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RESEARCH INTERESTS Machine learning: statistical learning with correlated data; Bayesian methods; interpretable/explainable

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Computational biology: statistical methods in evolutionary biology; uncertainty quantification, experimental design and control of biological systems

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor

Department of Mathematical Sciences

University of Delaware, Newark, Delaware, US.

August 2017 – present

Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Seattle, Washington, US.

January 2015 – July 2017

EDUCATION

2014 Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, US

Ph.D. in Mathematics

2009 Université d'Orléans, Orléans, France

M.S. in Applied Mathematics, 2009

2008 University of Science, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

B.S. in Mathematics and Computer Science

GRANTS

NSF Award DMS-1951474 (07/31/2020 – 08/01/2022). A statistical learning framework for phylogenetic inference: information, uncertainty, and geometry. PI: Vu Dinh

UDRF Strategic Initiatives Grant (02/01/2022 – 01/31/2024). *Information-theoretical and geometric measures of phylogenetic diversity*. PIs: Vu Dinh and Mokshay Madiman

PUBLICATIONS

1. Lam Si Tung Ho and Vu Dinh (2022).

Searching for minimal optimal neural networks.

To appear on **Statistics and Probability Letters**.

2. Cuong V Nguyen, Lam Si Tung Ho, Huan Xu, Vu Dinh, Binh T Nguyen.

Bayesian active learning with abstention feedbacks.

Neurocomputing 471 (2022): 242-250.

3. Vu Dinh and Lam Si Tung Ho.

Convergence of maximum likelihood supertree reconstruction.

AIMS Mathematics 6 (8), 8870-8883.

Invited. Special issue of Mathematics in Science and Industry.

4. Vu Dinh* and Lam Si Tung Ho*.

Consistent feature selection for analytic deep neural networks.

Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020)

5. Cheng Zhang*, Vu Dinh* and Frederick A. Matsen IV.

Non-bifurcating phylogenetic inference via the adaptive lasso.

The Journal of the American Statistical Association (2020): 1-16.

6. Lam Si Tung Ho, Binh T Nguyen, Vu Dinh, Duy Nguyen.

Posterior concentration and fast convergence rates for generalized Bayesian learning. **Information Sciences** 538 (2020): 372-383.

7. Lam Si Tung Ho*, Vu Dinh*, Frederick A. Matsen IV and Marc A. Suchard.

Consistency of the maximum likelihood estimator for the transition rate under a 2-state symmetric model.

The Journal of Mathematical Biology 80.4 (2020): 1119-1138.

8. Lam Si Tung Ho, Vu Dinh and Cuong Nguyen.

Multi-task learning improves ancestral state reconstruction in evolutionary biology. **Theoretical Population Biology** 126 (2019): 33-39.

9. David A. Shaw, Vu Dinh and Frederick A. Matsen IV.

Joint maximum likelihood of phylogeny and ancestral states is not consistent.

Molecular Biology and Evolution 36.10 (2019): 2352-2357.

10. Binh T. Nguyen, Duy M. Nguyen, Lam S. T. Ho and Vu Dinh.

An active learning framework for set inversion.

Knowledge-Based Systems 185 (2019): 104917.

Invited paper. A conference version of this paper wins the Best Paper Award at the 17th International Conference on Intelligent Software Methodologies, Tools and Techniques (SoMeT 2018, Granada, Spain).

11. Vu Dinh*, Lam Si Tung Ho*, Marc A. Suchard and Frederick A. Matsen IV.

Consistency and convergence of phylogenetic inference with species tree regularization.

The Annals of Statistics 46.4 (2018): 1481-1512.

12. Vu Dinh, Aaron E. Darling and Frederick A. Matsen IV.

Online Bayesian phylogenetic inference: theoretical foundations via Sequential Monte Carlo.

Systematic Biology 67.3 (2018) 503–517.

13. Mathieu Fourment, Brian C. Claywell, Vu Dinh, Connor McCoy, Frederick A. Matsen IV and Aaron E. Darling.

Effective online Bayesian phylogenetics via Sequential Monte Carlo with guided proposals.

Systematic Biology 67.3 (2018) 490–502.

14. Owen G. Rehrauer, Vu Dinh, Bharat R. Mankani, Gregery T. Buzzard, Bradley Lucier and Dor Ben-Amotz.

Binary-complementary compressive filters for Raman spectroscopy.

The Journal of Applied Spectroscopy 72.1 (2018), 69-78.

15. Brian C. Claywell, Vu Dinh, Mathieu Fourment, Conner O. McCoy and Frederick A. Matsen IV.

A surrogate function for one-dimensional phylogenetic likelihoods.

Molecular Biology and Evolution 35.1 (2018), 242-246.

16. Vu Dinh*, Arman Bilge*, Cheng Zhang* and Frederick A. Matsen IV. Probabilistic path Hamiltonian Monte Carlo.

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2017).

