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EDUCATION

Nanjing University

Sept. 2020 - June 2024 (expected)

B.S. in Computer Science and Technology, Kuang Yaming Honors School

Jiangsu, China

o GPA: 4.68/5.00 (93.6/100) Ranking: 1st/116

o TOEFL: 111 GRE: V155+Q167+4.0

- **Highlight Courses:** Operating Systems (97), Artificial Intelligence (96), Problem Solving IV (97, 4-semester course covering Discrete Mathematics, Data Structures, Algorithm Design and Analysis etc.),
- o **Teaching Assistant:** Course of *Problem Solving*, Fall 2022

University of Pennsylvania

Jan. 2023 - May 2023

Exchange student of International Guest Student Program

Pennsylvania, USA

o GPA: 4.00/4.00

• Relevant Courses: Introduction to Robotics (Graduate-level, A+), Analytical Mechanics (A+), Artificial Intelligence Lab: Data, Systems, and Decisions (A)

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS

[1] Y. Xiang, F. Chen, Q. Wang, G. Yang, X. Zhang, X. Zhu, X. Liu, Lin Shao "Diff-Transfer: Model-based Robotic Manipulation Skill Transfer via Differentiable Physics Simulation ", in submission to ICLR

SELECTED RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Language-driven and Physics-informed Robotic Manipulation

Jul. 2023 – present

Visiting Research student advised by Prof. Masayoshi Tomizuka

California, USA

Proposed a framework leveraging large language models working with a visual-language model to create 3D value maps from vision and language hints of physics, anchoring the knowledge into the agent's observation space. These value maps are then employed in a model-based planning system to produce robot trajectories.

Diff-Transfer: Robotic Skill Transfer via Differentiable Simulation

Sept. 2022 – June 2023

Research intern advised by Prof. Lin Shao

(Remote) Singapore

- Proposed a novel framework leveraging differentiable physics simulation to transfer robotic manipulation skills.
- Introduced a path-planning method leveraging Q-learning with a task-level state and reward to generate a path
 of sub-tasks where known actions could be adapted from one sub-task to tackle the adjacent sub-task seamlessly.
- Verified the system in simulation with four challenging transfer tasks on robotic manipulation.

Efficient Transformers

June 2022 - Sept. 2022

Research intern, advised by Prof. Yang You

(Remote) Singapore

• Implemented efficient large language models including transformers to increase backward speed or reduce memory usage by redesigning the self-attention module.

SELECTED HONORS

1. National Scholarship (top 0.2% nationwide)

2022

2. National Elite Program Scholarship (first prize, top 5% among elite program students) 2022, 2021

3. **People's Scholarship** (first prize, top 3% in Nanjing University)

2021

4. **Outstanding Student** (top 5% in Nanjing University)

2021

SKILLS

Programming C/C++, Python, Matlab, Assembly Tools Ubuntu, Git, Vim, PyBullet, MEX Robotics ROS, Robot Kinematics & Dynamics

Machine Learning SVM, CNN, Transformer, RL Algorithms (Q-Learning, SAC, etc), Meta Learning