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RESEARCH INTERESTS

**Evolutionary Computation:** multi-objective/many-objective optimization, expensive optimization, multifactorial optimization, application of evolutionary algorithm.

Work Experience • Research Fellow Oct. 2019 – Present School of Computer Science and Engineering, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore Supervisor: Prof. Yew-Soon Ong

**EDUCATION** 

Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU), Guangdong Province, China

Ph.D., School of Data and Computer Science

Sep. 2016 – Jun. 2019

- Major: Computer Science and Technology
- Supervisor: Prof. Yuren Zhou
- PhD Thesis: Research on Multi-objective Evolutionary Algorithms in Different Scenarios

South China University of Technology (SCUT), Guangdong Province, China

M.Sc., School of Computer Science and Engineering

Sep. 2013 – Jun. 2016

- Major: Computer Science and Technology (Recommended & Exam-exempted)
- Supervisor: Prof. Yuren Zhou
- Postgraduate Thesis: Research on the Improvements of Multi-objective Evolutionary Algorithms

Sun Yat-sen University (SYSU), Guangdong Province, China

B.Sc., School of Mathematics and Computational Science

Sep. 2009 – Jun. 2013

- Major: Information and Computational Science (GPA: Top 5%)
- Undergraduate Thesis: Design and Implementation of a Classification Model Based on Support Vector Machine

Journal Papers

- 1. Yuren Zhou, **Zefeng Chen**, and Jun Zhang, "Ranking vectors by means of the dominance degree matrix," *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, vol. 21, no. 1, pp. 34-51, Feb. 2017. (Q1, IF: 8.508, SNIP: 4.854) (The 1st author is my Ph.D. supervisor.)
- 2. **Zefeng Chen**, Yuren Zhou, and Yi Xiang, "A many-objective evolutionary algorithm based on a projection-assisted intra-family election," *Applied Soft Computing*, vol. 61, pp. 394-411, Dec. 2017. (Q1, IF: 4.873, SNIP: 2.369)
- 3. **Zefeng Chen**, Yuren Zhou, Xiaorong Zhao, Yi Xiang, and Jiahai Wang, "A historical solutions based evolution operator for decomposition-based many-objective optimization," *Swarm and Evolutionary Computation*, vol. 41, pp. 167-189, Aug. 2018. (Q1, IF: 6.33, SNIP: 2.841)

- 4. **Zefeng Chen**, Yuren Zhou, and Yi Xiang, "Towards efficiently searching triple product property triples: Deterministic and randomized algorithms," *Applied Soft Computing*, vol. 75, pp. 349-357, Feb. 2019. (Q1, IF: 4.873, SNIP: 2.369)
- 5. **Zefeng Chen**, Yuren Zhou, and Xiaoyu He, "Handling expensive multi-objective optimization problems with a cluster-based neighborhood regression model," *Applied Soft Computing*, vol. 80, pp. 211-225, Jul. 2019. (Q1, IF: 4.873, SNIP: 2.369)
- 6. Zhengxin Huang, Yuren Zhou, **Zefeng Chen**, Xiaoyu He, Xinsheng Lai, and Xiaoyun Xia, "Running Time Analysis of MOEA/D on Pseudo-Boolean Functions," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, 2019, accepted. (Q1, IF: 10.387, SNIP: 3.536)
- Xiaoyu He, Yuren Zhou, <u>Zefeng Chen</u>, Jun Zhang, and Wei-neng Chen, "Large-Scale Evolution Strategy Based on Search Direction Adaptation," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, 2019, accepted. (Q1, IF: 10.387, SNIP: 3.536)
- 8. Yuren Zhou, Yi Xiang, **Zefeng Chen**, Jun He, and Jiahai Wang, "A Scalar Projection and Angle-Based Evolutionary Algorithm for Many-Objective Optimization Problems," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, vol. 49, no. 6, pp. 2073-2084, Jun. 2019. (Q1, IF: 10.387, SNIP: 3.536)
- 9. Yi Xiang, Yuren Zhou, Zefeng Chen, and Jun Zhang, "A Many-Objective Particle Swarm Optimizer With Leaders Selected From Historical Solutions by Using Scalar Projections," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, 2018, accepted. (Q1, IF: 10.387, SNIP: 3.536)
- 10. Xiaoyu He, Yuren Zhou, and **Zefeng Chen**, "An Evolution Path-Based Reproduction Operator for Many-Objective Optimization," *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, vol. 23, no. 1, pp. 29-43, Feb. 2019. (Q1, IF: 8.508, SNIP: 4.854)
- 11. Xiaoyu He, Yuren Zhou, and **Zefeng Chen**, "Evolutionary Bilevel Optimization based on Covariance Matrix Adaptation," *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, vol. 23, no. 2, pp. 258-272, Apr. 2019. (Q1, IF: 8.508, SNIP: 4.854)
- 12. Xiaoyu He, Yuren Zhou, **Zefeng Chen**, and Qingfu Zhang, "Evolutionary Manyobjective Optimization based on Dynamical Decomposition," *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, vol. 23, no. 3, pp. 361-375, Jun. 2019. (Q1, IF: 8.508, SNIP: 4.854)
- 13. Yi Xiang, Yuren Zhou, and **Zefeng Chen**, "A local search based restart evolutionary algorithm for finding triple product property triples," *Applied Intelligence*, vol. 48, no. 9, pp. 2894-2911, Sep. 2018. (Q1, IF: 2.882, SNIP: 1.561)
- 14. Yi Xiang, Yuren Zhou, Miqing Li, and <u>Zefeng Chen</u>, "A Vector Angle-Based Evolutionary Algorithm for Unconstrained Many-Objective Optimization," *IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation*, vol. 21, no. 1, pp. 131-152, Feb. 2017. (Q1, IF: 8.508, SNIP: 4.854)
- 15. Yi Xiang, Yuren Zhou, Langping Tang, and **Zefeng Chen**, "A Decomposition-Based Many-Objective Artificial Bee Colony Algorithm," *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics*, vol. 49, no. 1, pp. 287-300, Jan. 2019. (Q1, IF: 10.387, SNIP: 3.536)
- 16. Yi Xiang, Jing Peng, Yuren Zhou, Miqing Li, and Zefeng Chen, "An angle based constrained many-objective evolutionary algorithm," Applied Intelligence, vol. 47, no. 3, pp. 705-720, Oct. 2017. (Q1, IF: 2.882, SNIP: 1.561)

