

# Hengyue Liang

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## SUMMARY

- 5th-year Ph.D student (candidate) in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Minnesota.
- Research interests: machine learning, deep learning, computer vision and robustness, AI in medical imaging and healthcare.
- Proficient in programming with Python, Matlab; have experience in C++, C, SQL.
- Proficient in machine learning tools such as PyTorch, Scipy, sklearn, etc.

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D, Electrical and Computer Engineering**  
*University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Minneapolis, MN*

Sep 2018 - Present

**Master of Science, Electrical Engineering**  
*Chalmers University of Technology, Göteborg, Sweden*

Graduated: June 2017

**Bachelor of Engineering, Electrical Engineering**  
*Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China*

Graduated: June 2015

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Research Assistant**

Dec 2020 - Present

*Advisor: Ju Sun*

*Department of Computer Science and Engineering*

- General machine learning researches:
  - Study (adversarial and natural) robustness problems of computer vision models.
  - Help develop constraint optimization solvers for deep learning models, e.g., provide new tools to solve adversarial robustness formulation beyond  $l_1$ ,  $l_2$  and  $l_\infty$  norm.
- Research related to medical AI:
  - Rib fracture detection and segmentation.
  - NIH Long COVID Computational Challenge (L3C).
  - Video-based automatic motor-tic events (Tourette Syndrome) detection for diagnostic assistant. Prelim study has achieved  $\sim 88\%$  accuracy in eye-tic events detection.
  - Automatic symbol and context abstraction of clinical hearing report. Prelim study has achieved  $\sim 80\%$  marker-reading accuracy of the hearing loss audiogram in format D.

**Graduate Research Assistant**

Sep 2018 - Dec 2020

*Advisor: Changhyun Choi*

*Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering*

- Robotics researches:
  - Study robotic (visual) perception and manipulation problems via data-driven / deep learning methods.
  - Explore effective reinforcement learning algorithms for robot to achieve sample efficiency and free from collision risks.

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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Applied Scientist Intern

June 2021 - Sep 2021

Mentor: Vivek Yadav

Multi-sensory Team, Amazon

- Explore algorithms to generate realistic head motions for virtual animated avatar based on audio speech inputs (AR/VR application).

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## Publications

- [1] **Hengyue Liang**, Buyun Liang, Ju Sun. "Optimizers Matter in Adversarial Robustness." In preparation for "IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence" (PAMI).
- [2] **Hengyue Liang**, Buyun Liang, Ju Sun. "Optimization for Robustness Evaluation beyond  $\ell_p$  Metrics" Submitted to "2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing" (ICASSP).
- [3] Le Peng, **Hengyue Liang**, Gaoxiang Luo, Taihui Li, Ju Sun. "Rethink Transfer Learning in Medical Image Classification." In preparation for "IEEE Transactions on Medical Imaging" (TMI). Project Page: <https://sun-umn.github.io/Transfer-Learning-in-Medical-Imaging/>
- [4] Hengkang Wang, Taihui Li, Zhong Zhuang, Tiancong Chen, **Hengyue Liang**, Ju Sun. "Early stopping for deep image prior." In preparation for "IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence" (PAMI). Preprint: <https://arxiv.org/pdf/2112.06074.pdf/>
- [5] Taihui Li, **Hengyue Liang**, Ju Sun. "Self-Validation: Early Stopping for Single-Instance Deep Generative Priors." Accepted to British Machine Vision Conference (BMVC) 2022. Project page: <https://sun-umn.github.io/Self-Validation/>
- [6] **Hengyue Liang**, Xibai Lou, Yang Yang, and Changhyun Choi. "Learning Visual Affordances with Target-Orientated Deep Q-Network to Grasp Objects by Harnessing Environmental Fixtures." IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (Accepted to ICRA 2021). Project Page: <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/ki-dqn/>
- [7] Yang, Yang and Yuanhao, Liu and **Hengyue, Liang** and Xibai, Lou and Changhyun Choi. "Attribute-Based Robotic Grasping with One-Grasp Adaptation." IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (Accepted to ICRA 2021). Project Page: <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/attributes-grasping>
- [8] Yang, Yang, **Hengyue Liang**, and Changhyun Choi. "A deep learning approach to grasping the invisible." IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters 5.2 (RA-L 2020): 2232-2239. Project Page: <https://sites.google.com/umn.edu/grasping-invisible>

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## AWARDS

- Excellent Master Thesis Award, Department of Electrical Engineering *Chalmers, 2017*  
([Thesis link](#))
- Chalmers ‘Advancez’ Scholarship for international students *Aug. 2015 — June. 2017*