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education

phd | computer science

uc berkeley | 2017-present

- research: comp. neuroscience, interpretability, machine learning
- advisor: bin yu
- collaborators: jack gallant, alejandro rico-guevara

bs | computer science & math university of virginia | 2017

- concentration in statistics
- graduated with high distinction

coursework

computation

machine learning computer vision structure learning algorithms artificial intelligence deep learning seminar learning theory deep learning in graphics theory of computation data structures software dev. I & II

neuroscience

neurobiology neural network models visual neuroscience cognitive science

mathematics

statistical models probability statistics optimization linear algebra real analysis linear models stochastic processes chaos theory I & II multivariate calculus discrete mathematics differential equations abstract algebra experience

berkeley b. yu research lab | ai researcher

fall 2017 - present

- investigated methods to interpret deep learning models
- developed machine-learning algorithms to model neural data

facebook | computer vision intern

summer 2017

- improved deep learning models for semantic segmentation of satellite imagery
- investigated autoencoders for unsupervised layer-wise pretraining
- implemented crfs for segmentation post-processing

uva y. qi research lab | ml researcher

fall 2016 - spring 2017

- developed novel weighted- ℓ_1 , multi-task gaussian graphical model
- analyzed large-scale functional brain connectivity with graphical models

hhmi s. turaga research lab | ml researcher

summer 2015, winter 2015, summer 2016

- extended novel watershed algorithms for neural image segmentation
- contributed to development of novel 3d unet cnn architecture with malis loss
- distributed mllib random forest over compute cluster with apache spark

uva w. levy research lab | comp. neuroscience researcher fall 2014 - fall 2016

- simulated detailed biophysical neurons to understand biological neural computation
- simulated stochastic gating of sodium channels to analyze noise, variability, and mutual information
- analyzed energy efficiency of neurons, particularly with regard to interpulse interval coding
- performed calculations for top-down and bottom-up partitioning of the brain's energy budget

hhmi scientific computing | research intern

summer 2014

- examined effects of back-propagating action potentials by simulating intracellular neural firing with detailed biophysical models
- simulated extracellular recording from neurons and measured noise
- made detailed visualizations of action potential firing

research innovations inc. | web dev / android intern

summer 2013 - spring 2014

- developed web application to simultaneously coordinate different tasks
- developed android app to increase data storage capacity of gr codes



skills

languages

experienced
python • java • matlab
proficient

r • c++ • c • android • mathematica familiar

scala • javascript • django

machine learning

frameworks

pytorch • tensorflow • scikit-learn
keras • mllib • caffe

algorithms

cnns • graphical models • rfs

general

software

ATEX • photoshop • NEURON

os

linux • mac • windows

ides

intellij • pycharm • eclipse • vim

collaboration

slack • github • markdown

languages

english • spanish • hindi

android

activity lifecycle • ui design • graphics

web

basic languages • django • mapping

teaching

berkeley | student instructor summer 2018

• cs 189/289: machine learning

papers / posters

published/accepted

- funke, tschopp, grisaitis, sheridan, singh, saalfeld, & turaga, 2018: "large scale image segmentation with structured-loss-based deep learning for connectome reconstruction" *tpami* %</>
- morel, singh, & levy, 2018: "linearized synaptic integration at no extra cost" journal of computational neuroscience %
- singh, wang, & qi, 2017: "a weighted-\$\ell_1\$, multi-task graphical model with applications to heterogeneous brain connectivity" nips 2017 amlicd workshop % </>
- singh & levy, 2017: "a consensus layer V pyramidal neuron can sustain interpulse-interval coding" plos one. % </>

under review

- singh, murdoch, & yu, 2018: "hierarchical interpretations for neural network predictions" % </>
- levy lab: "neural computation at the thermal limit" % </>

posters / talks

- singh, 2017: "a novel machine-learning algorithm for uncovering brain connections underlying autism" uva undergraduate research & design symposium, winner in design category %
- singh, 2017: "uncovering brain connections underlying autism via graphical models" tom tom founder's machine learning conference %
- singh, 2017: "complexity leads to simplicity: investigating neural linearization via biophysical simulations" uva undergraduate research & design symposium semifinalist in research category (1 of 6 undergraduates) %
- singh, hewitt, & turaga, 2015: "optimizing random forest image segmentation for connectomics" janelia undergraduate scholar poster session %

awards

| uva rader research award | 2017 |
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| uva undergraduate research symposium winner | 2017 |
| raven honor society | 2016-2017 |
| icpc regional qualification | 2014-2016 |
| 1st place microsoft code competition | 2016 |
| 3rd place google games uva | 2017 |
| 2nd place apt puzzle competition | 2017 |
| intermediate honors | 2016 |
| dean's list | 2014-2017 |

funding awards

| bair graduate student researcher appointment | 2018 |
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| eecs departmental fellowship | 2017 |
| vidya balvantrai shelat fund award | 2016 |
| rodman scholar | 2014-2017 |

outside activities

| im basketball, soccer, frisbee | 2015-2018 |
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| apda, pf debate | 2010-2017 |
| indian student association | 2014-2017 |
| madison house volunteering (computer literacy) | 2014-2017 |
| chinmaya mission volunteering | 2010-2014 |

