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Research **Interests**

Reinforcement learning, machine learning, Bayesian method, risk-averse optimization, financial mathematics, and actuarial science.

Education University of New Hampshire Advisor: Marek Petrik 2019 - present

> Ph.D in Computer Science GPA: 4.00/4.00

> University of New Hampshire Advisor: Marek Petrik 2019 - 2022

> M.S. in Computer Science. GPA: 4.00/4.00

Project: Risk-Averse Soft-Robust MDPs with EVaR and Entropic Risk

University of New Hampshire 2015 - 2018 Advisor: Linyuan Li

B.S. in Applied Mathematics: Economics. GPA: 3.89/4.00

Project: MDP on Blackjack

Professional Experience

UNH Computer Science Department

Research Assistant - Reinforcement Learning and Robustness Lab 2020 - present

Teaching Assistant

CS 520 - Assembly language programming and machine organization	Spring 2020
CS 410P - Introduction to scientific programming in Python	Spring 2020
CS 410C - Introduction to scientific programming in C	Fall 2019
CS 725 - Computer networks	Fall 2019
CS 410P - Introduction to scientific programming in Python	Spring 2019

Idea Math

Junior Instructor/Summer Camp Resident Assistant

2018 - 2019

- Enhance elementary schoool students problem-solving skills for Mathematics competition.
- Created study plans for the class and conducted group activities with students.
- Structured activities and events for residential students.

UNH International Student Organization

Vice President 2017 - 2018

- Collaborated with other organizations to spread culture awareness.
- Allocated tasks for volunteers and executive members based on their unique advantages.

UNH Mathematics Center

Mathematics Center Tutor

2017-2018

- Clarified Mathematics concepts and assisted students with their homework.
- Organized a study plan and helped students to catch up with class content.
- Conducted review sessions to help students prepare for quizzes and exams.

UNH Residential Life

Resident Assistant 2016 - 2017

- Structured social activities, created safe and supportive environment for 500 residents.
- Responsible for proper protocol involving respond to alcohol intoxication and roommate issues.

Publications

RASR: Risk-Averse Soft-Robust MDPs with EVaR and Entropic Risk. Jia Lin Hau.

ArXiv 2022

Currently available Risk Averse MDP algorithm suffers from either computational efficiency or large approximation error. We provided algorithms for ERM and EVaR-MDP and proof that they are accurate, consistent and can be compute in efficiently in polynomial time.

Workshops

Robust pest management using reinforcement learning. Talha Siddique, Jia Lin Hau,

RLDM 2019

Shadi Atallah, Marek Petrik

We provided a robust framework to provide risk aversion for domain with limited data. We utilized STAN Bayesian statistical inference along with MCMC sampling to capture prior knowledge, generate posterior datasets, and compute the optimal Robust MDP policy via policy iteration.

Reviewing

International Conference on Machine Learning 2022 (ICML)

NeurIPS 2021 Workshop on Safe and Robust Control of Uncertain Systems

Projects

Cryptocurrency Forecasting Analytics. Jia Lin Hau, Gerasimos Mouikis, Spencer Pope

Forecasted cryptocurrency with time series analysis method (VAR) on the log return of the closing price.

MDP on Blackjack. Jia Lin Hau, Marek Petrik

Jul 2018

May 2018

Utilized MDP (Value Iteration) to solve for the optimal action (Stand, Hit, Split, Double, or Surrender) for BlackJack with R.

WTI - UNH 2017 Fall stock pitch competition (Semifinal). Jia Lin Hau

Oct 2017

Selected high profit stock with Advance Technical Indicator.

EMOAI - UNH 2019 Holloway prize competition (Semi Final). Shayan Amani, Jia Lin

Apr 2018

Hau, Chao Chi Cheng, Lekyang Sai

Deep Learning facial recognition to avoid depression.

Other Involvement

Manchester City Marathon by SNHU (1st in Co-ed Relay)	2016
Seacoast Half Marathon in Portsmouth (4th in division)	2015
Certified PADI Advance Open Water Scuba Diver	2013
Certified NAUI Open Water Scuba Diver	2019
Passed Actuarial Science Exam P: Probability	2018
Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) Completion	2018
Member of Pi Mu Epsilon of National Honorary Mathematics Society	2017 - 2018

Skills

Programming Languages: Python, R, MATLAB, Julia, C, C++, SQL

Tools: Git, Excel, JMP, BMC, Tableau

Languages: English, Malay, Mandarin, Cantonese.

Citizenship

Malaysia

VISA status

F-1 student (eligible to work under CPT and 3-years OPT)