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Education

Peking University

Sep. 2023 - Present

- B.S. candidate in **Theoretical and Applied Mechanics** (Computational Science and Engineering track), [College of Engineering, PKU](#);
- B.S. candidate in **Computer Science**, [School of Electronics Engineering and Computer Science, PKU](#).
- **GPA: 3.67/4.00; CS Major GPA: 3.75/4.00 (equivalent to 89.5/100).**
- **Related Courses (some of which are in progress):**
 - **Systems:** Computer Networks (Honor Track) (93), Introduction to Computer Systems (85), Computer Architecture.
 - **AI:** Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (96), Introduction to Computer Vision (89), Continuous-Time Diffusion Processes in Machine Learning Theory (94), Machine Learning, Multimodal Learning, Introduction to Visual Computing and Interaction, Reinforcement Learning (self-studied with Reinforcement Learning: An Introduction).
 - **Programming and Algorithms:** Practice of Programming in C & C++ (89), Data Structures and Algorithms (92.5), Programming in Artificial Intelligence.
 - **Mathematics:** Numerical Analysis (88), Ordinary Differential Equations (91), Engineering Mathematics (93), Advanced Algebra I (87), Probability and Statistics.

Standardized Tests

- **TOEFL iBT: 104** (Reading 29, Listening 26, Writing 25, Speaking 24)

Research Experience

Diffusion LLM with Flexible-Length Generation

Aug. 2025 – Present

Advisor: [Dr. Yitao Liang](#), Assistant Professor, Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Peking University

- Analyzed why *fixed-length* decoding in diffusion-based LLMs degrades generation quality; surveyed Diffusion-LM, Masked dLLM, DreamOn, and related architectures.
- Built and evaluated experimental pipelines to diagnose sources of low-quality decoding (e.g., non-canonical token encodings) and assessed the effects of various length-control strategies.
- Explored approaches for enabling **flexible-length generation**, drawing on insights from Block Diffusion, DreamOn, and other token-wise diffusion frameworks.
- Developed a strong understanding of discrete diffusion training, sampling, and token-level probabilistic modeling for diffusion LLMs.
- **A manuscript based on this work is in preparation and is planned for submission to ICML 2026.**

Projects

Mytorch: A CUDA-Accelerated Neural Network Framework

Sep. 2025 - Dec. 2025

- Trained a classifier on MNIST using PyTorch as a reference baseline.
- Implemented **Tensor**, fully connected/conv layers, softmax, and cross-entropy in CUDA.
- Implemented an autograd engine supporting diverse computation graphs; built an SGD optimizer atop it.
- Packaged CUDA/C++ components via `pybind11` for parallelized training and evaluation.

Skills

- **Programming:** Python (with PyTorch), C/C++ (with CUDA)
- **Tools:** GitHub/Gitee, Hugging Face, LaTeX, Markdown
- **Dev Environments:** PyCharm, VS Code

- **Languages:** Chinese (native), English (TOEFL 104)

Honors and Awards

- **CMC** — The Chinese Mathematics Competitions
 - Provincial third prize in major group-A other than mathematics
- **PKUCPC** — Peking University Collegiate Programming Contest
 - Third prize in PKUCPC 2025
- **IM²C** — The International Mathematical Modeling Challenge
 - Meritorious in IMMC2019 China (Control Number: #19152089)

Leadership & Activities

Student Union, College of Engineering, Peking University — Member, *Sep. 2023 - Aug. 2024*
Arts and Sports Department

Student Union, College of Engineering, Peking University — Head, Arts
and Sports Department *Sep. 2024 - Aug. 2025*