Curriculum Vitae

Yuancheng Xu

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Education

University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D. student in Applied Mathematics & Statistics, and Scientific Computation 2020-2025 (expected) Advisor: Prof. Furong Huang (Computer Science)

Southern University of Science and Technology, China

2016-2020 B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

GPA 3.94/4.00 (1/909) Summa Cum Laude (1%)

New York University *Spring*, 2019

Visiting Student at the Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences GPA 4.0/4.0

Research Interests

My research focuses on **Trustworthy Machine Learning**, including adversarial robustness, fairness, privacy, and interpretability of AI systems. I am particularly interested in automatic search for undesirable behaviors in **foundation models** like large language models and vision-language models.

Publications and Preprints

- 1. Yuancheng Xu, Chenghao Deng, Yanchao Sun, Ruijie Zheng, Xiyao Wang, Jieyu Zhao, Furong Huang. "Equal Long-term Benefit Rate: Adapting Static Fairness Notions to Sequential Decision Making". In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop on New Frontiers in Adversarial Machine Learning, 2023.
- 2. Xiaoyu Liu, Jiaxin Yuan, Bang an, **Yuancheng Xu**, Yifan Yang, Furong Huang. "C-Disentanglement: Discovering Causally-Independent Generative Factors under an Inductive Bias of Confounder". In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) workshop on Structured Probabilistic Inference & Generative Modeling, 2023.
- 3. Yuancheng Xu, Yanchao Sun, Micah Goldblum, Tom Goldstein, Furong Huang. "Exploring and Exploiting Decision Boundary Dynamics for Adversarial Robustness". In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023.
- 4. Mucong Ding, Yuancheng Xu, Xiaoyu Liu, Tahseen Rabbani, Teresa Ranadive, Tai-Ching Tuan, Furong Huang. "Calibrated Dataset Condensation for Faster Hyperparameter Search". In Submission, 2023.
- 5. Yuancheng Xu, Yanchao Sun, and Furong Huang. "Everyone Matters: Customizing the Dynamics of Decision Boundary for Adversarial Robustness". In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) Workshop on Continuous Time Perspectives in Machine Learning, 2022.

6. **Yuancheng Xu**, Athanasse Zafirov, R. Michael Alvarez, Dan Kojis, Min Tan, and Christina M. Ramirez. "FREEtree: a Tree-Based Approach for High Dimensional Longitudinal Data with Correlated Features". *Preprint*, 2020.

Research Experience

• Research Intern

Comcast Applied AI, Washington D.C.

Advisor: Dr. Mahmudul Hasan

June – Sept 2023 (on-going)

o Scene-text Understanding via Vision-Language Models

Research Assistant

University of Maryland, College Park

Ph.D. Advisor: Prof. Furong Huang (Computer Science)

June 2020 - 2025 (on-going)

- o Adversarial Robustness of Deep Neural Networks
- o Fairness in Sequential Decision Making
- Data Efficient Hyperparameter Search

• Research Intern

University of California, Los Angeles

Cross-disciplinary Scholars in Science and Technology (CSST) Program

May – *Sept* 2019

Advisor: Prof. Christina Ramirez (Biostatistics)

o Tree-based Methods for Longitudinal Analysis

Research Intern

New York University

Undergraduate Research program

May – *Sept 2018*

Advisor: Prof. Sukbin Lim (Neuroscience)

o Computational Mechanisms for Working Memory

Awards

Dean's fellowship, University of Maryland, College Park	2020,2021
Summa Cum Laude at Southern University of Science and Technology (10/1000)	2020
China National Scholarship (0.2%, Highest honor of Chinese undergraduate students)	2019
National Mathematical Olympiad (National Second Prize)	2015