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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer Science, National University of Singapore, Singapore

2019-Present

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B.A. in Naval. Arch. & Ocean Eng., Zhejiang University, China

2015-2019

SKILLS

Responsible AI:

Familiar with (i) the technical methods for ensuring the social alignment of AI and (ii) the legal and policy aspects of AI regulation.

Machine Learning (ML):

Experienced with (i) the ML pipeline in Python; (ii) with image, sensor, sequential, language, and FinTech data; and (iii) with vision, NLP, generative, and multimodal models.

Statistics:

Big data analysis and structural modelling using the R and Python stack. Experienced with survival modelling, financial default analysis, and social network data analysis.

EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Researcher, N-CRiPT Centre, NUS, Singapore

2019-Present

- (a) Conduct research in ML and FinTech: (i) guarantee fairness in downstream tasks via pre-trained fair representations, (ii) structural modeling of million online peer-to-peer lending transaction data to estimate default risk, profitability, and discrimination.
- (b) Communicated scientific insights to both academic and industry audience in 9 papers (4 first-authored) and 3+ talks.
- (c) Assisted teaching the course Computational Methods for Business Analytics twice, totally 150+ hours to 200+ undergraduate students. Prepared weekly recap materials, videos, and Q&A sessions.
- (d) Actively contributed (60+ commits) to community-driven projects in NLP, including BIG-Bench, BigScience, and NL-Augmenter, and LLM's Inverse Scaling.
- (e) Worked on responsible AI through (i) the Algorithms, Law, and Policy working group at MD4SG and (ii) facilitating the Responsible, Regutable AI working group at NUS.

Research Intern, Sea Al Lab, Sea Limited, Singapore

Nov. 2022-Sep. 2023

(a) Worked on finetuning text-to-image diffusion models for fairness, driving collaboration with 5 researchers from 2 institutes (NUS & Sea Al Lab).

Undergrad Researcher, Second Institute of Oceanography, China

Jul. 2017-Jul. 2019

(a) Worked on the full stack of satellite remote sensing image segmentation using Python & Matlab, incl. data preprocessing, labeling, neural net training and validating.

Undergrad Researcher, Waseda University, Japan

Sep. 2018-Feb. 2019

(a) Analyzed the effectiveness of Japan's policy toward the elimination of Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), and proposed policy recommendations to China.

Undergrad Researcher, York University, Canada

May-Aug. 2018

(a) Worked on fluid dynamics simulation of a hydrodynamically focused printing process for printed electronics, using COMSOL and FLUENT, in collaboration with 5 other researchers.

- PUBLICATIONS 1. Xudong Shen, Chao Du, Tianyu Pang, Min Lin, Yongkang Wong, Mohan Kankanhalli, "Finetuning Text-to-Image Diffusion Models for Fairness", In ICLR (2024), (Oral, top 1.2%).
 - 2. Ian McKenzie, Alexander Lyzhov, Michael Pieler, Alicia Parrish, ..., Xudong Shen, ..., "Inverse Scaling: When Bigger Isnt Better", In TMLR (2023).

- 3. Xudong Shen, Tianhui Tan, Tuan Q. Phan, Jussi Keppo: "Gender Animus Can Still Exist Under Favorable Disparate Impact: a Cautionary Tale from Online P2P Lending". In ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAccT) (2023).
- 4. Kaustubh D Dhole, Varun Gangal, Sebastian Gehrmann, Aadesh Gupta, ..., Xudong Shen, ...,: "NL-Augmenter: A Framework for Task-Sensitive Natural Language Augmentation". In Northern European Journal of Language Technology (NEJLT) (2023).
- 5. Aarohi Srivastava, Abhinav Rastogi, Abhishek Rao, Abu Awal Md Shoeb, ..., Xudong Shen, ...: "Beyond the Imitation Game: Quantifying and Extrapolating the Capabilities of Language Models". In JMLR (2023).
- 6. Yizhong Wang, Swaroop Mishra, Pegah Alipoormolabashi, Yeganeh Kordi, ..., Xudong Shen, ...: "Benchmarking Generalization via In-Context Instructions on 1,600+ Language Tasks". In EMNLP (2022).
- 7. Xudong Shen, Yongkang Wong, Mohan Kankanhalli: "Fair Representation: Guaranteeing Approximate Multiple Group Fairness for Unknown Tasks". In IEEE Trans. PAMI (2022).
- 8. Ziwei Xu, Xudong Shen, Yongkang Wong, Mohan Kankanhalli: "Unsupervised Motion Representation Learning with Capsule Autoencoders". In *NeurIPS* (2021).

Preprints

- 1. Xudong Shen, Hannah Brown, Jiashu Tao, Martin Strobel, Yao Tong, Akshay Narayan, Harold Soh, Finale Doshi-Velez, "Towards Regulatable Al Systems: Technical Gaps and Policy Opportunities", arXiv:2306.12609, (2023), under review for Communications of the ACM.
- 2. Xudong Shen, Tianhui Tan, Tuan Q. Phan, Jussi Keppo, "Improved Identification of Gender Discrimination Drivers in Online P2P Lending", (2023), working paper.
- 3. Ayse Gizem Yasar, ..., Xudong Shen, ..., "Al and the EU Digital Markets Act: Addressing the Risks of Bigness in Generative AI", arXiv:2308.02033, (2023), working paper.

Feb.-Jun. 2017

Invited	International Conference on Smart Finance 2022, Online (Hong Kong)	2	2022
Talks	N-CRiPT Seminar, National University of Singapore, Singapore	2	2022
	Workshop on Enormous Language Models, ICLR 2021, Online	2	2021
Service	Reviewer: EMNLP 2022, ICLR 2023, WACV 2023, ACL 2023.		
	Area Chair: NeurIPS 2023 Regulatable ML Workshop.		
	Organizer: MD4SG Algorithms, Law, and Policy working group AY 2023/2024 sprin	ng term.	
Additional	Master Kong Dream Scholarship Program, Waseda University, Japan Sep.	2018-Feb. 2	2019
TRAINING	Globalink Research Internship, York University, Canada	MayAug. 2	2018

Erasmus+ Student Mobility, Università di Trento, Italy