Bradly C. Stadie

Email: bstadie@northwestern.edu

Education

University of Chicago

BA in Mathematics (Honors)

Chicago, IL

University of California, Berkeley

Ph.D in Statistics

Berkeley, CA

September 2010 - June 2014

August 2014 - August 2018

Employment

Northwestern University, Department of Statistics and Data Science

Evanston, USA

Assistant Professor

September 2022 - Present

• Assistant professor in the Department of Statistics and Data Science at Northwestern University.

TTIC Research Assistant Professor Chicago, USA

September 2020 - August 2022

• Research Assistant Professor at the Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago.

Vector Institute Postdoctoral Scholar Toronto, Canada

August 2018 - July 2020

• Postdoctoral researcher at the Vector Institute at the University of Toronto

Open AI

San Francisco, USA

Research Scientist

March 2016 - November 2017

- Full-time research scientist at Open AI
- Advised by Ilya Sutskever

AI Expert at Y Combinator

Part-time Partner

San Francisco, USA

January 2017 - January 2018

- Advised Y Combinator on the latest trends in AI
- Advised over 50 startups on AI and ML problems

Young Scholars Program/SESAME

Counselor

Chicago, USA

June 2011 - May 2013

- Taught mathematics to Chicagoland high school students and CPS teachers
- Full-time during summers. Every Saturday and Sunday during school year
- Head counselor from June 2012 May 2013

Conference Publications

1. Third-Person Imitation Learning

Bradly C. Stadie, Pieter Abbeel, Ilya Sutskever

In the proceedings of the International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Toulon, France, April 2017 arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1703.01703.pdf

2. One-Shot Imitation Learning

Yan (Rocky) Duan, Marcin Andrychowicz, Bradly C. Stadie, Jonathan Ho, Jonas Schneider, Ilya Sutskever, Pieter Abbeel, Wojciech Zaremba

In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Long Beach, California, December 2017

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1703.07326.pdf

3. Some Considerations on Learning to Explore via Meta-Reinforcement Learning
Bradly C. Stadie, Ge Yang, Rein Houthooft, Xi Chen, Yan Duan, Yuhuai Wu, Pieter Abbeel, Ilya Sutskever
In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), Montreal, Canada, December 2018
arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1803.01118.pdf

4. Evolved Policy Gradients

Rein Houthooft, Richard Y. Chen, Phillip Isola, Bradly C. Stadie, Filip Wolski, Jonathan Ho, Pieter Abbeel In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) [Spotlight], Montreal, Canada, December 2018 arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1802.04821.pdf

5. One-Shot Pruning of Recurrent Neural Networks by Jacobian Spectrum Evaluation
Matthew Zhang, Bradly C. Stadie
In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Addis Ababa, Ethiopi

In International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, April 2020 arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1912.00120.pdf

6. Learning Intrinsic Rewards as a Bi-Level Optimization Problem
Lunjun Zhang, Bradly C. Stadie, Jimmy Ba
Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), July 2020. Available at: https://www.auai.org/uai2020/proceedings/66_main_paper.pdf

7. Maximum Entropy Gain Exploration for Long Horizon Multi-goal Reinforcement Learning
Harris Chan, Silviu Pitis, Stephen Zhao, Bradly C. Stadie, Jimmy Ba.
In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), July 2020. arXiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2007.02832

8. World Model as a Graph: Learning Latent Landmarks for Planning
Lunjun Zhang, Ge Yang, Bradly C. Stadie
In International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) [Long Presentation], July 2021. https://arxiv.org/pdf/2011.12491.pdf.

