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Research Seminar

**New Algorithms and Complexity Analysis of
Multistage Stochastic and Distributionally
Robust Optimization**

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Abstract: In this talk, we will discuss some new advances in algorithm design and analysis for multistage stochastic optimization. In particular, we will present a general framework for distributionally robust optimization. The talk will be held on Friday, March 12, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The Zoom link is <https://smu.zoom.us/j/95095343594>.

solving multistage stochastic mixed integer nonlinear programs (MS-MINLP). This new framework significantly generalizes the traditional SDDP algorithm for multistage stochastic linear program and the recent stochastic dual dynamic integer programming (SDDiP) for multistage stochastic mixed-integer linear programs to MS-MINLP and multistage distributionally robust optimization with non-Lipschitzian value functions. We will also present a complete result that settles an important open question regarding the iteration complexity of SDDP-type algorithms in this general framework. This is joint work with my doctoral student Shixuan Zhang.