

# FEIYAN MA

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## EDUCATION

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**Tsinghua University**  
Undergraduate at Weiyang College  
Major in Mathematics and Physics

*Sep. 2021 - Jun. 2026 (expected)*  
Overall GPA: 3.88/4.00

## SKILLS

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**Programming** R, Python,  $\LaTeX$ , Git  
**Language** Chinese (native), English (TOEFL 108 [R30/L26/S23/W29]), French

## PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

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*(\* indicates equal contribution.)*

**(Preprint)** Xinyuan Fan\*, Feiyan Ma\*, Chenlei Leng, Weichi Wu. “Low-Rank Approaches to Graphon Modeling in Networks”. [arXiv link]

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Low-Rank Approaches to Graphon Learning in Networks** Mar 2024 - Jan 2025  
*Supervised by Prof. Weichi Wu* *DSDS, Tsinghua University*

- We propose a novel approach that directly leverages a low-rank representation of the graphon for parsimonious modeling. This representation naturally yields both a low-rank connection probability matrix and a low-rank graphon — two tasks that are often infeasible in existing literature — while also addressing the well-known identification issues in graphon estimation.
- By exploiting the additive structure of this representation, we develop an efficient sequential fitting algorithm that estimates the low-rank connection matrix using subgraph counts and reconstructs the graphon function through interpolation.
- We provide the convergence rate of our method, and validate its computational efficiency and estimation accuracy through comprehensive simulation studies.

## RELEVANT COURSES

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**Undergraduate Core Courses:** Probability Theory (1) (A+), Measures and Integrals (A), Numerical Analysis (A), Basic Functional Analysis (A), Linear Regression Analysis (A-), Statistical Inference (A-), Reliability Data and Survival Analysis (A), ...

**Other Relevant Courses:** Abstract Algebra (A), Topology (A), Differential Geometry (A), Financial Statistics (A+), Operation Research (A), Intro to Biostatistics (A), Intro to Optimization Theory (A-), Topics in Logics (A), Advanced Topics in Linear Algebra (A-), Partial Differential Equations (ongoing), ...

**Graduate-Level Courses:** Advanced Mathematical Statistics I (A), Advanced Mathematical Statistics II (A-), Computational Probability (A), Probability (2) (B+), Statistical Analysis of Network Data (ongoing), Advanced Statistical Methodology (ongoing)

## HONORS & AWARDS

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**Honorable Mention**, 2024 Mathematical Contest in Modeling Feb 2024  
**Gold Medal**, The 19th China Girls Mathematical Olympiad (CGMO) Aug 2020  
**First Prize**, National High School Mathematics League, Shanghai Region Sep 2020