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Research Interests

- ◇ **Theory of statistics:** High-dimensional and non-parametric statistics.
- ◇ **Causal inference** with an emphasis on (non-asymptotic) theoretical viewpoints.
- ◇ **Machine learning theory:** Statistical foundations of reinforcement learning, statistical learning under distribution shift, optimization, and learning in games.
- ◇ **Probability theory:** Learning in the space of probability measures.

Education

The University of Chicago.

Chicago, IL, United States

- ◇ Ph.D. candidate in **Statistics**: Sep. 2022 –.
- ◇ **Advisor:** Professor [Cong Ma](#).

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology.

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- ◇ Bachelor of Science in **Mathematical Sciences**: Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2022.
- ◇ Graduated with honors (Summa Cum Laude and the KAIST Presidential Award).
- ◇ Left for mandatory military service: Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2020.

Publications

Published works (Here, * denotes equal contribution.)

1. **Off-policy estimation with adaptively collected data: the power of online learning.**
 - ◇ **Jeonghwan Lee** and Cong Ma.
 - ◇ *38th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, Dec. 2024. (Link: [arXiv:2411.12786](https://arxiv.org/abs/2411.12786)).
2. **A Worker-Task Specialization Model for Crowdsourcing: Efficient Inference and Fundamental Limits.**
 - ◇ Doyeon Kim*, **Jeonghwan Lee***, and Hye Won Chung.
 - ◇ *IEEE Transactions on Information Theory*, vol. 70, no. 3, pp. 2076–2117, Mar. 2024. (Link: [arXiv:2111.12550](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.12550)).
3. **A Generalized Worker-Task Specialization Model for Crowdsourcing: Optimal Limits and Algorithm.**
 - ◇ Doyeon Kim*, **Jeonghwan Lee***, and Hye Won Chung.
 - ◇ *Proceedings of the IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, Jul. 2022.
4. **Robust Hypergraph Clustering via Convex Relaxation of Truncated MLE.**
 - ◇ **Jeonghwan Lee**, Daesung Kim, and Hye Won Chung.
 - ◇ *IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Information Theory (JSAIT)*, vol. 1, no. 3, pp. 613–631, Nov. 2020. (Link: [arXiv:2003.10038](https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.10038)).

Honors and Scholarships	Doctoral Overseas Scholarship.	Sep. 2022 –
	◊ Kwanjeong Educational Foundation.	
	The KAIST Presidential Award.	Feb. 2022
	◊ The 2022 Commencement Ceremony of KAIST.	
	KAIST Math Problem Of the Week (POW).	Jun. 2019
	◊ Department of Mathematical Sciences at KAIST.	
	◊ Excellence award.	
Teaching Experience	University Students Contest of Mathematics.	Dec. 2017
	◊ Korean Mathematical Society.	
	◊ Silver prize (for majors).	
	Dean’s List.	Sep. 2017
	◊ College of Natural Sciences at KAIST.	
	Honor Student at KAIST.	Aug. 2017 – Present
	National Excellence Scholarship for Science & Engineering.	Mar. 2017 – Jun. 2021
Work Experience	◊ Korea Student Aid Foundation.	
	Department Honorary Scholarship.	Mar. 2017 – Jun. 2017
	◊ Department of Mathematical Sciences at KAIST.	
	◊ Awarded to the top student in the previous semester.	
	Teaching assistants at the University of Chicago.	
	◊ STAT 22000: Statistical methods and applications.	Winter 2025
	◊ STAT 22000: Statistical methods and applications.	Autumn 2023
◊ STAT 22000: Statistical methods and applications.	Winter 2023	
Attended Programs	Learning support volunteer activity.	Mar. 2019 – Dec. 2019
	◊ The place of work: Jinju Dong Middle School.	
	◊ Worked as a mathematics learning support assistant for two semesters.	
Attended Programs	Republic of Korea Air Force.	Oct. 2018 – Aug. 2020
	◊ The place of work: Education and Training Command of the Republic of Korea Air Force.	
	◊ Worked as an aerographer (Mandatory military service).	
Attended Programs	◊ Starting position: Airman Basic / Ending position: Staff Sergeant.	
	38th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS).	
	◊ The NeurIPS Foundation.	Dec. 2024
Attended Programs	Statistics annual winter workshop: Causal inference and its applications.	
	◊ Dept. of Statistics and Dept. of Economics at the University of Florida.	Jan. 2024

Big Data and Machine Learning in Econometrics, Finance, and Statistics.

◇ Stevanovich Center for Financial Mathematics at the University of Chicago. Oct. 2022

The 2nd Workshop on Seeking Low-dimensionality in Deep Neural Networks.

◇ IEEE Information Theory Society. Nov. 2021

Summer School on Random Structures in Optimizations & Related Applications.

◇ The School of Mathematics at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. Jun. 2021

The 17th KIAS Combinatorics Workshop.

◇ Korea Institute for Advanced Study. Aug. 2017

Skills

Computer Skills

- ◇ Programming languages: Python, C++, Java, MATLAB, R.
- ◇ Softwares: \LaTeX , Excel.

Languages

- ◇ Korean: Native.
- ◇ English: Fluent.
- ◇ Japanese: Moderate.

References

Professor [Cong Ma](mailto:congma@uchicago.edu) (congma@uchicago.edu)

◇ *Assistant Professor* in the [Department of Statistics](#) at the [University of Chicago](#).

Professor [Hye Won Chung](mailto:hwchung@kaist.ac.kr) (hwchung@kaist.ac.kr)

◇ *Associate Professor* in the [School of Electrical Engineering](#) and the [School of Computing](#) at [KAIST](#).