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phd | machine learning

uc berkeley | '17-'22 advisor: bin yu

education

ms | data science

uc berkeley | '17-'21 research: statistical biology

bs | cs & math

university of virginia | '14-'17 double major

skills

machine learning

data cleaning • deep learning pytorch • scikit-learn • jax aws ec2 • s3 • sagemaker keras • mllib • tensorflow experienced python • java • matlab proficient r • c/c++ • web basics human languages english • spanish • hindi

awards

berkeley grad slam semifinalist '19 outstanding teaching award '18 uva rader research award '17 uva undergrad symposium winner '17 raven honor society '16-'17 icpc regional qualification '14-'16 1st place microsoft code jam '16 3rd place google games uva '17 2nd place apt puzzle competition '17

funding awards

pdsoros fellowship finalist '19 ircn workshop travel award '19 vidva shelat fund award '16 rodman scholarship '14-'17

berkeley | interpretable ml research (bin yu lab %)

fall '17 - present

experience

- developed interpretation methods for ml models (e.g. neural nets)
- created interpretable models in medicine, biology, and computer vision

aws | research internship (pietro perona lab %) summer '20

- testing for bias with causal matching using GANs
- interpreting semantic directions in generative models

response4life | volunteer data scientist

spring '20

• helped develop, integrate, and deploy models to forecast covid-19 severity

pacmed ai | interpretable ml internship

summer '19

- developed techniques to interpret machine-learning models for healthcare
- integrated interpretability techniques for predicting icu re-admission

facebook | computer vision internship

summer '17

- investigated unsupervised deep learning for segmentation of satellite imagery
- implemented crfs for segmentation post-processing

uva | ml research (yanjun qi lab %)

fall '16 - spring '17

- developed novel weighted-\$\ell_1\$, multi-task gaussian graphical model
- analyzed large-scale functional brain connectivity with graphical models

hhmi | ml research (srini turaga lab %)

summer '15, winter '15, summer '16

- extended cnns and watershed algorithms for neural image segmentation
- implemented distributed random forests for image segmentation

uva | comp. neuroscience research (william levy lab %)

fall '14 - fall '16

- developed detailed biophysical models of neural computation
- analyzed energy efficiency, noise, and variability in stochastic neurons

hhmi scientific computing | comp. neuroscience research summer '14

• analyzed backpropagating action potentials via biophysical simulations

research innovations inc. | web dev + android internship summer '13 - spring '14

• developed web/mobile app for task coordination with gr codes

coursework

computation

machine learning computer vision structure learning algorithms artificial intelligence deep learning learning theory ai in graphics cs theory data structures software dev. I & II information retrieval computer architecture

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

papers

interpretability

- interpretations are useful: penalizing explanations to align neural networks with prior knowledge: rieger, cs, murdoch, & yu, icml '20 % </>
- transformation importance with applications to cosmology: **cs***, ha*, lanusse, boehm, liu & yu, *iclr* '20 workshop (spotlight talk) % </>>
- hierarchical interpretations for neural network predictions: cs*, murdoch*, & yu, iclr'19 % </>
- interpretable machine learning: definitions, methods, and applications: murdoch*, **cs***, kumbier, abbasi-asl, & yu, *pnas* '19 %
- disentangled attribution curves for interpreting random forests and boosted trees: devlin, cs, & yu arXiv '19 % </>

interpretable data science projects

- curating a covid-19 data repository and forecasting county-level death counts in the united states: altieri, barter, ..., cs*, ..., & yu* harvard data science review '20 % </>
- developing reliable clinical decision rules: a case study in identifying blunt abdominal trauma in children: kornblith, **cs**, et al. *seam abstract* </>
- interpretable deep learning for accurate molecular partner prediction in clathrin-mediated endocytosis: cs*, li* et al. in prep </>

software packages

- imodels: a python package for interpretable modeling: cs*, nasseri*, & yu, '21 </>
- pcs-pipeline: a python package for facilitating stable data analysis </>

causal inference / ml theory

- matched sample selection in face datasets via gan projections: **cs**, balakrishnan, & perona *arXiv* '21 % </>
- revisiting complexity and the bias-variance tradeoff: dwivedi*, cs*, yu, & wainwright topml workshop '21 % </>

statistical neuroscience

- large scale image segmentation with structured-loss-based deep learning for connectome reconstruction: funke et al. *tpami '18* %</>/>
- a weighted- ℓ_1 , multi-task graphical model with applications to heterogeneous brain connectivity: cs, wang, & qi, neurips '17 amlicd workshop % </>>
- a consensus layer V pyramidal neuron can sustain interpulse-interval coding: cs & levy plos one
 '17 %
- linearized synaptic integration at no extra cost: morel, cs, & levy, journal of computational neuroscience '18 %

selected talks

- interpreting ml models: uc berkeley bair seminar, '20 %
- uncovering brain connections underlying autism via graphical models: tom tom founder's machine learning conference, '17 %

teaching

berkeley | student instructor summer 2018

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

fall 2019

artificial intelligence: cs 188 %

projects / activities

notes, blog, & slides %	'14-'20
hummingbird tracking %	'18
news balancer django app	'17
java mini-games	'14-'16

service

basis education volunteering	'19-'20
bair undergrad mentoring	'18-'20
iclr workshop reviewere	'21
cvpr reviewer	'21
aaai xai workshop reviewer	'21
neurips ml4h workshop reviewer	'20
computer literacy volunteering	'15-'17