Bo-An Chen

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EDUCATION

National Taiwan University (NTU)

Taipei, TWN

B.S. in Physics & B.A. in Economics (with Honors)

09/2021 - Expected 06/2025

GPA: 4.17/4.30 (4th out of 87, Department of Physics)

FIELDS OF INTEREST

Economic Theory, Applied Econometrics, Social Networks

Relevant Coursework

- Economics (Grad. Level): Topics on Mechanism Design (A+), Economics of Social Learning and Networks (A+), Economic Analysis of Social Networks (A+), Econometric Theory I (A/A+), Decision Theory in Econometrics (A+)
- Mathematics: A Modern Approach of Differential Equations (A+), Applied Mathematics III (Group Theory & Complex Analysis) (A-), Bayesian Statistical Methods (A-), Cosmology (A+) (w/ Differential Geometry)

Grants & Awards

| • College Student Research Creativity Award, National Science and Technology Council (NSTC) | 07/2024 |
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| • Excellent English as Medium Instruction (EMI) Teaching Assistant Award, NTU | 06/2024 |

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Spring 2024

• Outstanding Undergraduate Research Poster Award, Department of Physics, NTU

05/2024

• Research Grant for University Student, NSTC

07/2023 - 02/2024

• I-Sian Outstanding Essay Award, Department of Economics, NTU

01/2024

• Honorable Mentions for Essays on Humanities, College of Liberal Arts, NTU

2022, 2023, 2024

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant - Professor Chih-Sheng Hseih

• Dean's List Award (Top 5%), Department of Physics, NTU

05/2024 - Present

Department of Economics, NTU

- Collaborating on A Weighting Approach to Correct Estimation Biases in Network Formation Models due to Random and Non-Random Missing Samples
- Establishing computational algorithms such as double Metropolis-Hastings algorithm (DMH) and approximate Bayesian computation (ABC) for posterior sampling in high-dimensional weighted network statistics
- Working on the initiative project Policy Analysis with Partially Observed Networks
- Estimating the effects of endogenous network changes induced by policy treatments and their welfare outcomes with bias-corrections in structural network models
- Assisting on the working paper Collaboration in Bipartite Networks (R&R at AEJ: Micro)

Thesis Student - Professor Jimmy Hing Chi Chan

02/2024 - Present

Department of Economics, NTU

- Undergraduate thesis: Social Learning with Rational Inattention (tentative)

 Analyzing how agents rationally interpret preceding movers' actions as signals and incorporate them into their private information acquisition strategies.

Undergraduate Research Fellow - Professor Hsuan-Wei Lee

07/2023 - 02/2024

Institute of Sociology, Academia Sinica

- Completed the initiative project Opinion dynamics on heterogeneous agents: A social network perspective
- Developed agent-based model on dynamical networks, identified modes of symmetry breaking in topological phases, and characterized the stochastic dynamics for reaching equilibrium
- Demonstrated that agent heterogeneity mitigates opinion polarization in adaptive networks, with low-openness agents prolonging communication time but enhancing consensus strength
- Granted and awarded by NSTC, Taiwan

Undergraduate Researcher & Assistant - Professor Ting-Wen Lan

09/2021 - 02/2024

Graduate Institute of Astrophysics, NTU

- Led the project Mapping the 3D gas distribution of the Milky Way [On Hold]
- Curated large sky surveyed stellar catalogs and conducted high-dimensional statistical learning for identifying and estimating gas signals in over 10⁶ spectroscopic data
- Assisted in laboratory server maintenance and administration (until December 2022)

Publications

1. Wei-An Chen, Chuan-Jui Li, You-Hua Chu, Shutaro Ueda, Kuo-Song Wang, Sheng-Yuan Liu, and **Bo-An Chen** (2023) "New Insights on 30 Dor B Revealed by High-Quality Multi-wavelength Observations". *The Astronomical Journal*, **166**(5), 204.

WORKING PAPER

- 1. **Bo-An Chen** and Hsuan-Wei Lee "Opinion Dynamics on Adaptive Networks with Heterogeneous Openness" [Forthcoming]
- 2. **Bo-An Chen** "Pilot Survey: The egalitarian ideology of labor movements in Japan-colonizing Taiwan (1898-1932)" [Draft in Mandarin]

Presentations

• Taipei Astronomy Workshop [Speaker]

Mapping the 3D Gas Distribution of the Milky Way

01/2024

• 2023 Annual Meeting, The Astronomical Society of Taiwan (R.O.C.) [Poster Presentation] Mapping the 3D Gas Distribution of the Milky Way

05/2023

• Student Seminar, Academia Sinica Institute of Astronomy and Astrophysics (ASIAA) [Speaker]

Are the Missing Baryons on Halo Scales Residing in Warm-Hot-Phase CGM? (with Yi-Shing Tsang)

05/2022

• Statistics Workshop, NTU High Energy Physics Group (HEP) [Speaker]

Maximum Likelihood Methods for Signal Estimation in Experimental Particle Physics

03/2022

Teaching Experience

• Trade Theory (Ziho Park): EMI teaching assistant at NTU

Fall 2023

OUTREACH

| • | Guest Lecturer, EMI Teaching Workshop, National Taiwan University of Science and Technology | Fall 2024 |
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| • | Co-organizer and Moderator, ASIAA Student Seminar Series, Academia Sinica | Spring 2022 |
| • | Member, Student Committee of Gender Equality, NTU | Fall 2021 |
| • | Voluntary Tutor for Low-Income Household Students, Department of Physics, NTU | Fall 2021 |
| • | Volunteer, International Companions for Learning, Ministry of Education, Taiwan | Fall 2021 |

SKILLS

- Computing: Python, C++, R, STATA, Unix, Git, SQL, MATLAB, Mathematica, Fortran.
- Languages: Mandarin (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Basic).