

Jia Lin Hau

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RESEARCH INTEREST

Risk-averse reinforcement learning and decision making, deep reinforcement learning, machine learning, risk analysis, actuarial science, Bayesian method.

EDUCATION

M.S / Ph.D. in Computer Science, University of New Hampshire Jan 2019 - present
Advisor : Marek Petrik GPA: 4.00

B.S. in Applied Mathematics, University of New Hampshire Sep 2015 - Sep 2018
Advisor : Linyuan Li GPA: 3.89

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Conference Publications

- On Dynamic Programming Decompositions of Static Risk Measures in Markov Decision Processes. [Jia Lin Hau](#), Erick Delage, Marek Petrik, Mohammad Ghavamzadeh. Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.
- Entropic Risk Optimization in Discounted MDPs. [Jia Lin Hau](#), Marek Petrik, Mohammad Ghavamzadeh. International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2023.

Peer Reviewed Symposia

- Talha Siddique, [Jia Lin Hau](#), Shadi Atallah, Marek Petrik, Robust Pest Management Using Reinforcement Learning, The Multi-disciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM), 2019

Paper In Progress

- [Jia Lin Hau](#), Marek Petrik, Erick Delage, Mohammad Ghavamzadeh, Rasr: Risk-averse soft-robust mdps with evar and entropic risk. arXiv preprint: 2209.04067, 2019.

EMPLOYMENT

UNH Computer Science Department - Research Assistant Jun 2020 - present
Research interest: Reinforcement learning, risk-averse optimization, machine learning, Bayesian method.

UNH Computer Science Department - Teaching Assistant Jan 2019 - present
Machine Learning (CS 750/850), Computer networks (CS 725), Assembly Language and Machine Organization (CS 520), Scientific Programming in Python and C (CS 410).

- Preprocessed (handle missing values, duplicates, and apply consistent formatting) data of participants and sponsors.
- Developed auto-regression time series models in R to predict future trends in the number of participants for upcoming races.
- Designed 3NF database schema using ERD and relation schema to reduce anomalies and improve data quality and integrity.
- Created data visualizations using Tableau, which allow peers and sponsors easily interpret and understand data insights.

Idea Math - Junior Instructor/ Summer Camp Resident Assistant

Jun 2018 - Aug 2019

UNH International Student Organization (ISO) - Vice President

Aug 2017 - Jun 2018

UNH Mathematics Center - Mathematics Center Tutor

Sep 2017 - Jun 2018

UNH Residential Life - Resident Assistant

Aug 2016 - Aug 2017

OTHER PROJECTS

Research Projects

- **Risk Averse Distributional Deep Q Network.** Developed a novel methods to optimize risk averse objective for continuous domain (Atari Gym).
- **Multi-Layered chemical diffusion 3D simulation.** Implemented a complex 3D chemical simulation in Julia with GLMakie to visualize and identify the success rate of the chemical reaction. Utilize observable variables and broadcast function to speed up the continuous collision detection (CCD) by more than 10,000 times.

Software Development

- **EMOAI** Emotion recognition application to avoid depression – **Developer and Use Case Finder.**
 - Spearheaded Deep Learning (CNN) emotion recognition project with pre-trained models to accurately classify users' facial expressions.
 - Proposed groundbreaking application of the use of facial and emotion recognition technology to identify and prevent depression.
 - Implemented active learning by allowing users to verify/update labels of their own emotion which enable personalized classification.
- **CRACC** A social apps that connect people to play sports together – **Data / Android Developer.**
 - Collected data from various sources (API, Kaggle, BLS), analyzed and created data visualizations with Python.
 - Communicated effectively with the IOS team to ensure consistent UI (XML) and functionality (Java) using Android Studio.
 - Integrated with Firebase for users' data, and developed features that query weathers and navigation data based on users' location.

ACHIEVEMENTS

Passed Actuarial Science Exam P: Probability	2018
Bloomberg Market Concepts (BMC) Completion	2018
Member of Pi Mu Epsilon of National Honorary Mathematics Society	2017

SKILLS

Language Python, R, Julia, C/C++, SQL, MATLAB, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, XML, Java
Tools GLMakie, OpenGL, PyTorch, Numpy, Scikit-learn, Caret, Git, Excel, ERDPlus, Tableau




RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Reinforcement Learning, Bandit Algorithms, Mathematical Optimization, Algorithms, Computer Graphics, Assembly Language, System Programming, Formal Specification, Database System, Machine Learning, Forecasting Analysis, Numerical Methods, Linear Algebra, Differential Equation, Multi-Dimensional Calculus, Econometrics, Probability Theory, Statistical Inference, Financial Mathematics.

OTHER

Certified NAUI Open Water Scuba Diver	2019
Manchester City Marathon by SNHU (1st in co-ed relay)	2016
Seacoast Half Marathon in Portsmouth (4th in division)	2015
Certified PADI Advanced Open Water Scuba Diver	2013

REFERENCES

Master / PhD advisor	Dr. Marek Petrik	 mpetrik@cs.unh.edu
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	Dr. Erick Delage	 erick.delage@hec.ca