

# Ruicheng Ao

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## EDUCATION

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09/2019-07/2023     **School of Mathematical Sciences, Peking University**  
**B.S. in Mathematics**  
GPA: 3.85/4.00

09/2023-05/2028     **Institute for Data, Systems, and Society (IDSS) at MIT**  
Expected     **Ph.D in Social & Engineering Systems**  
**Advisor: David Simchi-levi**  
GPA: 5.0/5.0

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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My research focuses on online **decision making**, encompassing **online resource allocation problems** and **experimental design**. I'm interested in exploring data-driven theoretical and algorithmic frameworks with practical applications in various fields, including **revenue management**, **service systems**, and **sequential hypothesis testing**.

## PREPRINTS

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1. Ruicheng Ao, Hengyu Fu, and David Simchi-levi, "Two-stage Online Reusable Resource Allocation: Reservation, Overbooking and Confirmation Call", [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=4990991](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4990991), available on SSRN.
2. Ruicheng Ao, Hongyu Chen, David Simchi-levi, Feng Zhu, "Bayesian Online Multiple Testing: A Resource Allocation Approach", [https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\\_id=4723579](https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=4723579), available on SSRN, finalist in *Revenue Management and Pricing 2024 Jeff McGill Student Paper Award*.
3. Cheng Chen, Ruitao Chen, Tianyou Li, Ruicheng Ao, Zaiwen Wen, "Monte carlo policy gradient method for binary optimization", arXiv preprint arXiv:2307.00783, under major review at *Mathematical Programming*.

## PUBLICATIONS

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1. Ruicheng Ao, Shicong Cen, and Yuejie Chi, "Asynchronous Gradient Play in Zero-Sum Multi-agent Games", International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Kigali, Rwanda, May 2023.
2. Jiang Hu, Ruicheng Ao, Anthony Man-Cho So, Minghan Yang, Zaiwen Wen, "Riemannian Natural Gradient Methods", *SIAM Journal on Scientific Computing* 46 (1), A204-A231.

## WORKING PAPER

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1. Ruicheng Ao, Hongyu Chen, and David Simchi-levi, "Active Experimentation with LLM Predictions", working paper.

## TEACHING

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1. 6.431x Probability - The Science of Uncertainty and Data (Fall 2024 TA)
2. 6.419x Data Analysis: Statistical Modeling and Computation in Applications (Summer 2024 TA)

## TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

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- INFORMS Annual Meeting 2024, Seattle, WA  
Two-Stage Online Resource Allocation: Reservation, Overbooking and Confirmation Call

## AWARDS

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| 2024 | Finalist, Revenue Management and Pricing 2024 Jeff McGill Student Paper Award |
| 2022 | National Scholarship  |

2022 1st in S.T Yau College Student Mathematics Contest (applied math, team)  
2022 Honorable Mention in the Alibaba Global Mathematics Competition  
2021 2nd in S.T. Yau College Student Mathematics Contest

### **SKILLS & ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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Programming Python, C/C++, R, MATLAB, Julia, html  
Student Service Member of Community Department, Student Union, School of Mathematical Sciences,  
Peking University