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Education

Ph.D in Computer Science

Toronto ON

University of Toronto, Vector Institute for Artificial Intelligence

Sept 2018 – Aug 2022 (expected)

- Topic: Security and adversarial robustness of learning algorithms
- Supervisors: Amir-massoud Farahmand and Richard Zemel

M.A.Sc. in Systems Design Engineering

Waterloo ON

University of Waterloo, Vision and Image Processing Lab

May 2016 – Aug 2018

- Supervisors: Alexander Wong and David Clausi
- Thesis: "[Computational Depth from Defocus via Active Quasi-random Pattern Projections](#)"
- Cumulative GPA : 92 % (4.0 / 4.0 equivalent)

B.A.Sc. in Mechatronics Engineering *with Distinction*, Honours, Co-op Program

Waterloo ON

University of Waterloo

Sept 2011 – Apr 2016

- Capstone project: "[All Terrain Personal Transportation Device](#)"
- Cumulative GPA : 83 % (3.7 / 4.0 equivalent)

Publications

- **Ma, A.**, Faghri, F., Farahmand, A.M. (2020). Adversarial Robustness through Regularization: A Second-Order Approach. (*Under Review*).
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2018). Deep learning-driven depth from defocus via active multispectral quasi-random projections with complex subpatterns. In: *CRV'18: Conf. on Computer and Robot Vision*.
- **Ma, A.**, Gawish, A., Lamm, M., Wong, A., Fieguth, P. (2018). Real-time spatial-based projector resolution enhancement. In: *SID'18: Society for Information Display*.
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A. (2018). An inverse problem approach to computational active depth from defocus. *Journal of Physics: Conference Series*.
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2017). Depth from defocus via active multispectral quasi-random point projections using deep learning. In: *CVIS'17: Conference on Vision and Imaging Systems*.
- Hu, X., **Ma, A.**, Gawish, A., Lamm, M., Fieguth, P. (2017). Motion detection in high resolution enhancement. In: *CVIS'17: Conference on Vision and Imaging Systems*.
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2017). Depth from defocus via active quasi-random point projections: a deep learning approach. In: *ICIAR'17: International Conference on Image Analysis and Recognition*.
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A. (2017). Enhanced depth from defocus via active quasi-random colored point projections. In: *ICIPE'17: International Conference on Inverse Problems in Engineering*.
- **Ma, A.**, Li, F., Wong, A. (2016). Depth from defocus via active quasi-random point projections, In: *CVIS'16: Conference on Vision and Imaging Systems*.

Patents

- **Ma, A.**, Gawish, A., Wong, A., Fieguth, P., Lamm, M. (2018). Real-time spatial-based resolution enhancement using shifted superposition. Patent No.: US10009587 B1

Research Experience

Research Intern

Christie Digital - Advanced Technologies Group

Kitchener ON

May 2016 – Apr 2017

- Advised by Prof. Paul Fieguth and Prof. Alexander Wong
- Developed multiple spatial-temporal super-resolution enhancement methods for projectors
- Funded by the NSERC Collaborative Research and Development (CRD) grants and the OCE Voucher for Innovation and Productivity II (VIP-II) grants

Undergraduate Research Assistant

University of Waterloo - Vision and Image Processing Lab

Waterloo ON

Jan – Apr 2015

- Advised by Prof. Alexander Wong
- Conducted a research project on graph contraction algorithms for large scale graph computation

Research Intern

University Health Network - Princess Margaret Hospital, Guided Therapeutics Lab

Toronto ON

May – Aug 2013

- Advised by Dr. Robert Weersink
- Prototyped an integrated 3D imaging and reconstruction system using a pico projector and a rigid endoscope for intra-operative 3D registration

Work Experience

Mechatronics Engineer, Co-op

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems - Vehicle Electronics Group

Cleveland OH

Sept – Dec 2015

- Developed an embedded program for a tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS)
- Programmed an automatic system configuration tool for anti-lock braking systems (ABS) in trucks

Electrical Engineer, Co-op

Baylis Medical Company - Biomedical Engineering Group

Mississauga ON

Jan – Apr 2014

- Designed a thermocouple probe for temperature monitoring during minimally invasive surgery
- Hands-on circuit design experience gained from diagnosing malfunctioned radio-frequency ablation probes for spine tumor treatments

Software Developer, Co-op

JSI Telecom - UX Team

Ottawa ON

Sept – Dec 2012

- Enhanced the name search algorithm that drastically improved the user experience of the software
- Self-taught C# and Windows WPF, and developed a Gomoku board game

QA Engineer, Co-op

TeleCommunication Systems Inc. - QA Team

Calgary AB

Jan – Apr 2012

- Developed a series of automated tests that focus on the reliability of the software
- Implemented an automatic fault logging program that sends notifications to software developers regarding the latest bugs reported

Honors and Achievements

- NSERC Postgraduate Scholarships-Doctoral (PGS-D) *Sept 2018 – present*
- University of Waterloo Alumni Gold Medal (Department Nomination) *Sept 2018*
- Ontario Graduate Scholarship *May 2017 – Apr 2018*
- University of Waterloo President's Graduate Scholarship *May 2017 – Apr 2018*
- University of Waterloo Provost Graduate Scholarship *May 2016 – Apr 2017*
- University of Waterloo President's Scholarship *Sept 2011*

Teaching Assistantships

University of Toronto

- Mathematical Expression and Reasoning for Computer Science *Winter 2020*

University of Waterloo

- Introduction to Pattern Recognition *Winter 2018*
- Digital Computation: Introduction to C++ Programming *Fall 2017*
- Advanced Engineering Math 2: Numerical Methods for ODEs *Spring 2016*

Conference Presentations

- **Ma, A.**, Gawish, A., Lamm, M., Wong, A., Fieguth, P. (2018). Real-time spatial-based projector resolution enhancement. **Oral Presentation** at the *Society for Information Display - Display Week 2018*. Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, California
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2018). Deep learning-driven depth from defocus via active multispectral quasi-random projections with complex subpatterns. **Poster Presentation** at the *15th Conference on Computer and Robot Vision*. York University, Toronto, Ontario
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2017). Depth from defocus via active multispectral quasi-random point projections using deep learning. **Oral Presentation** at the *3rd Annual Conference on Vision and Imaging Systems*. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.
- Hu, X., **Ma, A.**, Gawish, A., Lamm, M., Fieguth, P. (2017). Motion detection in high resolution enhancement. **Poster Presentation** at the *3rd Annual Conference on Vision and Imaging Systems*. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2017). Depth from defocus via active quasi-random point projections: a deep learning approach. **Poster Presentation** at the *14th International Conference on Image Analysis and Recognition*. Polytechnique Montréal, Montreal, Quebec
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A. (2017). Enhanced depth from defocus via active quasi-random colored point projections. **Oral Presentation** at the *9th International Conference on Inverse Problems in Engineering*. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario.
- **Ma, A.**, Wong, A., Clausi, D.A. (2016). Depth from defocus via active multispectral quasi-random point projections using deep learning. **Poster Presentation** at the *2nd Annual Conference on Vision and Imaging Systems*. University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Ontario

Talks

- **University of Waterloo, Vision and Image Processing Lab** **Nov 2017**
"Real-time Spatial-based Resolution Enhancement"
- **University of Waterloo, Systems Design Engineering Graduate Seminar** **Feb 2017**
"Depth from Defocus via Active Quasi-random Pattern Projection: A Deep Learning Approach"
- **University of Waterloo, Vision and Image Processing Lab** **Oct 2016**
"Depth from Defocus via Active Quasi-random Pattern Projection"