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education

phd | computer science

uc berkeley | 2017-present

- research: interpretable ml, computational neuroscience
- advisor: bin yu
- collaborators: jack gallant
- gpa: 3.92

bs | computer science & math university of virginia | 2017

- cs gpa: 3.97, math gpa: 3.89
- concentration in statistics
- graduated with high distinction

coursework

computation

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

stat/math

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

neuroscience

neural coding neural network models neurobiology visual neuroscience cognitive science

experience

berkeley b. yu research lab | ml researcher

fall 2017 - present

- investigated methods to interpret deep learning models
- developed machine-learning algorithms to model neural data
- developed statistical methods to learn from small data

pacmed ai | interpretable ml intern

summer 2019

• will develop techniques to interpret machine-learning models for healthcare

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 neural computation
- analyzed energy efficiency, noise, and variability of neural computation via stochastic sodium-channel gating

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



teaching

berkeley | student instructor summer 2018

- cs 189/289: machine learning
- lectures to class of 80+ students %

skills

languages

experienced python • java • matlab proficient

r • c++ • c • mathematica

machine learning

frameworks pytorch • tensorflow • scikit-learn keras • mllib • caffe algorithms cnns • graphical models • rfs

general

languages english • spanish • hindi software LATEX • photoshop • NEURON linux • mac • windows ides jupyter • intellij • eclipse • vim web/mobile basic languages • javascript • django android • jekyll • mapping apis

projects (non-research)

hummingbird tracking with opency % </> news balancer django app </> notes, blog, & slides %

funding awards

neurocomputing workshop travel award (2019)

pdsoros fellowship finalist (2019) vidya shelat fund award (2016) rodman scholar (2014-2017)

papers / posters

published/accepted

- singh*, murdoch*, & yu, 2019: "hierarchical interpretations for neural network predictions" iclr % </>
- 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- ℓ_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

- murdoch*, singh*, kumbier, abbasi-asl, & yu, 2018: "interpretable machine learning: definitions, methods, and applications" %
- levy lab: "neural computation at the thermal limit" % </>

- 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) %

posters

- singh*, murdoch*, & yu, 2018: "interpretable machine learning with applications to neuroscience" utokyo neurcomputing workshop 2019
- singh*, murdoch*, & yu, 2018: "hierarchical interpretations for neural network predictions" berkeley bair workshop fall 2018, iclr 2019 %
- singh, hewitt, & turaga, 2015: "optimizing random forest image segmentation for connectomics" janelia undergraduate scholar poster session %

awards

berkeley grad slam semifinalist	2019
outstanding student instructor award (10%)	2018
uva rader research award	2017
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

outside activities

im basketball, soccer, frisbee	2015-2019
apda, pf debate	2010-2017
indian student association	2014-2017
madison house volunteering (computer literacy)	2014-2017
chinmava mission volunteering	2010-2014

