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## Education

- 2019 – 2024 (expected)    ■ **University of California, Los Angeles**, Westwood, California.  
*Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science*  
Thesis Advisor: Quanquan Gu
- Sept – 2019    ■ **Peking University**, Beijing, China.  
*Bachelor of Science in Machine Intelligence*  
GPA: 3.83/4.00, Rank: 1/53, Summa Cum Laude.  
Thesis Advisor: Liwei Wang

## Research Interest

- My research agenda revolves around AI alignment with human feedback and aims to develop efficient and trustworthy alignment approaches, that are motivated by real-world applications, yield new theoretical insights, and demonstrate tangible practical impacts. I work on designing principled and efficient methods for **preference learning** and **reinforcement learning**. I also work on **trustworthy machine learning** including federated learning and privacy protection.

## Honors and Awards

- 2023    ■ **Dissertation Year Fellowship**, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 2017    ■ **China National Scholarship**, Peking University.
- 2016    ■ **Founder Scholarship**, Peking University.

## Publications and Preprints

- Di, Q., Jin, T., **Wu, Y.**, Zhao, H., Farnoud, F., & Gu, Q. (2024). Variance-aware regret bounds for stochastic contextual dueling bandits. *International Conference on Learning Representations*.
- Yang, X., Cheng, W., **Wu, Y.**, Petzold, L., Wang, W. Y., & Chen, H. (2024). Dna-gpt: Divergent n-gram analysis for training-free detection of gpt-generated text. *International Conference on Learning Representations*.
- Wu, Y.**, He, J., & Gu, Q. (2023, 31 Jul–04 Aug). Uniform-PAC guarantees for model-based RL with bounded eluder dimension. In R. J. Evans & I. Shpitser (Eds.), *Proceedings of the thirty-ninth conference on uncertainty in artificial intelligence* (pp. 2304–2313, Vol. 216). PMLR.
- Wu, Y.**, Jin, T., Di, Q., Lou, H., Farnoud, F., & Gu, Q. (2023). Borda regret minimization for generalized linear dueling bandits. *ICML 2023 Workshop The Many Facets of Preference-Based Learning*.
- Wu, Y.**, Zhang, S., Yu, W., Liu, Y., Gu, Q., Zhou, D., Chen, H., & Cheng, W. (2023, 23–29 Jul). Personalized federated learning under mixture of distributions. In A. Krause, E. Brunskill, K. Cho, B. Engelhardt, S. Sabato, & J. Scarlett (Eds.), *Proceedings of the 40th international conference on machine learning* (pp. 37860–37879, Vol. 202). PMLR.

- Xiao, Y., Jin, Y., Bai, Y., **Wu, Y.**, Yang, X., Luo, X., Yu, W., Zhao, X., Liu, Y., Chen, H., et al. (2023). Large language models can be good privacy protection learners. *arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.02469*.
- Chen, Z., Deng, Y., **Wu, Y.**, Gu, Q., & Li, Y. (2022). Towards understanding the mixture-of-experts layer in deep learning. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 35, 23049–23062.
- Lou, H., Jin, T., **Wu, Y.**, Xu, P., Gu, Q., & Farnoud, F. (2022). Active ranking without strong stochastic transitivity. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 35, 297–309.
- Wu, Y.**, Jin, T., Lou, H., Xu, P., Farnoud, F., & Gu, Q. (2022). Adaptive sampling for heterogeneous rank aggregation from noisy pairwise comparisons. *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, 11014–11036.
- Wu, Y.**, Zhou, D., & Gu, Q. (2022). Nearly minimax optimal regret for learning infinite-horizon average-reward mdps with linear function approximation. *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, 3883–3913.
- Cao, Y., Fang, Z., **Wu, Y.**, Zhou, D.-X., & Gu, Q. (2021). Towards understanding the spectral bias of deep learning. *IJCAI*.
- Wu, Y.**, Zhang, W., Xu, P., & Gu, Q. (2020). A finite-time analysis of two time-scale actor-critic methods. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems*, 33, 17617–17628.
- Wang, L., Hu, L., Gu, J., **Wu, Y.**, Hu, Z., He, K., & Hopcroft, J. (2018). Towards understanding learning representations: To what extent do different neural networks learn the same representation. *Advances in neural information processing systems*, 31.

## Academic Services

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### Reviewing

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| 2020 – present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ICML, reviewer</li> <li>■ NeurIPS, reviewer</li> <li>■ ICLR, reviewer</li> <li>■ AISTATS, reviewer</li> </ul> |
| 2022           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ AAAI, Senior PC member</li> </ul>   |

## Teaching Experience

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| Winter 2021,22,23 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>UCLA CS 161: Fundamental of Artificial Intelligence</b><br/> <i>Teaching Assistant</i><br/> Re-formulated the course homework and projects, as well as prepared and graded mid-term and final exams.</li> </ul> |
| Spring 2023       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>UCLA CS 31: Introduction to Computer Science</b><br/> <i>Teaching Assistant</i></li> </ul>  |
| Fall 2020         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>UCLA CS M51A: Logic Design of Digital Systems</b><br/> <i>Teaching Assistant</i></li> </ul>   |

## Professional Experience

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- 2023    ■ **Bytedance AI Lab**, Los Angeles, California.  
*Research Scientist Intern, Drug Discovery*  
Worked on multi-conformation generation of large protein molecules. Incorporated physical priors of molecular dynamics into diffusion-based generative models.
- 2022    ■ **NEC Laboratories America**, Princeton, New Jersey  
*Research Intern, Data Science and System Security*  
Worked on personalized federated learning and developed a method based on mixture models. Resulted in one paper accepted in ICML 2023.