 ${\bf 9.}\ \, Invariance\ \, Through\ \, Latent\ \, Alignment$

Takuma Yoneda, Ge Yang, Matthew Walter, Bradly C. Stadie

In Robotics: Science and Systems, July 2022. https://invariance-through-latent-alignment.github.io/

Workshop Publications

1. Incentivizing Exploration in Reinforcement Learning with Deep Predictive Models
Bradly C. Stadie, Sergey Levine, Pieter Abbeel
In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Deep RL Workshop, Montreal, Canada, December 2015
arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1507.00814.pdf

2. Transfer Learning for Estimating Causal Effects Using Neural Networks.

Bradly C. Stadie, Soeren R. Kuenzel, Nikita Vemuri, Varsha Ramakrishnan, Jasjeet S. Sekhon, Pieter Abbeel INFORMS Annual Meeting ML and causal inference workshop (2019)

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1808.07804.pdf

 $\textbf{3.} \ \textit{Learning to Learn from Flawed, Failed, and Figurative Demonstrations}$

Ge Yang, Bradly C. Stadie, Roberto Calandra, Pieter Abbeel, Sergey Levine, Chelsea Finn

In Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Deep RL workshop [Spotlight], Montreal, Canada, December 2018.

Available at: https://github.com/bstadie/All-Bradly-Stadie-Papers/blob/master/leaf.pdf

Preprints

1. Simulating the Stochastic Dynamics and Cascade Failure of Power Networks
Charles Matthews, Bradly C. Stadie, Jonathan Weare, Mihai Anitescu, Christopher Demarco
Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Power Systems. Under Review.

arXiv: https://arxiv.org/pdf/1806.02420.pdf

2. One-Demonstration Imitation Learning

Bradly C. Stadie, Siyan Zhao, Qiqi Xu, Bonnie Li, Lunjun Zhang

Preprint. Available at: https://github.com/bstadie/All-Bradly-Stadie-Papers/blob/master/one-demo.pdf

3. Understanding Goal Relabeling Requires Rethinking Divergence Minimization

Lunjun Zhang, Bradly C. Stadie

Submitted to NeurIPS 2022. Available at: shorturl.at/ahQ69

Selected Talks

- Toyota Technological Institute Japan Conference on Symbolic Neural Learning, Nagoya Japan, Invited Speaker (July 2022): Making Sense of the Past with Hindsight Divergence Minimization
- NSF EPSCoR Workshop: Artificial Intelligence With no Boundary Thinking, Invited Speaker (April 2022): Making Sense of the Past with Hindsight Divergence Minimization
- MSRI Hot Topics Workshop, Invited Speaker (March 2022): Sim2Real Transfer in Robotics: Thoughts on Model Pruning and Robust Visual Transfer
- Northwestern University (January 2022): Towards Strong Generalization in Reinforcement Learning.
- US Naval Academy (USNA) (January 2022): Towards Strong Generalization in Reinforcement Learning.
- UC Berkeley (October 2020): Weakly Supervised Reinforcement Learning
- Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago (March 2020): Weakly Supervised Reinforcement Learning
- Northwestern University invited speaker (October 2019): Learning reward functions.
- INFORMS panel on ML in causal inference (October 2019): Transfer learning causal effects.
- University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign (October 2019): Learning reward functions.
- Toyota Technological Institute, Chicago (May 2019): Learning from imperfect data.
- University of Wisconsin, Madison (April 2019): Learning from imperfect data.
- Purdue University (April 2019): Learning from imperfect data.
- University of Montreal (February 2018): The relationship between sampling and meta learning.
- University of Toronto (February 2018): The relationship between sampling and meta learning.
- Harvard University 2017 Big Data Conference, Invited Speaker (August 2017): Frontiers of meta learning.
- Open AI (March 2016): Exploration in deep reinforcement learning.

Teaching

- Statistics 133: Concepts in Computing with Data. Graduate Student Instructor. Jan May 2015
- Statistics 088: Introduction to Data Science. Graduate Student Instructor. Jan May 2016
- TTIC 31170 Planning, Learning, and Estimation for Robotics and Artificial Intelligence. Co-Instructor. March 2021 - June 2021
- TTI, Nagoya Japan Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Machine learning. Selected Lectures on Deep Learning. *July 2022*