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Education

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science, VNUHCM-University of Science

2020 - 2024

Overall GPA: 3.82/4.00

Research Experience

SELab VNUHCM-University of Science

2023 - 2024

Research Assistant - Supervised by Prof. Minh-Triet Tran and M.Sc. Thuc Nauven-Quana

- Research on Sharpness Aware Minimization (SAM) Identify the problems with SAM and lead the project.
- Investigate the performance difference between SAM and SGD in the presence of noisy labels.
- Propose various hypotheses about these differences, conduct empirical validations, and further enhance SAM's performance.

Research Interest

As AI systems become increasingly integral to our world, ensuring their safety and reliability has become a critical challenge. My current research focuses on improving the safety and reliability of neural networks. Current deep neural network training heavily relies on gradient-based algorithms, which, despite their effectiveness, can introduce biases when applied to challenging datasets such as noisy labels, out-of-distribution, or imbalanced classes. Motivated by these challenges, I focus on understanding and improving training dynamics to enhance model generalization and robustness in difficult settings. As a first step, I analyzed the behavior of perturbed gradient in Sharpness-Aware Minimization (SAM) under noisy label conditions. This work aims to slow down the fitting of noisy labels, improving robustness and contributing to safer AI systems. Currently, my work includes (but is not limited to):

- 1. Understanding Training Dynamics: identifying interesting phenomena that occur during training and establishing theories about them.
- 2. Generalization and Robustness: establishing both the theoretical and practical aspects of optimization to enhance generalization on out-of-distribution datasets, noisy labels, and imbalanced class datasets.
- 3. LLMs and Diffusion models: developing both theoretical and practical methods to enhance the performance of real-world applications.

Publications

[1] (NeurIPS 2024) Pham Duy Khanh, Hoang-Chau Luong, Boris S. Mordukhovich, Dat Ba Tran. "Fundamental Convergence Analysis of Sharpness-Aware Minimization"

[2] (CVPR 2024 Workshop) Tuan-An To, Minh-Nam Tran, Trong-Bao Ho, Thien-Loc Ha, Quang-Tan Nguyen, Hoang-Chau Luong, Thanh-Duy Cao, Minh-Triet Tran. "Multi-perspective traffic video description model with fine-grained refinement approach"

[3] (SOICT 2023) Hoang-Chau Luong, Minh-Triet Tran. "Applying Adaptive Sharpness-Aware Minimization to Improve Out-of-distribution Generalization"

[4] (RIVF 2022) Tuan-An To, Hoang-Chau Luong, Nham-Tan Nguyen, Trong-Tin Nguyen, Minh-Triet Tran, Trong-Le Do. "Deepfake Detection using EfficientNet: Working Towards Dense Sampling and Frames Selection"

Preprint

[1] (Under review) Hoang-Chau Luong, Thuc Nguyen-Quang and Minh-Triet Tran. "Improving Resistance to Noisy Label Fitting by Reweighting Gradient in SAM"

Reviewer

- ICLR 2025

Achievements

| Awards | |
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| Awards for excellent achievements in Research activities at the university. | 11/2024 |
| Excellence scholarship for semester III. | 9/2023 |
| AI Competition | |
| Third prize in AI Challenge Ho Chi Minh City, Event Retrieval from Visual Data. (Top $5/800$) | 11/2024 |
| Consolation prize in AI Challenge Ho Chi Minh City, Event Retrieval from Visual Data. (Top $6/600$) | 10/2023 |
| Consolation prize in AI Challenge Ho Chi Minh City, Event Retrieval from Visual Data. | 10/2022 |
| Top $12/69$ on private test in FathomNet - FGVC10 workshop at CVPR 2023 | 4/2023 |
| Competitive Mathematics | |
| 1^{st} prize in Ho Chi Minh City Mathematics Olympiad Competition | 4/2020 |
| Silver Medal in Southern Vietnam Mathematics Olympiad Competition | 4/2019 |
| Bronze Medal in Southern Vietnam Mathematics Olympiad Competition | 4/2018 |
| Skills | |

Programming Languages: Proficient in Python and experienced in writing C++, and Bash.

Technologies/Frameworks: Pytorch, HuggingFace, Linux

English: IELTS 7.0

References

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Reference 3: Pham Duy Khanh

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Reference 4: Boris S. Mordukhovich

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