Rongtao Zhang

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EDUCATION

University of Southern California

Master of Science in Machine Learning and Data Science

Los Angeles, CA Aug. 2023 – Present

Email: rongtaoz@usc.edu

Beijing Jiaotong University

Bachelor of Engineering in Internet of Things Engineering

Haidian, Beijing Sep. 2018 – June. 2023

ACADEMIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

USC HaRVI Lab, Research Intern

Los Angeles, California

Advised by Prof. Heather Culbertson

Feb 2024 - Present

• Haptics: The primary focus is on developing a vision-driven haptic system.

CASIA Collective Decision Intelligence Lab, Research Intern

Haidian, Beijing

Advised by Prof. Haifeng Zhang

Sep 2022 - July 2023

- o Reinforcement Learning: Research focus on Reinforcement Learning for Mobile Edge Computing.
- o Large Language Model: Studied the technical roadmap and application scenarios of ChatGPT during its initial emergence.

BJTU INSIS, Research Intern

Haidian, Beijing

Advised by Prof. Sheng Han and Prof. Youfang Lin

Oct 2021 - Mar 2022

o Robot Manipulation: Implemented an automatic refueling system for a mechanical arm via deep reinforcement learning.

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Visiting Student

Remote

Advised by Prof. Mark Vogelsberger

Aug 2020 - Oct 2020

• Image Inpainting: Developed a demo showcasing watermark removal and image inpainting using Multi-Column Convolutional Neural Networks optimized with Genetic Algorithm.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Lenovo, Artificial Intelligence User Experience Intern

Haidian, Beijing

Lenovo Smart Voice Team

Apr 2021 - Aug 2021

- o User Requirement Analysis: Researching user functional requirements for intelligent voice platforms on desktop computers.
- **Software Development**: Developed a data management system for the corpus.
- o **Software Deployment**: Completed cross-platform deployment of Smart Voice.

VOLUNTEER AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Teacher, Volunteer

Huating, Gansu

Middle School Mathematics

May 2020 - Aug 2020

o In three months, I helped a student boost her math score by approximately 50 points (out of 100), and she was recognized with the school's Rapid Progress Award.

Beijing Zoo, Volunteer

Haidian, Beijing

Animal Welfare Guide

Mar 2019 - Jun 2019

o Providing guidance to visitors on adhering to animal welfare practices during their zoo visit.

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

RLChina Member

Haidian, Beijing

Beijing Jiaotong University Organizer of RLChina.

Aug 2021 - Present

AWARD

- National Second Prize, Chinese Undergraduate Mechanical Engineering Innovation and Creativity Competition(7/326) [Coverage 1][Coverage 2]
- BJTU Tech Star [Coverage]
- BJTU Excellent Student Cadre Scholarship[Coverage]
- BJTU Athletic Excellence Scholarship
- BJTU Academic Excellent Scholarship