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Current Position

Research Scientist | Facebook AI | NYC

2019 – Present

Education

Ph.D. in Computer Science (0.00/0.00) 2019

Carnegie Mellon University | Pittsburgh, PA

Differentiable Optimization-Based Modeling for Machine Learning

Advisors: [J. Zico Kolter](#) (2016 – 2019), [Mahadev Satyanarayanan](#) (2014 – 2016)

B.S. in Computer Science (3.99/4.00) 2014

Virginia Tech | Blacksburg, VA

Advisors: [Layne Watson](#), [Jules White](#), [Binoy Ravindran](#)

Northside High School | Roanoke, VA 2011

Research Internships

Intel Labs | Santa Clara, CA | Host: [Vladlen Koltun](#) 2018

Google DeepMind | London, UK | Hosts: [Misha Denil](#) and [Nando de Freitas](#) 2017

Adobe Research | San Jose, CA | Host: [David Tompkins](#) 2014

Honors & Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship 2016 – 2019

Nine undergraduate scholarships 2011 – 2014

Roanoke County Public Schools Engineering, Salem–Roanoke County Chamber of Commerce, Papa John's, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, VT Intelligence Community Center for Academic Excellence, VT Pamplin Leader, VT Benjamin F. Bock, VT Gay B. Shober, VT I. Luck Gravett

Publications

Google Scholar ID: [d8gdZR4AAAAJ](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=d8gdZR4AAAAJ)

2021.....

[1] *Aligning Time Series on Incomparable Spaces* [code]

S. Cohen, G. Luise, A. Terenin, **B. Amos**, and M. Deisenroth

AISTATS 2021

[2] *Learning Neural Event Functions for Ordinary Differential Equations*

R. Chen, **B. Amos**, and M. Nickel

ICLR 2021

[3] *Neural Spatio-Temporal Point Processes*

R. Chen, **B. Amos**, and M. Nickel

ICLR 2021

[4] *Improving Sample Efficiency in Model-Free Reinforcement Learning from Images*

D. Yarats, A. Zhang, I. Kostrikov, **B. Amos**, J. Pineau, and R. Fergus

AAAI 2021

2020

[5] *On the model-based stochastic value gradient for continuous reinforcement learning*

B. Amos, S. Stanton, D. Yarats, and A. Wilson

arXiv 2020

[6] *Objective Mismatch in Model-based Reinforcement Learning*

N. Lambert, **B. Amos**, O. Yadan, and R. Calandra

L4DC 2020

[7] *QNSTOP: Quasi-Newton Algorithm for Stochastic Optimization* [code]

B. Amos, D. Easterling, L. Watson, W. Thacker, B. Castle, and M. Trosset

ACM TOMS 2020

[8] *The Differentiable Cross-Entropy Method* [code]

B. Amos and D. Yarats

ICML 2020

2019

[9] *Differentiable Convex Optimization Layers* [code]

A. Agrawal*, **B. Amos***, S. Barratt*, S. Boyd*, S. Diamond*, and J. Z. Kolter*

NeurIPS 2019

[10] *Generalized Inner Loop Meta-Learning* [code]

E. Grefenstette, **B. Amos**, D. Yarats, P. Htut, A. Molchanov, F. Meier, D. Kiela, K. Cho, and S. Chintala

arXiv 2019

[11] *The Limited Multi-Label Projection Layer* [code]

B. Amos, V. Koltun, and J. Z. Kolter

arXiv 2019

[12] *Differentiable Optimization-Based Modeling for Machine Learning* [code]

B. Amos

Ph.D. Thesis 2019

2018

[13] *Differentiable MPC for End-to-end Planning and Control* [code]

B. Amos, I. Rodriguez, J. Sacks, B. Boots, and J. Z. Kolter

NeurIPS 2018

[14] *Depth-Limited Solving for Imperfect-Information Games*

N. Brown, T. Sandholm, and **B. Amos**

NeurIPS 2018

[15] *Learning Awareness Models*

B. Amos, L. Dinh, S. Cabi, T. Rothörl, S. Colmenarejo, A. Muldal, T. Erez, Y. Tassa, N. de Freitas, and M. Denil

ICLR 2018

[16] *Enabling Live Video Analytics with a Scalable and Privacy-Aware Framework*

J. Wang, **B. Amos**, A. Das, P. Pillai, N. Sadeh, and M. Satyanarayanan

ACM TOMM 2018

2017.....

