HEXU ZHAO

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Aspiring and striving to become a skilled machine learning system researcher.

Education

Courant Institute, New York University

Ph.D in ML system, advised by Prof. Jinyang Li and Prof. Aurojit Panda

Honored Yao Class, Tsinghua University

Bachelor of Computer Science

New York, USA 2023 - present Beijing, China 2019 - 2023

Publications

On Optimizing the Communication of Model Parallelism

Yonghao Zhuang*, Hexu Zhao*(co-1st author), Lianmin Zheng, Zhuohan Li, Eric P. Xing, Qirong Ho, Joseph E. Gonzalez, Ion Stoica, Hao Zhang *MLSvs2023*

Fully Hyperbolic Neural Networks

Weize Chen, Xu Han, Yankai Lin, Hexu Zhao, Zhiyuan Liu, Peng Li, Maosong Sun, Jie Zhou

Development of a Doctor-in-the-loop Interpretation Framework for Insulin Titration in Diabetes: a Proof-of-concept Study

Haowei He*, Zhen Ying*, Biao Li, Yujuan Fan, Ping Wang, Jiaping Lu, Liming Wu, Hexu Zhao, Xiaoying Li, Yang Yuan, Ying Chen

In submission to The Lancet Diabetes & Endocrinology Journal

Research Experience

Research Assistant at MBZUAI

02/2022 - 10/2022

Advised by Prof. Eric Xing and Prof. Hao Zhang and Lianmin Zheng

- Contributed to the Distributed Machine Learning System Alpa Project.
- Develop an improved approach for cross-mesh resharding communication pattern in distributed machine learning, achieving up to a 10x speed increase; For GPT-3 and U-Transformer end-toend training, we improve throughput by 10% and 50%, respectively. It's accepted by MLsys2023.

Research Intern at Shanghai Andrew Yao Research Institute

02/2021 - 11/2021

Advised by Prof. Yang Yuan

- Participated in a Diabetes Management Project, leveraging AI to determine insulin dosage.
- I worked on the entire AI healthcare development cycle; conducting needs assessments in hospital, preprocessing data, model design and training, model deployment and etc.

Research Intern at Tsinghua NLP Lab

- Advised by Prof. Zhiyuan Liu
- Developed a system for the distributed training of knowledge graph embeddings, leveraging Megatron-LM's communication primitives.
- Participated in a <u>hyperbolic neural network</u> project, applied its hyperbolic algorithm on common knowledge graph embedding models. It's accepted by ACL2022.

Engineering Experience

Engineering intern at Polyhedra

02/2023 - 08/2023

- Implemented Zero-Knowledge Proof(ZKP) protocol.
- Accelerated computation primitives in ZKP, including speed up NTT with GPU.

Engineering intern at Haihua Research Institute

06/2020 - 09/2020

- Participated in AI+healthcare startup Oianfang Medical led by *Prof. Yang Yuan*.
- Code with Scala and learned engineering skills: Type-Safe, OOP/FP, microservices(Akka) and

Other Selected Experience

China National Olympiad of Informatics Gold Medalist

• I taught myself and became the first Gold Medalist in any Olympiad competition in history of Zibo City, after navigating through numerous challenges. This is what I'm most proud of in my past; but I don't wish for it to be my pride in the future.

Teaching Olympiad of Informatics

2018-2022

• Taught over 2000 senior high school students algorithms and data structures for the Olympiad of Informatics.

TA for Type-Safe Front-end and Back-end System at Tsinghua University 07/2022 - 08/2022 AI-track Investment Analyst Intern at ZhenFund Venture Capital 06/2021 - 09/2021 Outstanding Scholarship for Social Works at Tsinghua University
• 2019 Yao Class Monitor, Student Adviser of the 2022 Yao Class and etc. 2020 - 2022

Academic Referees

Prof. Jinyang Li: jinyang@cs.nyu.edu Prof. Aurojit Panda: apanda@cs.nyu.edu

Prof. Hao Zhang: haozhang@ucsd.edu