Peiyang Song

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Education

6/2026 California Institute of Technology

Pasadena, CA

(expected) B.S. in Computer Science & Minor in Robotics

Advisors: Prof. Steven Low & Prof. Günter Niemeyer.

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GPA: 4.2/4.0 (some courses occasionally offer A+ grade = 4.3)

Research Interests

My research focuses on **LLM reasoning**, **agentic AI**, and **neuro-symbolic AI**. I aim to advance intelligent agents capable of rigorous reasoning by combining the strengths of neural and symbolic paradigms, with one central theme and two adjacent directions:

- Central theme: Integrating LLM reasoning, agentic AI, and neuro-symbolic methods by combining neural models (LLMs) with *symbolic* systems (e.g., Lean) to advance LLM-based agents for formal reasoning in mathematics and code.
- **Broader LLM reasoning:** Extending from formal to informal reasoning, exploring how LLMs can better handle reasoning in natural language contexts, informed by *cognitive science* principles and studies of *human-like reasoning* processes.
- **Broader neuro-symbolic Al:** Applying neuro-symbolic approaches to broader Al challenges beyond formal reasoning, including the design of fundamental, energy-efficient machine learning systems.

Work Experience

6/2025 - Present University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, CA

Researcher @ Berkeley Al Research (BAIR) Lab and Sunblaze Group

Advisors: Prof. Dawn Song (UCB), Dr. Jingxuan He (UCB)

6/2024 - Present Stanford University

Palo Alto, CA

Researcher @ Stanford AI Lab (SAIL) and Computation & Cognition Lab Advisors: Prof. Noah Goodman (Stanford), Dr. Gabriel Poesia (Harvard)

2/2023 – 2/2025 California Institute of Technology

Pasadena. CA

Research Fellow @ Anima AI+Science Lab

Advisors: Prof. Anima Anandkumar (Caltech), Dr. Kaiyu Yang (Meta)

11/2022 - 6/2024 University of California, Santa Barbara

Santa Barbara, CA

Researcher @ Computer Architecture Lab (ArchLab)
Advisors: Prof. Timothy Sherwood (UCSB), Dr. Jeremy Lau (Google)

Selected Publications & Preprints

Archival Publications

NeuS 2025 Lean Copilot: Large Language Models as Copilots for Theorem Proving in Lean

Peiyang Song, Kaiyu Yang, Anima Anandkumar

International Conference on Neuro-Symbolic Systems (NeuS), 2025

1.2k+ stars on Github, ranking 2nd after Mathlib4 among all Lean projects

IEEE Micro 2025 Delay Space Arithmetic and Architecture

Rhys Gretsch, <u>Peiyang Song</u>, Advait Madhavan, Jeremy Lau, Timothy Sherwood *IEEE Micro*, 2025, **Top Picks**

ICLR 2025 LeanAgent: Lifelong Learning for Formal Theorem Proving

Adarsh Kumarappan*, Mo Tiwari*, <u>Peiyang Song,</u> Robert Joseph George, Chaowei Xiao, Anima Anandkumar

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025

EMNLP 2024 In-Context Learning May Not Elicit Trustworthy Reasoning: A-Not-B Errors in Pretrained Language Models

Pengrui Han*, Peiyang Song*, Haofei Yu, Jiaxuan You (* Equal Contribution)

Findings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2024

- EMNLP 2024 Creative and Context-Aware Translation of East Asian Idioms with GPT-4
 Kenan Tang*, Peiyang Song*, Yao Qin, Xifeng Yan (* Equal Contribution)
 Findings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2024
- ASPLOS 2024 Energy Efficient Convolution with Temporal Arithmetic

 Rhys Gretsch, Peiyang Song, Advait Madhavan, Jeremy Lau, Timothy Sherwood

 ACM International Conference on Architectural Support for Programming Languages and Operating Systems (ASPLOS), 2024
- NeurIPS 2023 LeanDojo: Theorem Proving with Retrieval-Augmented Language Models
 Kaiyu Yang, Aidan Swope, Alex Gu, Rahul Chalamala, Peiyang Song, Shixing Yu,
 Saad Godil, Ryan Prenger, Anima Anandkumar
 Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023, Oral Presentation

Preprints

Preprint A Survey on Large Language Model Reasoning Failures

Peiyang Song*, Pengrui Han*, Noah Goodman (* Equal Contribution)