[17] *A Scalable and Privacy-Aware IoT Service for Live Video Analytics* [code]

J. Wang, **B. Amos**, A. Das, P. Pillai, N. Sadeh, and M. Satyanarayanan

ACM MMSys 2017

Best Paper Award

[18] *Task-based End-to-end Model Learning* [code]

P. Donti, **B. Amos**, and J. Z. Kolter

NeurIPS 2017

[19] *OptNet: Differentiable Optimization as a Layer in Neural Networks* [code]

B. Amos and J. Z. Kolter

ICML 2017

[20] *Input Convex Neural Networks* [code]

B. Amos, L. Xu, and J. Z. Kolter

ICML 2017

[21] *Quasi-Newton Stochastic Optimization Algorithm for Parameter Estimation of a Stochastic Model of the Budding Yeast Cell Cycle*

M. Chen, **B. Amos**, L. Watson, J. Tyson, Y. Cao, C. Shaffer, M. Trosset, C. Oguz, and G. Kakoti

IEEE/ACM TCBB 2017

[22] *You can teach elephants to dance: agile VM handoff for edge computing*

K. Ha, Y. Abe, T. Eiszler, Z. Chen, W. Hu, **B. Amos**, R. Upadhyaya, P. Pillai, and M. Satyanarayanan

SEC 2017

[23] *An Empirical Study of Latency in an Emerging Class of Edge Computing Applications for Wearable Cognitive Assistance*

Z. Chen, W. Hu, J. Wang, S. Zhao, **B. Amos**, G. Wu, K. Ha, K. Elgazzar, P. Pillai, R. Klatzky, D. Siewiorek, and M. Satyanarayanan

SEC 2017

2016.....

[24] *Collapsed Variational Inference for Sum-Product Networks*

H. Zhao, T. Adel, G. Gordon, and **B. Amos**

ICML 2016

[25] *Quantifying the impact of edge computing on mobile applications*

W. Hu, Y. Gao, K. Ha, J. Wang, **B. Amos**, Z. Chen, P. Pillai, and M. Satyanarayanan

ACM SIGOPS 2016

[26] *Privacy mediators: helping IoT cross the chasm*

N. Davies, N. Taft, M. Satyanarayanan, S. Clinch, and **B. Amos**

HotMobile 2016

[27] *OpenFace: A general-purpose face recognition library with mobile applications* [code]

B. Amos, B. Ludwiczuk, and M. Satyanarayanan

CMU 2016

2015.....

[28] *Edge Analytics in the Internet of Things*

M. Satyanarayanan, P. Simoens, Y. Xiao, P. Pillai, Z. Chen, K. Ha, W. Hu, and **B. Amos**

IEEE Pervasive Computing 2015

[29] [Bad Parts: Are Our Manufacturing Systems at Risk of Silent Cyberattacks?](#)

H. Turner, J. White, J. Camelio, C. Williams, **B. Amos**, and R. Parker

IEEE Security & Privacy 2015

[30] [Early Implementation Experience with Wearable Cognitive Assistance Applications](#)

Z. Chen, L. Jiang, W. Hu, K. Ha, **B. Amos**, P. Pillai, A. Hauptmann, and M. Satyanarayanan

WearSys 2015

[31] [The Case for Offload Shaping](#)

W. Hu, **B. Amos**, Z. Chen, K. Ha, W. Richter, P. Pillai, B. Gilbert, J. Harkes, and M. Satyanarayanan

HotMobile 2015

[32] [Are Cloudlets Necessary?](#)

Y. Gao, W. Hu, K. Ha, **B. Amos**, P. Pillai, and M. Satyanarayanan

CMU 2015

[33] [Adaptive VM handoff across cloudlets](#)

K. Ha, Y. Abe, Z. Chen, W. Hu, **B. Amos**, P. Pillai, and M. Satyanarayanan

CMU 2015

2014

[34] [Global Parameter Estimation for a Eukaryotic Cell Cycle Model in Systems Biology](#)

