/10.1137/15M1010427>.

Electronic Preprint:

- Qi Wang, Uday Shanbhag, and Yue Xie, *A Parameter-Free Stochastic LineSearch Method (SLAM) for Minimizing Expectation Residuals*, **arXiv preprint**. [arXiv: 2512.14979](https://arxiv.org/abs/2512.14979). (Corresponding author)
- Yue Xie, Jiawen Bi and Hongcheng Liu, *On tackling high-dimensional nonconvex optimization via stochastic first-order methods with non-smooth proximal terms and variance reduction*, **arXiv preprint**. (Includes significant improvement over the previous arXiv version) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2509.13992>.

- Hanju Wu, and Yue Xie, *On Resolution of ℓ_1 -norm Minimization via Two-metric Adaptive Projection Method*, **arXiv preprint**. (Corresponding author) <https://arxiv.org/abs/2504.12260>.
- Peter Chen, Yue Xie, and Qingpeng Zhang, *Displacement-Sparse Neural Optimal Transport*, **arXiv preprint**. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2502.01889>.
- Yue Xie, Jiawen Bi and Hongcheng Liu, *Stochastic First-Order Methods with Non-smooth and Non-Euclidean Proximal Terms for Nonconvex High-Dimensional Stochastic Optimization*, **arXiv preprint**. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2406.19475>.

Conference Paper Published (peer reviewed):

- Hanju Wu and Yue Xie, A study on generalized two-metric projection methods. **2024 INFORMS Optimization Society Conference**, <https://sites.google.com/view/ios2024refereed?usp=sharing> (Submission # 5). ArXiv preprint, <https://arxiv.org/abs/2409.05321>.
- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, *SI-ADMM: A stochastic inexact ADMM framework for resolving structured stochastic convex programs*. **2016 Winter Simulation Conference (WSC)**, Washington, DC, 2016, pp. 714-725. <https://doi.org/10.1109/WSC.2016.7822135>.
- Yue Xie and Uday V. Shanbhag, *On robust solutions to uncertain monotone linear complementarity problems (LCPs) and their variants*. **53rd IEEE Annual Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)**, Los Angeles, CA, 2014, pp. 2834-2839. <https://doi.org/10.1109/CDC.2014.7039824>.

Peer Reviewed Workshop Proceedings:

- Peter Chen, Yue Xie, and Qingpeng Zhang, *SICNN: Sparsity-induced Input Convex Neural Network for Optimal Transport*. **OPT 2024: Optimization for Machine Learning**, 2024. <https://openreview.net/forum?id=iCLEUcDGUj>.
- Yue Xie, Zhongjian Wang and Zhiwen Zhang, *Random block coordinate descent methods for optimal transport and convergence analysis*. **Fortieth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop on New Frontiers in Learning, Control, and Dynamical Systems**, Hawaii, 2023. [Link to the article](#).
- Yue Xie and Stephen J. Wright, *Complexity of projected Newton methods for bound-constrained optimization*. **Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop: Beyond first order methods in machine learning systems**, Virtual, 2020. [Link to the article](#).

Grant

1. Hong Kong RGC General Research Fund (GRF), A study of algorithms and complexity to solve high-dimensional nonconvex optimization, Project number: 17300824, 683,973 HKD.
2. Co-PI of Guangdong Province fundamental and applied fundamental research regional joint fund: optimization modeling method and large-scale application demonstration in automatic analysis and auxiliary diagnosis of medical endoscope images, Project number: 2022B1515130009, 2 million RMB.
3. HKU-IDS start-up fund, 1.16 million HKD.