# Conference Papers

- 1. Zefeng Chen, Yuren Zhou, Xiaoyu He, and Siyu Jiang, "A Restart-based Rank-1 Evolution Strategy for Reinforcement Learning," Proceedings of the 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-19), 2019. (Oral Presentation)
- 2. Zefeng Chen, Yuren Zhou, and Zhengxin Huang, "Auto-creation of Effective Neural Network Architecture by Evolutionary Algorithm and ResNet for Image Classification," Proceedings of 2019 IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics (IEEE SMC 2019), 2019.
- 3. Zhengxin Huang, Yuren Zhou, **Zefeng Chen**, and Xiaoyu He, "Running Time Analysis of MOEA/D with Crossover on Discrete Optimization Problem," Proceedings of the Thirty-Third AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-19), 2019.
- 4. Langping Tang, Yuren Zhou, and Zefeng Chen, "A Dominance-Based Constrained Optimization Evolutionary Algorithm for the 4-th Tensor Power Problem of Matrix Multiplication," Proceedings of the 4th International Conference on Cloud Computing and Security (ICCCS 2018), 2018.
- 5. Yuchen Lian, Zhengxin Huang, Yuren Zhou, and **Zefeng Chen**, "Improve Theoretical Upper Bound of  $Jump_k$  Function by Evolutionary Multitasking," Proceedings of the 2019 3rd High Performance Computing and Cluster Technologies Conference (HPCCT **2019**), 2019. (Oral Presentation)

#### Academic ACTIVITIES

- Talks:
  - ‡ "A Restart-based Rank-1 Evolution Strategy for Reinforcement Learning", in Proceedings of the 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI-19), Aug. 2019.
- Reviewer of several international journals including:
  - ‡ IEEE Transactions on Evolutionary Computation
  - ‡ IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics
  - ‡ IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Systems
  - ‡ Information Sciences
  - ‡ Applied Soft Computing
  - ‡ IEEE Access
- Member of several scientific research projects including:
  - ‡ General Program of National Natural Science Foundation of China "Study of Evolutionary Algorithms for Matrix Multiplication Problem"
  - ‡ General Program of National Natural Science Foundation of China "Analysis and Design of Many-objective Evolutionary Algorithms"
  - ‡ Scientific Research Special Plan of Guangzhou Science and Technology Programme "Technology and Theory of Many-objective Evolutionary Algorithms"

#### Internship EXPERIENCE

• Face recognition algorithm for attendance machine Oct. 2012 - Jun. 2013 Supervisor: Prof. Lihua Yang SYSU & Guangzhou Comet Co., Ltd. Main tasks: Designing, implementing and testing algorithms for localization of facial features.

## Honors and Awards

- Outstanding Graduate Students in **Guangdong Province** 2019
- Shenzhen Stock Exchange (SZSE) Scholarship 2018(Only one quota for PhD students majoring in computer science)
- Second Prize PhD Scholarship of SYSU (Top 2) 2017,2018
- Outstanding Graduate Students in SYSU

2017 2016

• Third Prize Doctoral Scholarship of SYSU

2013,2014,2015

• First Prize Postgraduate Scholarship of **SCUT** 

• Outstanding Graduates in <b>SYSU</b>	2013
• Excellent League Members in <b>SYSU</b>	2012
• Liu Yongsheng Scholarship for Outstanding Students Under Poverty	2012
• First Prize Scholarship of <b>SYSU</b> ( <b>Top 5</b> %)	2012
• Zeng Xianzi Excellent Student Scholarship	2011,2012,2013
• Second Prize in Guangdong Contest District in China Undergraduat	e Mathematical
Contest in Modeling (CUMCM)	2011
• National Encouragement Scholarship (Ministry of Education, China)	2011
• Second Prize Scholarship of SYSU	2011
• Asian Games Volunteer Service Advanced Individuals in <b>SYSU</b>	2010
• Third Prize Scholarship of <b>SYSU</b>	2010

## ${\rm Skills}$

- Strong research sense.
- Good at mathematics & algorithms.
- Good English literacy.
- $\bullet$  Programming: LATEX, MATLAB, C/C++, JAVA, Python.