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Research Interest

Machine Learning

Explainable Machine Learning, Trustworthy Machine Learning, Algorithmic Fairness, Graph Learning, Statistical Learning Theory

Theoretical Computer Science

Fast Graph Algorithm, Approximation Algorithm, Computational Complexity, Hardness of Approximation

EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Illinois

Ph.D. Student in Information Science, School of Information Science

Aug. 2023 - Present

o Advisor: Jiaqi Ma

University of Michigan

Michigan

B.Sc. in Computer Science, College of Engineering

Aug. 2021 - May 2023

o Graduate with Summa Cum Laude

o Minor: Mathematics, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts

National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Hsinchu, Taiwan Jan. 2020 - Jul. 2020

Visiting Scholar

Shanghai, China

Shanghai Jiao Tong University B.Eng. in Electrical and Computer Engineering, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

Aug. 2019 - Aug. 2023

o Minor: Computer Science, UM-SJTU Joint Institute

RESEARCH AND INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Sugiyama Laboratory, National Institute of Informatics

Tokyo, Japan

Research Intern

o Advisor: Mahito Sugiyama

May 2024 - Aug. 2024

Theory of Computation Laboratory, University of Michigan

Michigan

 $Undergraduate\ Researcher$

Mar. 2022 - Present

o Advisor: Thatchaphol Saranurak

• Design the first almost linear time algorithm on finding minimal balanced separator.

SURE Program, University of Michigan

Michigan

Undergraduate Researcher

May 2022 - Apr. 2023

o Advisor: Wei Hu

• Theoretical analysis on intrinsic dimension under isoperimetry assumptions.

FORESEER Research Group, University of Michigan

Michigan

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Dec. 2021 - Jan. 2023

o **Advisor**: Jiaqi Ma

• Prove the asymptotic separability of a 1-layer GCN on node classification tasks.

Chief Noob

Shanghai, China

Backend Developer

Oct. 2020 - June 2021

Peer-Reviewed Conference Publications

(* denotes equal contribution)

[C1] Yuzheng Hu*, Pingbang Hu*, Han Zhao, Jiaqi Ma, "Most Influential Subset Selection: Challenges, Promises, and Beyond". In Proceedings of the 38th Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2024) (25.8% accepted rate)

Pre-prints and Technical Reports

(* denotes equal contribution)

- [P1] Pingbang Hu, Mahito Sugiyama, "Pseudo-Non-Linear Data Augmentation via Energy Minimization". Preprint
- [P2] Junwei Deng*, Ting-Wei Li*, Shiyuan Zhang, Yijun Pan, Hao Huang, Xinhe Wang, Pingbang Hu, Xingjian Zhang, Jiaqi Ma, "dattri: A Library for Efficient Data Attribution". Preprint
- [P3] Xinhe Wang, Pingbang Hu, Junwei Deng, Jiaqi Ma, "Adversarial Attacks on Data Attribution". Preprint 🔁
- [P4] Yiwen Tu*, Pingbang Hu*, Jiaqi Ma, "Towards Reliable Empirical Machine Unlearning Evaluation: A Game-Theoretic View". In submission
- [T1] Pingbang Hu, "Travel the Same Path: A Novel TSP Solving Strategy". Technical Report 🔁

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructional Aide, University of Michigan	Michigan
• Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design assignment and exam problems, grade and guide projects.	
• Introduction to Cryptography: An upper-level course on the main undergraduate CS track.	$Winter\ 2023$
\circ Randomness and Computation: A graduate-level course on the M.S. CS theory track.	Fall 2022
Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Hold discussion and office hour weekly, design and grade assignments and exams.	Shanghai, China
\circ Honor Mathematics III: An undergraduate-level course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.	$Summer\ 2021$
* Competition: Hold the 1^{st} UM-SJTU JIntegration Bee competition.	
\circ Honor Mathematics II: An undergraduate-level course on the main B.Eng. ECE track.	Fall 2020
Honors and Awards	
Excellent Internship Evaluation	Tokyo, Japan
* Best internship evaluation result in National Institute of Informatics	Aug. 2024
Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship First Prize (Ranked #2) among all HK, MC and TW students in Shanghai Jiao Tong University	Shanghai, China Oct. 2021
Undergraduate Excellent Scholarship Third Prize among all students in UM-SJTU Joint Institute	Shanghai, China

Shanghai, China

Shanghai, China

June 2020

Dec. 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Bao Gang Excellent Scholarship

Conference Reviewer

ICML 2024, IEEE BigData 2023, ICLR 2025, AAAI 2025

Second Prize (Ranked #3) among all Taiwan students in Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan Overseas Chinese Student Scholarship

* First Prize (Ranked #1) among all HK, MC and TW students in UM-SJTU Joint Institute