Teaching Experience

University of Hong Kong DATA 8008: Scalable Optimization Methods in Data Science Teacher	HONG KONG, CHINA Spring 2024, Fall 2024
University of Hong Kong DATA 8015: Mathematical Foundations of Data Science Teacher	HONG KONG, CHINA Fall 2025
University of Hong Kong ARIN 7600: Artificial Intelligence Capstone Project Supervisor/Co-supervisor	HONG KONG, CHINA Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Fall 2025
University of Hong Kong IDSS 2301: Data Science for Beginners: Theory, Algorithms and Applications Teacher	HONG KONG, CHINA Summer 2023

University of Hong Kong
ARIN 7011: Optimization in Artificial Intelligence
Teacher

HONG KONG, CHINA
Fall 2022

University of Wisconsin-Madison
CS/ISyE 730: Nonlinear Optimization II
Guest Lecturer

MADISON, WI, USA
Spring 2020

Pennsylvania State University
IE 425: Stochastic Models in Operations Research
Teaching Assistant

STATE COLLEGE, PA, USA
Spring 2018

Student/Postdoc/RA

1. PhD: Hanju Wu (Obtained undergraduate degree in Math at Sun Yat-sen University.)
2. MPhil: Luyao Ying (Obtained undergraduate degree in Math at UESTC.)
3. Research assistant: Yutong Xuan (Undergraduate student in Math at Zhejiang University.)
4. Research assistant: Peter Chen (Undergraduate student in Math and Computer Science at Columbia University.)
5. Research assistant: Enlong Shang (Obtained undergraduate degree in Math at Wuhan University.)
6. Research assistant: Jiawen Bi (Obtained undergraduate in Math at Zhejiang University. Current PhD student at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities)
7. Research assistant: Farshad Golnary (Graduated with PhD degree at HKUST.)

Reviewer of Journals

SIAM Journal on Optimization, Mathematical Programming, Mathematics of Operations Research, Journal of Machine Learning Research, Journal of Scientific Computing, Mathematical Programming Computation, IMA Journal of Numerical Analysis, IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control, IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing, Journal of the Operations Research Society of China, IIE Transactions, Optimization Letters, Networks and Spatial Economics, Journal of Optimization Theory and Applications, Computational Optimization and Applications, Optimization.

Selected presentations in the past five years

1. "Dimension-insensitive Stochastic First-order Methods for Nonconvex Optimization", presentation delivered at Shapirofest, Industrial and System Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, March 2025.
2. "On Resolution of ℓ_1 -norm Minimization via a Two-metric Adaptive Projection Method", presentation delivered at Department of Mathematics, National University of Singapore, Feb 2025.
3. "On Resolution of Large-scale Optimization", presentation delivered at Southern University Science and Technology, Department of Mathematics, November 2024.
4. "On algorithm design for constrained optimization problems in machine learning", presentation delivered at Department of Mathematics, University of California Irvine, June 2024.
5. "Randomized methods for computing optimal transport without regularization and their convergence analysis", presentation delivered at Center for Applied Optimization, University of Florida, Nov 2023.
6. "Constrained optimization: application, algorithm and complexity", presentation delivered at Institute of Data Science, the University of Hong Kong, June 2023.
7. "Complexity of projected Newton-CG methods for optimization with bounds", presentation delivered at Tongji University, May 2022.
8. "On addressing nonconvex problems in machine learning", presentation delivered in the Department of Mathematics and the Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering at the University of Hong Kong, Apr 2021.
9. "On Complexity of Constrained Nonconvex Optimization", presentation delivered in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Statistics at the Johns Hopkins University, Jan 2021.

10. "Complexity of augmented Lagrangian for nonconvex optimization with nonlinear constraints", presentation delivered at Institute for Operations Research and the Management Sciences (INFORMS) Annual Meeting, Virtual, Nov 2020.
11. "Complexity of projected Newton methods for bound-constrained optimization", presentation delivered at Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop: Beyond first order methods in machine learning systems, Virtual, July 2020. <https://sites.google.com/view/optml-icml2020>
12. "A tractable ADMM scheme for computing KKT points and local minimizers for ℓ_0 -minimization problems", presentation delivered at International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT), Berlin, Aug 2019.
