Sheng Liu

Interests: Robust Machine (Deep) Learning in-the-wild
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EDUCATION

New York University, *New York, NY*
Ph.D. candidate at the ***Center for Data Science*** *Sept. 2018 – present.*

New York University, *New York, NY*
Master of Science in Data Science; GPA:3.9 *Sept. 2016 – May. 2018*

University of California, San Diego, *San Diego, CA*
Bachelor of Science, Mathematic; GPA:3.9 *Sept. 2012 – Jul. 2016*

PUBLICATIONS

Machine Learning

J. Zhou, C. You, X. Li, K. Liu, **S. Liu**, Q. Qu, Z. Zhu.
Are All Losses Created Equal: A Neural Collapse Perspective [*ArXiv*].
NeurIPS *2022.*

S. Liu, Z. Zhu, Q. Qu, C. You.
Robust Training under Label Noise by Over-parameterization [*ArXiv*].
ICML *2022* (***Spotlight presentation***).

S. Liu*, A. Kaku*, W. Zhu*, M. Leibovich*, S. Mohan*, B., L. Zanna, N. Razavian, C. Fernandez-Granda.
Deep Probability Estimation [*ArXiv*].
ICML *2022* (***Spotlight presentation***).

S. Liu, P. Nidadavolu, A. Fazel.
Improving Recognition of RNNT on Rare Entities with Synthetic Data and Consistency Regularization [*ArXiv*].
Interspeech *2022.*

L. Yi, **S. Liu**, Q. She, A. I. McLeod, B. Wang.
On Learning Contrastive Representations for Learning with Noisy Labels [*ArXiv*].
CVPR *2022.*

S. Liu*, K. Liu*, W. Zhu, Y. Shen, C. Fernandez-Granda.
Adaptive Early-Learning Correction for Segmentation from Noisy Annotations [*ArXiv*].
CVPR *2022* (***Oral presentation***).

S. Liu*, X. Li*, Y. Zhai, C. You, Z. Zhu, C. Fernandez-Granda, Q. Qu.
Convolutional Normalization: Improving Deep Convolutional Network Robustness and Training [*ArXiv*].
NeurIPS *2021.*

S. Liu, J. Niles-Weed, N. Razavian, C. Fernandez-Granda.
Early-Learning Regularization Prevents Memorization of Noisy Labels [*ArXiv*].
NeurIPS *2020.*

B. Bernstein, **S. Liu**, C. Papadaniil, C. Fernandez-Granda.
Sparse Recovery Beyond Compressed Sensing: Separable Nonlinear Inverse Problems [*ArXiv*].
IEEE Transactions on Information Theory.

Medical Applications

S. Liu, A. Masurkar, H. Rusinek, J. Chen, B. Zhang, W. Zhu, C. Fernandez-Granda, N. Razavian.
Development of a Deep Learning Model for Early Alzheime's Disease Detection from Structural MRIs and External Validation on an Independent Cohort [*ArXiv*].
Nature Scientific Reports *2022*

S. Liu, C. Yadav, C. Fernandez-Granda, N. Razavian.
On the design of convolutional neural networks for automatic detection of Alzheimer's disease [*ArXiv*].
Proceedings of Machine Learning Research, ***PMLR*** *116 171–183.*

S. Liu, M. Cheng, H. Brooks, W. Mackey, D. Heeger, E. Tabak, C. Fernandez-Granda.
Time-Series Analysis via Low-Rank Matrix Factorization Applied to Infant-Sleep Data [*ArXiv*].
NeurIPS *2019 Machine Learning for Healthcare (ML4H) workshop.*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Google Research, *Remote*
Sparse Overparameterization for Learning with Noisy Signals *Jan. 2022 – May. 2022*
- Investigated the learning dynamic of over-parameterization models.
- Utilized the implicit bias of optimization algorithm to achieve parameter sparseness.
- Proposed a method to disentangle the clean signals from the sparse noises.

EE department, Umich, *Ann Arbor, MI*
Weakly-supervised Segmentation on Nature Images *Jan.. 2021 – Aug. 2021*
- Reframed a prevailing weakly supervised segmentation pipeline into segmentation with noisy annotations.
- Developed a novel approach to perform segmentation with noisy annotations.
- Conducted comprehensive experiments on benchmark datasets such as PASCAL VOC and MS COCO.

Alexa, Amazon Science, *Seattle, WA*
Improving Robustness of RNN-T on Rare Entities Recognition *May. 2021 – Sept. 2021*
- Proposed a method to utilize text to speech based synthetic data for rare entities to train RNN-T.
- Designed a regularization term that provides consistent predictions of the encoder network.
- Achieve a relative reduction of $\sim 5\%$ in word error rate (WER) without degradation on general traffic.

AWARDS

Travel Grant. *ICML 2022* *July 2022*
Travel Funding. *ML4H workshop at NeurIPS 2019* *Dec. 2019*
Full Graduate Scholarship. *NYU CDS* *2018-2023*
Best Research Project. *NYU CDS* *Feb. 2019*
Outstanding Graduate in Shanghai. *Shanghai Municipal Education Commission* *May 2016*
President Scholarship (15 out of all undergraduates). *Shanghai University* *May 2016*
National Scholarship. *Minister of Education, China* *May 2015*
Chinese High School Physics Olympiad, Bronze Medal. *Chinese Physical Society, China* *2011*

TALKS

TrustML young scientist seminars (UTokyo) . *Fast & slow: robust learning for probability estimation* *Sept. 5, 2022*
CVPR 2022. *Segmentation with noisy annotations* *June 12, 2022*
Tsinghua University AI Time Seminar. *Robust Learning with Label Noise.* *Nov. 21, 2021*
INFORMS Annual Meeting 2020. *Optimization Methods for Machine Learning.* *Nov. 11, 2020*
SAIL 2020. *AI for Alzheimer's Automatic Detection.* *Oct. 2020*
MAD Seminar, NYU Courant and CDS. *Separable Nonlinear Inverse Problems.* *Apr. 2020; Feb. 2018*

TEACHING

Mathematical Tools for Data Science. *NYU Courant Institute* *2018 Spring*
Probability and Statistics for Data Science. *NYU Center for Data Science* *2017 Fall*
Signal Processing and Harmonic Analysis. *NYU Courant Institute* *2018 Fall*
Signal Processing and Harmonic Analysis. *Data Mining in R, NYU Stern* *2017,2018 Summer*

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, R, C, C++, SQL, Java, SAS, Latex
Tools & Libraries: Pytorch, Keras, TensorFlow, Pandas, nltk, Scikit-Learn, OpenCV

LANGUAGES

Mandarin: mother tongue
English: fluent