Deging Fu

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EDUCATION

The University of Chicago

2016 - 2020

Mathematics (B.S.) with Honors

Computer Science (B.S.) with Honors; specialization in Machine Learning

Statistics (B.A.)

GPA: Cumulative: 3.69 | Mathematics: 3.88 | Computer Science: 3.80 | Statistics: 3.94

The University of Chicago

2020 - 2022

Statistics (M.S.)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Researcher, Department of C.S. University of Chicago Jan. 2019 – Present *Supervised by Professor Michael Maire*

- Researching on Computer Vision and Deep Learning. Working on the project of Amodal Image Segmentation to infer segmentations of both visible and occluded parts of objects.
- Proposed a multi-level sheet model as an approach to make object connectivity and occlusion relationships explicit: image pixels are bound to different sheets, with jumps between sheets enabling one object to slide behind another.
- Applied a spectral embedding technique as postprocessing to cluster pixels into regions and was able to retrieve a 2.5-dimensional layered interpretation of the scene depicted in a 2-dimensional input image. Trained a convolutional neural network model on COCO Amodal dataset of 5000 images with annotations, using PyTorch.

Summer Researcher, MCS Division, Argonne National LaboratorySupervised by Dr. Paul Hovland and Dr. Sri Hari Krishna Narayanan

- Benchmarked the efficiency of ADOL-C, an Automatic Differentiation algorithm and implemented machine learning codes with it. Presented research results to Argonne scientists at Summer Argonne Students' Symposium.
- Submitted a report paper, *Comparison of two gradient computation methods in Python*, with advisors Dr. Paul Hovland and Dr. Sri Hari Krishna Narayanan, which was accepted as a poster at NIPS 2017 Autodiff Workshop.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Intern, Industrial Toys, Electronic Arts

Jun. 2018 – Aug. 2018

- Used Unreal Engine 4 (C++ and Blueprint) to implement game logics for the prototype of a mobile first-person shooter game.
- Wrote tools for engineering and art teams, debugged, and optimized existing functionalities of the game prototype.

HONORS & GRANTS AWARDED

• Liew Family College Research Fellows Fund (\$5,000)

2020

• Dean's List (Top 20% each academic year)

2017, 2018, 2019, 2020

• Jeff Metcalf Fellowship Grant (\$4,000 per year)

2017, 2018, 2019

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

• Pure Mathematics:

Abstract Algebra I-II-III (Honors), Discrete Math (Honors), Combinatorics (Honors), Analysis I-II-III (Accelerated), Complex Analysis, Point-Set Topology, Ordinary Differential Equations.

• Statistics and Applied Math:

Statistics Theory and Methods Ia-IIa (Graduate), Applied Linear Statistical Models (Graduate), Mathematics Computation I (Graduate), Convex Optimization (Graduate), Nonlinear Optimization (Graduate), Numerical Partial Differential Equations (Graduate), Monte Carlo Simulation (Graduate), Probabilistic Graphical Models (Graduate), Multivariate Statistical Analysis, Optimization, Markov Chains and Brownian Motions.

• Computer Science with specialization in Machine Learning:

Algorithms (Honors), Machine Learning, Speech Technologies (Graduate), Computer Vision, Computer Systems, Networks and Distributed Systems, Database, Computational Linguistics.

SKILLS

- **Programming Languages**: C/C++, Python, R, MATLAB, SQL
- Machine Learning: TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch, Computer Vision, Speech, Deep Learning