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Work Experience

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Research Fellow, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Jan 2021 ~ Jul 2022

Mentor: Zuowei Shen

Education

Ph.D. in Mathematics, National University of Singapore, Singapore

Aug 2016 ~ Jan 2021

Thesis: *Deep neural network approximation via function compositions* [URL]

Supervisors: Zuowei Shen and Haizhao Yang

B.S. in Mathematics, Wuhan University, China

Sep 2012 ~ Jul 2016

Honors and Awards

Scholar Award, NeurIPS 2022 Financial Assistance program, URL.

The EASIAM (East Asia section of SIAM) Student Paper Prize, 2020 ~ 2021, first prize, URL.

Publications

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Preprints

- [11] (ARP at Duke) Shijun Zhang*, Hongkai Zhao, Yimin Zhong, Haomin Zhou. *Why shallow networks struggle with approximating and learning high frequency: A numerical study*. Submitted. [[arXiv](#)]

Published (Accepted)

- [10] (ARP at Duke) Shijun Zhang*, Jianfeng Lu, Hongkai Zhao. *On enhancing expressive power via compositions of single fixed-size ReLU network*. Accepted by ICML 2023. [arXiv]
- [9] (RF at NUS) Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, Shijun Zhang*. *Neural network architecture beyond width and depth*. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2022), 35:5669–5681, 2022. [arXiv, Poster, Conference]
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- [5] (PhD at NUS) Jianfeng Lu, Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, Shijun Zhang. *Deep network approximation for smooth functions*. SIAM Journal on Mathematical Analysis, Volume 53, Issue 5, September 2021, Pages 5465–5506. [arXiv, Journal]
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- [2] (PhD at NUS) Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, Shijun Zhang. *Deep network approximation characterized by number of neurons*. Communications in Computational Physics, Volume 28, Issue 5, November 2020, Pages 1768–1811. [arXiv, Journal]
- [1] (PhD at NUS) Zuowei Shen, Haizhao Yang, Shijun Zhang. *Nonlinear approximation via compositions*. Neural Networks, Volume 119, November 2019, Pages 74–84. [arXiv, Journal]