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## **EDUCATION**

CKC Honor College

B.Eng. (Honors) in Computer Science and Technology

Zhejiang University

GPA: 3.93/4.00 Rank: 1/17

# **SELF-PACED COURSES**

Machine Learning (CS229)  Stanford  ➤ Stanford Online Course	2014.5
Neural Networks for Machine Learning (CSC321)  University of Toronto  ➤ University of Toronto Online Course	2015.6
Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition (CS231n)  Stanford  ➤ Stanford Online Course	2015.7
Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing (CS224d)  Stanford  ➤ Stanford Online Course	2015.8
Advanced Topics in Reinforcement Learning University College London  ➤ University College London Online Course	2016.3
Convex Optimization (EE364a & EE364b)  Stanford  Stanford Online Course	2016.11

# **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

### **Machine Learning**

- > Deep Reinforcement Learning
- Unsupervised Feature Learning

## **Computer Vision**

Recognition, Detection and Tracking

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Research Assistant** 2015.3 – 2016.7

State Key Lab of CAD&CG, Zhejiang University

- ➤ Real-Time Automatic Number Plate Detection
- Community-Based Question Answering
- Advisor: Prof. Deng Cai

**Research Intern** 2016.7 - 2016.9

Center for Vision, Cognition, Learning, and Autonomy, UCLA

- Task Design and Real-Time 3D Scene Rendering for Robot Learning
- Advisor: Prof. Song-Chun Zhu

**Research Intern** 2016.9 - present

Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

- Quadrotor Reinforcement Learning for Tracking
- Visual Tracking
- Advisor: Prof. Dit-Yan Yeung

## WORKING EXPERIENCE

## **Software Development Coordinator**

2016.3 - present

Windmill Finance

➤ Coordinate APP development progress in a FinTech start-up with its foreign collaborator

## **PUBLICATION**

#### **CONFERENCES**

Li, S., Zhang, C., Yeung, D. Learning Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Control for Autonomous Target Following. *CVPR 2017*. Under review.

#### **JOURNALS**

Chen, Z., Zhang, C., Zhao, Z., Cai, D. Question Retrieval for Community-based Question Answering via Heterogeneous Network Integration Learning. *Neurocomputing. arXiv:* 1611.08135.

#### **PATENTS**

**A Method of Exact 3D Modeling Based on Natural Gestures via Data Gloves**. Publication number: CN104778746 A.

## SELECTED PROJECTS

MXNet 2016.9 - present

Flexible and efficient machine learning library for heterogeneous distributed systems

Regular contributor

### Perceive, Attend and Memorize

2016.9 - present

- Visual tracker that incorporates detection, attention mechanism and external memory
- Ongoing research; paper to be submitted to ECML17

## **Quadrotor Reinforcement Learning for Tracking**

2016.9 - 2016.11

- Combined PID control loop and reinforcement learning algorithms to train a quadrotor to autonomously learn the concept of tracking
- Paper submitted to CVPR 17

### **Real-Time Automatic Number Plate Detection**

2016.2 - 2016.6

- > Trained a CNN backbone with YOLO's detection layer for fast and accurate number plate detection and regression
- ➤ Incorporated into a drive-less vehicle system
- Part of National Program on Key Basic Research Project of China (973 Program)

### **Exact 3D Modeling Based on Natural Gestures via Data Gloves**

2014.12 - 2015.4

- Designed and manufactured a pair of data gloves for gesture detection via Adruino
- Collected data and built a *Random Forest* ensemble using C# and Python
- Second Prize in the Extracurricular Academic Work Competition, Zhejiang University
- Patented

## HONORS/AWARDS

## **Honors & Scholarships**

- Excellent Student Scholarship, Zhejiang University (3 years in a row)
- Outstanding Student Scholarship, Zhejiang University (3 years in a row)
- First-class Academic Excellence Scholarship, Zhejiang University (3 years in a row)
- Social Practice Excellence Scholarship, Zhejiang University
- First-class Research and Innovation Scholarship, Zhejiang University
- Chinese Talent Scholarship, Asahi Kasei (single recipient in the honor college)
- > Outstanding University Student Scholarship, Baosteel Group (6 recipients in 20,000 students)

#### Awards & Prizes

- Meritorious Winner of the 2015 Mathematical Contest in Modeling
- > Second Prize in the Physics Innovation Competition of Zhejiang Province
- Second Prize in the Extracurricular Academic Work Competition, Zhejiang University
- Five Star Volunteer of Zhejiang University (more than 250 hours of voluntary work)

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

### **Programming**

- ➤ Languages: C/C++, Matlab and Python
- Frameworks: Theano and MXNet

#### **Interests**

Voluntary work related to education and social welfare

#### Service

- Senior member of *The Forum for American/Chinese Exchange at Stanford (FACES)*, Chapter of Zhejiang University
- > Team leader of Department of Outgoing Global Community Development Program, AIESEC
- ➤ Member of *The Internet Association of Zhejiang University*
- Leader of a voluntary teacher group to Yongle Primary School