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EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Ph.D. Candidate in Statistics

May 2020

· **Supervisor:** Dr. Mingyuan Zhou

Cumulative GPA: 3.98/4.00

· **Research Interest:** Approximate Bayesian Inference, Bayesian Deep Learning, Statistical Learning Theory, Information Theory, Reinforcement Learning

Fudan University, Bachelor of Science

June 2015

Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

Major GPA: 3.58/4.00

North Carolina State University, Statistics

January 2014

Exchange student, UNC Exchange Program

Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00

PUBLICATION

1. **Yin, M, Yue, Y and Zhou, M.** "ARSM: Augment-REINFORCE-Swap-Merge Estimator for Gradient Backpropagation Through Categorical Variables." Accepted by **International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2019.**
2. **Yin, M and Zhou, M.** "Semi-implicit Variational Inference." Accepted by **International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2018.**
3. **Yin, M and Zhou, M.** "ARM: Augment-REINFORCE-Merge Gradient for Stochastic Binary Networks." Accepted by **International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2019.**
4. Yan, B, **Yin, M** and Sarkar, P. "Convergence of Gradient EM for Multi-component Gaussian Mixture." Accepted by **Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS) 2017.**
5. **Yin, M** and Zhou, M. "Semi-implicit Generative Model." **Appear on NeurIPS Bayesian Deep Learning Workshop, 2018.**
6. Tang, Y, **Yin, M** and Zhou, M. "Augment-Reinforce-Merge Policy Gradient for Binary Stochastic Policy." **arXiv, 2019.**

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Conference reviewing: **NIPS 2017, 2018, 2019; ICML 2019; ICLR 2018; AISTATS 2018; AAAI 2018; UAI 2019; ACML 2018**

Member of American Statistical Association (ASA)

2015-2019

Poster presentation at Neural Information Processing Systems Conference

2017, 2018

Long talk at International Conference on Machine Learning

2018

HONORS AND AWARDS

The Graduate Continuing Bruton Fellowship

2018

Travel Award (NIPS, ICML, ICLR)

2017- 2019

Best Intern Prize, Hewlett Packard Enterprise

July 2016

Leo Tang Hsiang-chien Scholarship

April 2013

National 1st Prize in China Mathematics Competition in Modeling

October 2013

1st Prize in Eastern China Mathematical Modeling Competition

July 2013

INTERNSHIP

Research Intern, Google Brain

May 2019-August 2019

· Research Intern, Quantlab Financial, LLC

June 2017-August 2017

- Build passive trading strategy model and passed the phase one test.

Data Science Intern, Hewlett Packard Enterprise, Big Data Platform

June 2016-August 2016

- Build survival analysis model to predict the close date of sales pipeline.
- Ensemble logistic regression, KNN and LDA to predict sales closing state.
- Apply Topological data analysis to track, predict and classify web click streams. Patent Application #710224784.

Research Intern at China Academy of Science, Computational Biology

2014-2015

- Building epithelial mesenchymal transition(EMT) type 2 map in CellDesigner with Dr.Christine Nardini

SKILLS

Language

Native in Chinese; Fluent in English

Computer Languages

Fluent in Python, Matlab, R, C++, L^AT_EX

Tools

Tensorflow, Pytorch, Parallel computing