17. Vu Dinh and Frederick A. Matsen IV.

The shape of the one-dimensional phylogenetic likelihood function.

The Annals of Applied Probability 27.3 (2017): 1646-1677.

18. Vu Dinh, Ann E. Rundell and Gregery T. Buzzard.

Convergence of Griddy Gibbs sampling and other perturbed Markov chains.

Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation 87.7 (2017): 1379-1400.

19. Ankush Chakrabarty, Vu Dinh, Martin Corless, Ann E. Rundell, Stanislaw H. Zak and Gregery T. Buzzard.

SVM-informed explicit nonlinear model predictive control using low-discrepancy sequences.

IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control 62.1 (2017): 135-148.

20. Vu Dinh, Lam Si Tung Ho, Binh T. Nguyen and Duy Nguyen.

Fast learning rates with heavy-tailed losses.

Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2016).

21. Vu Dinh*, Lam Si Tung Ho*, Nguyen Viet Cuong, Duy Nguyen and Binh T. Nguyen. Learning from non-iid data: fast rates for the one-vs-all multiclass plug-in classifiers. **Theory and Applications of Models of Computation** (TAMC 2015).

22. Vu Dinh, Ann E. Rundell and Gregery T. Buzzard.

Experimental design for dynamic identification of cellular processes.

Bulletin of Mathematical Biology 76.3 (2014): 597-626.

23. Vu Dinh, Ann E. Rundell and Gregery T. Buzzard.

Effective sampling schemes for behavior discrimination for nonlinear models.

International Journal for Uncertainty Quantification 4.6 (2014): 535-554.

24. Ankush Chakrabarty, Vu Dinh, Gregery T. Buzzard, Stanislaw H. Zak and Ann E. Rundell.

Robust explicit nonlinear model predictive control with integral sliding mode.

American Control Conference (ACC 2014).

25. Nguyen Viet Cuong, Lam Si Tung Ho and Vu Dinh.

Generalization and robustness of batched weighted average algorithm with V-geometrically ergodic Markov data.

Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT 2013).

26. Jeffrey P. Perley, Judith Mikolajczak, Vu Dinh, Marietta L. Harrison, Gregery T. Buzzard and Ann E. Rundell.

Systematically manipulating T-cell signaling dynamics via multiple model informed open-loop controller design.

IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC 2012).

Nguyen Viet Cuong, Vu Dinh and Lam Si Tung Ho.
 Mel-frequency cepstral coefficients for eye movement identification.
 IEEE International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI 2012).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

- NSF Reviewer: 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022
- Reviewer (Machine learning and statistics):
 - Journal of Machine Learning Research
 - Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics
 - Bayesian Analysis
 - Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
 - International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
 - AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)
 - International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
 - International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
- Reviewer (Computational biology):
 - Journal of Mathematical Biology
 - Bulletin of Mathematical Biology
 - Bioinformatics
 - Systematic Biology
 - IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics
 - IET Systems Biology
 - American Control Conference (ACC)

TALKS

- 2020 Consistent feature selection for analytic deep neural networks..

 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2020)
- 2019 Statistical learning with evolutionary-related correlated random variables.. AMS Fall Central Sectional Meeting. University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2018 Inferring non-bifurcating phylogenies with the adaptive lasso. Joint Statistical Meeting (JSM 2018).
- 2018 Regularized estimators for inferring non-bifurcating evolutionary trees. AMS Fall Eastern Sectional Meeting. University of Delaware.
- 2017 Convergence of phylogenetic regularization.Center for Applications of Mathematics in Medicine. University of Delaware.
- 2017 Online Bayesian phylogenetic inference via Sequential Monte Carlo.
 11th International Conference on Monte Carlo Methods and Applications (MCM 2017).
 University of Montreal.
- 2017 Next-generation methods for phylogenetic inference: a theoretical foundation. Department of Mathematical Sciences. University of Delaware.

2016 Fast learning rates with heavy-tailed losses.2016 Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS 2016), Barcelona.

2016 Hamiltonian Monte Carlo on the space of phylogenies.

World Congress in Probability and Statistics.

Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences.

2015 The shape of the one-dimensional phylogenetic likelihood function.

Department of Genome Sciences.

University of Washington.

2014 Experimental design for uncertainty reduction: a probabilistic approach. Sandia National Laboratories.

2014 Uncertainty quantification and experimental design of cellular processes. Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.

2014 A probabilistic method for efficient behavior classification. SIAM Conference on Uncertainty Quantification.

2013 Effective sampling schemes for behavior discrimination in enzymatic reaction networks.

NNSA Center for Prediction of Reliability, Integrity and Survivability of Microsystems.

2012 Experimental design for dynamics identification of biological systems. University of Notre Dame.