ICML AI for Math (AI4MATH) Workshop, 2025

Preprint Al Impact on Human Proof Formalization Workflows

Katherine M. Collins*, Simon Frieder*, Jonas Bayer, Jacob Loader, Jeck Lim, Peiyang Song, Fabian Zasier, Lexin Zhou, Shanda Li, Shi-Zhuo Looi, Jose Hernandez-Orallo, Joshua B. Tenenbaum, Cameron Freer, Umang Bhatt, Adrian Weller, Valerie Chen†, Ilia Sucholutsky† (* Equal Contribution, † Equal Advising) NeurIPS Workshop on Mathematical Reasoning and AI (MATH-AI), 2025

Preprint LeanProgress: Guiding Search for Neural Theorem Proving via Proof Progress Prediction

Suozhi Huang, <u>Peiyang Song</u>, Robert Joseph George, Anima Anandkumar *ICLR VerifAI: AI Verification in the Wild Workshop, 2025*

Preprint The Personality Illusion: Revealing Dissociation Between Self-Reports & Behavior in LLMs

Pengrui Han*, Rafal D. Kocielnik*, <u>Peiyang Song</u>, Ramit Debnath, Dean Mobbs, Anima Anandkumar, R. Michael Alvarez

NeurIPS LAW Workshop: Bridging Language, Agent, and World Models, 2025

Preprint Energy-Aware Temporal Function Approximation

Peiyang Song, Rhys Gretsch, Jeremy Lau, and Timothy Sherwood In Submission, Manuscript Available upon Request

Selected Awards

10/2025 Caltech FCC Appreciation Award

In recognition of outstanding service in mentoring first-year Caltech students

5/2025 ICLR Notable Reviewer Award

In recognition of outstanding reviewer work at ICLR 2025

4/2025 George W. Housner Student Discovery Fund

For the Lean Copilot paper

2/2025 IEEE Micro Top Pick Award

For the Delay Space Arithmetic and Architecture paper

8/2023 Early Research Scholarship

In recognition of research work done in early undergradudate study

4/2023 Caltech SURF Award

For the LeanDojo and Lean Copilot papers

Selected Media

- 2024 Mathematicians' Newest Assistants Are Artificially Intelligent Scientific American
- 2024 LeanAgent: The First Life-Long Learning Agent for Formal Theorem Proving in Lean

Mark Tech Post

2024 Lean Copilot: An Al Tool that Allows Large Language Models (LLMs) to be used in Lean for Proof Automation

Mark Tech Post

2023 Can LLMs Generate Mathematical Proofs that can be Rigorously Checked?

MarkTechPost

Invited Talks & Tutorials

LLM Reasoning for Math and Code

10/2025 Carnegie Mellon University L3 Lab

Tutorial: Neuro-Symbolic Theorem Proving with Lean

9/2024 3rd Neuro-Symbolic Al Summer School (NSSS)

Towards An Al Mathematician

- 12/2023 UC Santa Barbara NLP Lab
- 11/2023 CCS Research & Creative Activities Conference (RACA-CON)
- 8/2023 Caltech SURF Seminar Day

Teaching Experience

Winter 2026 ME/CS/EE 133B: Robotics – Planning

Teaching Assistant @ California Institute of Technology

Fall 2025 ME/CS/EE 133A: Robotics – Kinematics

Teaching Assistant @ California Institute of Technology

Academic Services

Reviewer Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

Association for Computational Linguistics Rolling Review (ARR)

Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)

Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)

International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (IJCNLP)

Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL)

NeurIPS Mathematical Reasoning and AI (MATH-AI) Workshop

NeurIPS Workshop on Deep Learning for Code (DL4C)

NeurIPS Workshop on Behavioral Machine Learning

ICLR VerifAI: AI Verification in the Wild Workshop

ICLR Workshop on Representational Alignment (Re-Align)

ICML AI for Math (AI4MATH) Workshop

ICML Workshop on LLMs and Cognition (LLM-Cognition)

ICML Workshop on Assessing World Models

ICML Workshop on on Models of Human Feedback for Al Alignment (MoFA)

Organizing Staff Agentic Al Summit 2025 @ UC Berkeley

On-Campus Services & Appointments

Caltech Admissions Ambassador @ Caltech Undergraduate Admissions Office

First-Year Caltech Connector (FCC) @ Student & Family Engagement Office

Languages

Programming Python, C++, Lean 4, Java, C, PASCAL, Rocq, OCaml, C#

Natural English (TOEFL 117/120), Chinese (Native)