Yutong Wang

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Research Interest

Machine learning theory, including theory of overparametrized learning, models that interpolate perfectly or nearly, and phenomena in multiclass learning. Applied machine learning to scientific domains, including applications to reconstructive spectroscopy and genomic analysis.

Professional Experience

Eric and Wendy Schmidt AI in Science Postdoctoral Fellow

Jan 2023 - Present

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Postdoctoral Research Fellow University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Sep 2022 - Jan 2023

Education

PhD, Electrical & Computer Engineering

Sep 2016 - Aug 2022

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Thesis: Classification via Multiple Hyperplanes: Loss functions, Overparametrization, and Interpolation. [Link]

Advisor: Prof. Clayton Scott

MA, Mathematics Sep 2014 - Jun 2016

University of California, Davis

BSE, Electrical Engineering (Minor in Mathematics)

Sep 2010 - Apr 2014

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

Preprint

[1] Pengyu Li, **Yutong Wang**, Xiao Li, and Qing Qu. A Geometric Analysis of Multi-label Learning via Neural Collapse. Under review. 2023.

Publications

- [2] **Yutong Wang** and Clayton Scott. "On Classification-Calibration of Gamma-Phi Losses". In: Conference on Learning Theory. 2023.
- [3] Yutong Wang and Clayton Scott. "Consistent Interpolating Ensembles via the Manifold-Hilbert Kernel". In: Neural Information Processing Systems. 2022.
- [4] Yutong Wang Jianxin Zhang and Clayton Scott. "Learning from Label Proportions by Learning with Label Noise". In: Neural Information Processing Systems. 2022.
- [5] Yutong Wang and Clayton Scott. "VC dimension of partially quantized neural networks in the overparametrized regime". In: *International Conference on Learning Representations*. 2022.

- [6] Yutong Wang and Clayton Scott. "An exact solver for the Weston-Watkins SVM subproblem". In: International Conference on Machine Learning. 2021.
- Yutong Wang and Clayton Scott. "Weston-Watkins Hinge Loss and Ordered Partitions". In: Neural Information Processing Systems. 2020.
- Tasha Thong, Yutong Wang, Michael Brooks, Christopher Lee, Clayton Scott, Laura Balzano, Max Wicha, and Justin Colacino. "Hybrid stem cell states: insights into the relationship between mammary development and breast cancer using single-cell transcriptomics". In: Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology 8 (2020), p. 288.

Grants

NSF CISE Medium, Award # 2312842

2023

Collaborative Research: RI: Medium: Principles for Optimization, Generalization, and Transferability via Deep Neural Collapse

PI: Zhihui Zhu, Co-PI: Jeremias Sulam, Co-PI: Qing Qu, Senior Personnel: Yutong Wang

Presentations

Closed-form Solutions of Learning Dynamics for Two-layer Nets for Collapsed Orthogonal Data Third Workshop on Seeking Low-Dimensionality in Deep Neural Networks (SLowDNN). [Link]

Consistent Interpolating Ensembles

Workshop on the Theory of Overparameterized Machine Learning (TOPML 2022). [Link]

Domain adaptation for spatial and dissociated gene expression data

Learning Meaningful Representations of Life (LMRL) Workshop at NeurIPS. [Link]

Awards and Honors	
NeurIPS 2022 Scholar Award	
Honorable Mention for Outstanding Graduate Student Instructors and Instructional Aides	2021
NIH-sponsored travel award for NeurIPS Conference workshop NeurIPS 2019 Conference workshop: "Learning Meaningful Representations of Life"	2019
The Rollin M. Gerstacker Foundation Fellowship	2016
Dean's List University Honors	7 times 4 times

Teaching Experience

Group leader Summer 2023

Midwest Research Experience for Graduates [link]

Advised four PhD students early in their programs on machine learning research over the course of two weeks.

Group leader assistant

Summer 2022

Michigan Research Experience for Graduates [link]

Advised five PhD students early in their programs on machine learning research over the course of two weeks.

Graduate student instructor

Winter 2021

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, EECS 598 Statistical Learning Theory

Received ECE GSI Honorable Mention for my teaching efforts.

Guest lecturer Fall 2021

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, SW 508 Essentials of Social Welfare Policy

Lecture topic: Fairness in machine learning and its impact on social policy. Course instructor: Rita Xiaochen Hu.

Teaching assistant

Winter 2015 - Spring 2016

University of California, Davis

Courses taught: MAT 21C Calculus: Partial Derivatives and Series, Winter 2015, Fall 2015, Winter 2016, and Winter 2016. MAT 21D Vector Analysis, Fall 2014, and Spring 2016.

Professional Services

Reviewer (conferences)

Conference on Learning Theory (COLT) 2023

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2023

International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2023 Workshop on Domain Generalization International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2020

Reviewer (journals)

Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS) of the United States of America

IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing

Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)

Curriculum Committee Member

Helped with the development of instructional materials for future cohorts of Schmidt AI in Science postdocs

Co-organizer for AI in Science & Engineering Day link

Responsibilities include developing agenda and inviting speakers

Group leader for NeurIPS 2022 High School Outreach Program at New Orleans. link

Judge for Michigan Student Symposium for Interdisciplinary Statistical Sciences (MSSISS) 2023. link

Community Service

Volunteer for Ann Arbor Meals on Wheels

2022-present

Once a week meal delivery for older adults living in Ann Arbor.