T. Andrew, **B. Amos**, D. Easterling, C. Oguz, W. Baumann, J. Tyson, and L. Watson

SummerSim 2014

2013

[35] [Applying machine learning classifiers to dynamic Android malware detection at scale](#) [code]

B. Amos, H. Turner, and J. White

IWCMC 2013

Repositories

facebookresearch/dcem	★77 <i>The Differentiable Cross-Entropy Method</i>	2020
facebookresearch/higher	★1.1k <i>PyTorch higher-order gradients</i>	2019
bamos/thesis	★238 <i>Thesis LaTeX source code</i>	2019
cvxgrp/cvxpylayers	★862 <i>Differentiable convex optimization layers</i>	2019
locuslab/mpc.pytorch	★436 <i>Differentiable model-predictive control</i>	2018
locuslab/icnn	★212 <i>Input Convex Neural Network Experiments</i>	2017
locuslab/optnet	★360 <i>OptNet Experiments</i>	2017
locuslab/qpth	★461 <i>Differentiable PyTorch QP solver</i>	2017
bamos/densenet.pytorch	★681 <i>PyTorch DenseNet implementation</i>	2017
bamos/block	★253 <i>Intelligent block matrix constructions</i>	2017
bamos/setGPU	★92 <i>Automatically use the least-loaded GPU</i>	2017
bamos/dcgan-completion.tensorflow	★1.3k <i>Image completion with GANs</i>	2016
cmusatyalab/openface	★13.9k <i>Face recognition with deep neural networks</i>	2015
bamos/zsh-history-analysis	★160 <i>Analyze and plot your zsh history</i>	2014
bamos/cv	★307 <i>My YAML/LaTeX/Markdown cv</i>	2013
bamos/dotfiles	★222 <i>Linux, mutt, xmonad, i3, vim, emacs, zsh</i>	2012

Invited Talks

Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems (Tübingen) Seminar	2020
Montreal Institute for Learning Algorithms Seminar	2020
ECCV Deep Declarative Networks Tutorial	2020
CVPR Deep Declarative Networks Workshop	2020

Caltech CS 159, Guest Lecture	2020
SIAM MDS Minisymposium on Learning Parameterized Energy Minimization Models	2020
New York University CILVR Seminar	2019
INFORMS Session on Prediction and Optimization	2019
Facebook AI Research	2019
ISMP Session on Machine Learning and Optimization	2018
Google Brain	2018
Bosch Center for AI	2018
Waymo Research	2018
Tesla AI	2018
NVIDIA Robotics	2018
Salesforce Research	2018
OpenAI	2018
NNAISENSE	2018

Students & Advising

Aaron Lou (Cornell), FAIR Intern (with Max Nickel)	2020
Ricky Chen (Toronto), FAIR Intern (with Max Nickel)	2020
Paul Liang (CMU), FAIR Intern (with Ed Grefenstette and Tim Rocktäschel)	2020
Phillip Wang (CMU), Undergraduate Researcher	2018
Lei Xu (Tsinghua), CMU Intern (with J. Zico Kolter)	2016

Professional Activities

Reviewing: AAAI, ICML, NeurIPS, ICLR*, ICCV, CVPR, ICRA	*Outstanding reviewer
NeurIPS Learning Meets Combinatorial Optimization Workshop Organizer	2020
CVPR Deep Declarative Workshop Organizer	2020
ECCV Deep Declarative Tutorial Organizer	2020
CMU CSD MS Admissions	2014 – 2015

Teaching

Graduate AI (CMU 15-780), TA	S2017
Distributed Systems (CMU 15-440/640), TA	S2016
Software Design and Data Structures (VT CS2114), TA	S2013

Skills

Languages	C, C++, Fortran, Haskell, Java, Lua, Make, Mathematica, Python, R, Scala
Frameworks	JAX, NumPy, Pandas, PyTorch, SciPy, TensorFlow, Torch7
Tools	Linux, emacs, vim, evil, org, mu4e, xmonad, i3, git, tmux, zsh