# Loc Q Trinh

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Research Interest Developing efficient and interpretable machine learning algorithms for analyzing largescale structured data and improving trust towards automatic predictions with applications in social good and clinical care.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of Southern California (2019 - Present)

Computer Science, Advisor: Prof. Yan Liu

Viterbi School of Engineering

M.Eng, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (May 2019) Computer Science and Engineering, Advisor: Prof. Aleksander Madry Thesis: Greedy Layerwise Training of Convolutional Neural Networks

S.B., Massachusetts Institute of Technology (May 2018)

Computer Science and Engineering, GPA: 4.9

Minor in Mathematics

Publications

- 1. L. Trinh, M. Tsang, S. Rambhatla, and Y. Liu. Interpretable deepfake detection via dynamic prototypes. arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.15473, 2020
- 2. L. Trinh. Greedy layerwise training of convolutional neural networks (Master's thesis). M. Eng., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, 2019

Presentations

Semi-supervised Learning for Clinical Phenotyping, SuperUROP, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, MIT, Cambridge, MA (Apr 2018)

AWARDS AND HONORS Advanced Undergraduate Research in AI and Machine Learning, May 2018
Lincoln Laboratory Undergraduate Research and Innovation Scholar, Dec 2017
AI Programming Competition Finalist, Battlecode, Jan 2017
1st Place Winner Built-From-Scratch, HackMIT, Sep 2016
QuestBridge National College Match Finalist and Scholar, Dec 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## MIT Madry Lab

Researcher, Cambridge, MA

Aug 2018 - May 2019

- 1. Investigating network parameters and activation differences between adversarially robust neural networks and vanilla neural networks, both trained on ImageNet.
- 2. Analyzing the effects of sequential layer-by-layer training methodology on the performance, robustness, and representation of deep convolutional neural networks for large-scale image classification tasks.

#### MIT Clinical Machine Learning Group

Researcher, Cambridge, MA

Aug 2017 - Aug 2018

1. Applying semi-supervised learning methods to the clinical phenotyping of 200K noisy electronic health records from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC).

- 2. Working with ED clinicians from Harvard Medical School to develop robust human-in-the-loop algorithms to perform high-throughput patient phenotyping.
- 3. Helped develop the open-sourced learning framework currently being used at the Emergency Department within BIDMC.

## **CSAIL Learning and Intelligent Systems**

Researcher, Cambridge, MA

Jul 2016 - Jan 2017

- 1. Explored heuristic search, suboptimal search, and anytime search algorithms to build motion planning and execution system.
- 2. Applied supervised and reinforcement learning techniques to help robot learn basic primitive skills such as pushing a block or screwing on a bottle cap.

## Additional Experience

#### Yelp

Software Engineer, San Francisco, CA Software Engineering Intern, San Francisco, CA Aug 2017 - Aug 2018 June 2017 - Aug 2017

- 1. Worked on Yelp's restaurant ranking model and helped improve online traffic CTR near 1% for 30M daily restaurant queries.
- 2. Helped improve Yelp's learning to rank framework by implementing time sensitive signals along with key personalization features.
- 3. Helped improve Yelp's query understanding model using latest advances in recurrent neural network.

## TEACHING ASSISTANT

6.867 - Graduate Machine Learning, MIT, Fall 20186.008 - Introduction to Inference, MIT, Fall 20176.01 - Introduction to EECS, MIT, Spring 2015

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES & FRAMEWORKS Proficient: Python, JavaScript, PyTorch, scikit-learn, LATEX

Familiar: Java, C++, TensorFlow