# ZHIHAO ZHANG

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#### **EDUCATION**

### Renmin University, China

2016.9 - 2020.7

B.S. in Computer Science

Overall GPA: 3.74/4.0 (5%)

• Academic achievement: Annually Academic Achievement Scholarship 2016-2018, Dean's Scholarship of RUC 2018, National Undergraduate Training Programs Scholarship for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

## University of Edinburgh, UK

2018.9 - 2019.6

Full year visiting student, major in computer science

Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0

Carnegie Mellon University, USA

2020.9 - Now

Master of Science in Robotics (MSR)

Overall GPA: 4.17/4.0

Carnegie Mellon University, USA

2022.9 - 2027 (expected)

Ph.D. in Computer Science

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

# Carnegie Mellon University, Catalyst

Pittsburgh, U.S

Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Zhihao Jia

2021.3-now

• Machine Learning System

## Carnegie Mellon University, Intelligent Control Lab

Pittsburgh, U.S

Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Changliu Liu

2020.9-2021.3

• Deep learning theory related topics, eg. Neural Tangent Kernel, Rademacher Complexity, Norm Based NN Capacity Measurement.

#### University of California Berkeley, Mechanical Systems Control Lab

Berkeley, U.S.

Research Intern, advised by Prof. Masayoshi Tomizuka

2019.10-2020.3

• "Social-WaGDAT: Interaction-aware Trajectory Prediction via Wasserstein Graph Double-Attention Network", an interactive trajectory prediction method using GNN framework

## Carnegie Mellon University, Intelligent Control Lab

Pittsburgh, U.S.

Research Intern, advised by Prof. Changliu Liu

2019.6-2019.10

• AutoEnv, an integrated platform for autonomous driving related tasks. Components include preprocessing, algorithm implementation(TRPO, PS-GAIL, RLS), simulation and evaluation. Now published as an open source code base v1.0 on GitHub. Link https://github.com/JackFram/Autoenv

#### RUC Multimedia and Intelligence Lab

Beijing, China

Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Qin Jin

2018.6-2019.3

• Visual-dialog challenge 2018, design an encoder-decoder framework incorporate attention mechanism to achieve multiple round of Q&A. Encoder is consisted of a ResNet50 for image feature extraction and LSTM for question encoding, decoder is a LSTM for answering questions.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Communication Bounds for the Distributed Expert Problem, under review with Zhihao Jia, Qi Pang, David Woodruff, Wenting Zheng (alphabetic order)
- SpecInfer: Accelerating Generative LLM Serving with Speculative Inference and Token Tree Verification, preprint
  - Xupeng Miao\*, Gabriele Oliaro\*, **Zhihao Zhang**\*, Xinhao Cheng, Zeyu Wang, Rae Ying Yee Wong, Zhuoming Chen, Daiyaan Arfeen, Reyna Abhyankar, Zhihao Jia
- GradSign: Model Performance Inference with Theoretical Insights, The Tenth International

Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2022)  $\bf Zhihao\ Zhang,$ Zhihao Jia

• Social-WaGDAT: Interaction-aware Trajectory Prediction via Wasserstein Graph Double-Attention Network, IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems (TITS)
Jiachen Li, Hengbo Ma, Zhihao Zhang, Masayoshi Tomizuka

# **AWARDS**

- Meta Research Award, 2022
- Google Faculty Research Award, 2022