Lingwei Zhu

curriculum vitae

Postdoc fellow, Department of Computing Science
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Research Interests

Reinforcement Learning, **Machine Learning**, application of machine learning/reinforcement learning to real-world problems such as healthcare, automation, industrial control, etc.

Education

Postdoc Fellow *supervisor: Martha White*
RLAI Lab, University of Alberta, Canada 2022-2024

Ph.D. with the Best Student Honor *supervisor: Takamitsu Matsubara*
Robot Learning Lab, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan 2019-2022
Thesis title: Entropy regularization for scalable, safe and robust reinforcement learning

Master of Engineering *supervisor: Takamitsu Matsubara*
Robot Learning Lab, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, Japan 2017-2019
Thesis title: RL for Large-scale Process Control: application to vinyl acetate monomer process

Bachelor of Engineering
Tianjin Polytechnic University, China 2013-2017

Publications

Refereed Journal and Conference Articles

(† *indicates joint first authors*)

[1] Offline Reinforcement Learning with In-Sample Tsallis Regularization, *Lingwei Zhu, M. Schlegel, H. Wang, M. White*, In submission to Transaction on Machine Learning Research, 2023.

[2] Generalized Munchausen Reinforcement Learning using Tsallis KL Divergence, *Lingwei Zhu, Z. Chen, M. Schlegel, M. White*, NeurIPS, 2023.

[3] Cautious Policy Programming: Exploiting KL Regularization for Monotonic Policy Improvement in RL, *Lingwei Zhu, T. Matsubara*, Machine Learning, 2023.

[4] Cyclic policy distillation: Sample-efficient sim-to-real reinforcement learning with domain randomization, *Y. Kadokawa, Lingwei Zhu, Y. Tsurumine, T. Matsubara,* Robotics and Autonomous Systems, 2023.

[5] Automated Sleep Staging via Parallel Frequency-Cut Attention, *Z. Chen, Z. Yang, Lingwei Zhu, et al.*, IEEE Transactions on Neural Systems and Rehabilitation Engineering, 2023.

[6] Learning vector quantized representation for cancer subtypes identification, *Z. Chen*†, *Z. Yang*†, *Lingwei Zhu*†, *et al.*, Computer Methods and Programs in Biomedicine, 2023.

[7] Alleviating parameter-tuning burden in RL for large-scale process control, *Lingwei Zhu, et al.*, Computers and Chemical Engineering, 2022.

[8] A Two-View EEG Representation for Brain Cognition by Composite Temporal-Spatial Contrastive Learning, *Z. Chen*†, *Lingwei Zhu*†, *H. Jia, T. Matsubara*, SIAM International Conference on Data Mining, 2023.

[9] Hierarchical Categorical Generative Modeling for Multi-omics Cancer Subtyping, *ZW. Yang*†, *Lingwei Zhu*†, *et al.*, International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM), 2022.

[10] Automated cancer subtyping via vector quantization mutual information maximization, *Z. Chen*†, *Lingwei Zhu*†, *et al.*, European Conference on Machine Learning (ECML), 2022.

[11] Multi-tier platform for cognizing massive electroencephalogram, *Z. Chen*†, *Lingwei Zhu*†, *et al.*, International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI), 2022.

[12] Cancer Subtyping via Embedded Unsupervised Learning on Transcriptomics Data, *Z. Yang, Lingwei Zhu, et al.*, IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC), 2022.

[13] Adaptive Spike-Like Representation of EEG Signals for Sleep Stages Scoring, *Lingwei Zhu, et al.*, IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society (EMBC), 2022.

[14] Cautious Actor-Critic, *Lingwei Zhu, T. Kitamura, T. Matsubara*, Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML), 2021.

[15] Geometric Value Iteration: Dynamic Error-Aware KL Regularization for Reinforcement Learning, *T. Kitamura, Lingwei Zhu, T. Matsubara*, Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML), 2021.

[16] Scalable reinforcement learning for plant-wide control of vinyl acetate monomer process, *Lingwei Zhu, et al.*, Control Engineering Practice, 2020.

[17] Dynamic actor-advisor programming for scalable safe reinforcement learning (IEEE chapter award), *Lingwei Zhu, Y. Cui, T. Matsubara*, IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA), 2020.

[18] Factorial Kernel Dynamic Policy Programming for Vinyl Acetate Monomer Plant Model Control, *Y. Cui*†, *Lingwei Zhu*†, *et al.*, IEEE International Conference on Automation Science and Engineering (CASE), 2018.

International Patents

Inventor of apparatus, method, program and recording medium

- **United States patent Patent Number US20200057416A1**, *T. Matsubara, Y. Cui, Lingwei Zhu, et al.*,
- **European patent; Patent Number EP3620868A1**, *T. Matsubara, Y. Cui, Lingwei Zhu, et al.*,
- **Chinese patent; Patent Number CN110837893A**, *T. Matsubara, Y. Cui, Lingwei Zhu, et al.*,
- **Japanese patent; Patent Number JP2020027556A**, *T. Matsubara, Y. Cui, Lingwei Zhu, et al.*,

Awards and Honors

Best Ph.D. student honor, Nara Institute of Science and Technology, 2022

National Scholarships:

- Japanese Society for Promotion of Science - DC2, (83/416, $\sim 19.8\%$), 2021-2022
- Japanese Government Scholarship (MEXT), 2020-2021

IEEE Kansai Chapter Paper Award, 2020
Awarded to *Dynamic actor-advisor programming for scalable safe reinforcement learning*

Academic Services

Program Commitee Member (Reviewer) 2021-present
AAAI, IJCAI, RAL, ICRA, IROS

Personal Information

Languages: fluent English, semi-fluent Japanese, native Chinese
Citizenship: Chinese