Viktor Stein - PhD candidate, Applied Maths

Positions

08.2024 - 09.2024	Research visit (Wuchen Li at the University of South Carolina) (Accelerated Stein metric gradient flows with general bilinear kernels on Gaussian families.)
In the Applied Mathemat	cics group at Technical University Berlin.
08.2023 - 01.2029	PhD candidate (with teaching responsibilities from 2024 on, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research under the project "VI-Screen" until then.)
04.2023 - 07.2023	PhD Stipend (Researching Wasserstein gradient flows with respect to the Rényi divergence and entropy.)
06.2021 - 03.2023	Student research assistant (Research on Wasserstein gradient flows, writ- ing a script for the lecture "Approximation theory" and rewriting the script for the lecture "Convex Analysis" in the setting of infinite-dimensional spaces, proofreading manuscripts.)
At the Department of Ma	athematics, Technical University Berlin.
10.2019 - 03.2021	Tutor (Giving tutorials and correcting homework for the lectures "Functional Analysis I", "Differential Equations I" and "Linear Algebra for Engineers".)
Preprints	
14.08.2024	Wasserstein Gradient Flows of MMD Functionals with Distance

	Kernel and Cauchy Problems on Quantile Functions (Joint work with Richard Duong, Robert Beinert (TU Berlin), Johannes Hertrich (UCL) and Gabriele Steidl (TU Berlin).)
30.04.2024	Interpolating between Optimal Transport and KL regularized Opti- mal Transport using Rényi Divergences (Joint work with Jonas Bresch (TU Berlin).)
07.02.2024	Wasserstein Gradient Flows for Moreau Envelopes of <i>f</i> -Divergences in Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces (Joint work with Sebastian Neu- mayer, (TU Chemnitz), Gabriele Steidl and Nicolaj Rux (TU Berlin).)

Talks

19.08.2024	Wasserstein Gradient Flows for Moreau Envelopes of <i>f</i> -Divergences
	in Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces (UCLA level set seminar (Stan
	Osher))

Posters and presentations at conferences

1721.06.2024	Learning and Optimization in Luminy (LOL) (Wasserstein Gradient Flows for Moreau Envelopes of f -Divergences in Reproducing Kernel Hilbert Spaces, Poster)
1115.03.2024	Workshop on Optimal transport from theory to applications - In- terfacing dynamical systems, optimization and machine learning (Wasserstein Gradient Flows for Moreau Envelopes of <i>f</i> -Divergences in Re- producing Kernel Hilbert Spaces, Poster)

Winter $2024/25$	Analysis II for Mathematicians (Tutor)	
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Compulsory module in the Mathematics program, covering multidimensional derivatives, inverse function theorem, ...

Winter 2024/25 Harmonic Analysis (Lecture assistant)

Elective advanced module in the Mathematics program.

Summer 2024 Convex Analysis (Lecture assistant)

Elective advanced module in the Mathematics program.

01.2024 - 02.2024 Numerical Mathematics I (Lecture assistant)

Third-semester's compulsory module (in German) in the Mathematics Bachelors program.

Education

04.2021 – 05.2023 Mathematics Master (Technische Universität Berlin. Final grade: 1.1)

Focus on further Functional Analysis topics as well as Topology, Differential Geometry, Complex Analysis and Statistics. Master's thesis: Wasserstein gradient flows - with an eye towards positive matrix-valued measures. Supervised by Prof. Gabriele Steidl and Dr. Robert Beinert.

10.2017 – 04.2021 Mathematics Bachelor (Technische Universität Berlin. Final grade: 2.0)

Focus on Functional Analysis and Differential Equations with a minor in Machine Learning. Bachelor's thesis: Atomic Norm Minimisation for Superresolution. Supervised by Prof. Gabriele Steidl and Dr. Robert Beinert.

Community service

I have reviewed for the Journal Of Optimization Theory and Applications (JOTA), Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR) as well as a for the Bayesian Decision-making and Uncertainty Workshop at NeurIPS 2024.

Awards

At the 17. annual Dies Mathematicus in 2022 at the TU Berlin I received a prize for the best Bachelor's thesis talk.

IT Skills

I have a good knowledge of Python, including torch and using a HPC cluster. Furthermore, am comfortable with MATLAB and well versed in $L^{AT}EX$.

Volunteer work

I the school year 2022/23 I have been tutoring around fourteen seventh-graders in weekly sessions discussing mathematical puzzles and questions from the German Mathematical Olympiad.

I have also served as corrector at the team competition at the Tag der Mathematik 2022 (Mathematics Day) organized by the three Berlin universities, where sixty-nine teams of high schoolers participated.

Language skills

My native language is German. I have received English lessons since preschool and in Primary and Middle School, where many subjects were taught in English by native speakers. Furthermore I have been instructed in Spanish by native speakers from grade four to grade ten and started teaching myself French in December 2023.