Aaron Lou

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Education Stanford University

Sep 2021 -

PhD in Computer Science

Funding: NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Cornell University

Aug 2017 - May 2021

B.A. in Mathematics – $Summa\ Cum\ Laude$ B.A. in Computer Science – $Magna\ Cum\ Laude$

Completed 15 graduate level courses including core graduate math curriculum.

Conference Publications

Aaron Lou*, Derek Lim*, Isay Katsman*, Leo Huang*, Qingxuan Jiang, Ser-Nam Lim, & Christopher De Sa. "Neural Manifold Ordinary Differential Equations". In *NeurIPS 2020: Thirty-fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*, December 2020.

Aaron Lou*, Isay Katsman*, Qingxuan Jiang*, Serge Belongie, Ser-Nam Lim, & Christopher De Sa. "Differentiating through the Fréchet Mean". In *ICML 2020: the Thirty-seventh International Conference on Machine Learning*, July 2020.

Workshop Publications

Isay Katsman*, **Aaron Lou***, Derek Lim*, Qingxuan Jiang*, Ser-Nam Lim, & Christopher De Sa. "Equivariant Manifold Flows". In *INNF+ 2021: ICML workshop on Invertible Neural Networks and Normalizing Flows*, Jun 2021.

Aaron Lou, Maximilian Nickel, Brandon Amos. "Deep Riemannian Manifold Learning". In *DiffGeo4DL 2020: NeurIPS workshop on Differential Geometry meets Machine Learning*, Dec 2020.

Horace He, **Aaron Lou***, Qingxuan Jiang*, Isay Katsman*, Serge Belongie, & Ser-Nam Lim. "Adversarial Example Decomposition". In *SPML 2019: ICML Workshop on Security and Privacy in Machine Learning*, June 2019.

In Submission

Tolga Birdal, **Aaron Lou**, Leonidas Guibas, Umut Simselski. "Intrinsic Dimension, Persistent Homology and Generalization in Neural Networks". Submitted to NeurIPS 2021: Thirty-fifth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, Dec 2021.

Research Experience

Facebook AI

May 2020 - Aug 2020

Research Intern | New York, NY

- · Manifold learning w/ Dr. Brandon Amos & Dr. Maximilian Nickel
- · Topology and data augmentation w/ Dr. Ser-Nam Lim.

Cornell University Artificial Intelligence

Aug 2018 - May 2021

Undergraduate Researcher | Ithaca, NY

- Geometric machine learning w/ Prof. Christopher De Sa.
- · Adversarial examples w/ Prof. Serge Belongie & Dr. Ser-Nam Lim.

Industry Experience

Facebook AI

Jun 2021 - Sep 2021

Software Engineering Intern | Menlo Park, CA

· Detectron2 w/ Vaibhav Aggarwal

Google

May 2019 - Aug 2019

Software Engineering Intern | Mountain View, CA

· Google Maps incognito mode w/ Satwika Sarkar

Invited Talks

Normalizing Flows on Manifolds

Nov 2020

Guest lecture for Stanford CS 468

Neural Manifold Ordinary Differential Equations Spotlight talk at ICML INNF+ Workshop

Jul 2020

Awards

Harry S. Kieval Prize in Mathematics, Cornell University	May 2021
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship	Mar 2021
CRA 2021 Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award H.M.	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2020$
ICPC North American Championship Bronze Medal	Feb 2020
ICPC Greater New York Regional Champion	Oct 2019
Putnam Exam Top 250	$\mathrm{Dec}\ 2018$
Cornell Freshman Math Exam Champion	May 2018

Teaching

CS 5199 (Competitive Programming) TA CS 2802 (Honors Discrete Structures) TA

Fa, Sp 2019

Sp 2019

Mentorship

Cornell University Artificial Intelligence

May 2020 - May 2021

Co-president | Ithaca, NY

- · Led organization in promoting and providing resources for undergraduate research in machine learning.
- · Outlined research agenda and mentored team members.
- · Organized reading groups in specialized topics.

Service

Conference Reviewer: ICLR 2022, NeurIPS 2021 Workshop Reviewer: INNF+ 2021, DiffGeo4DL 2020 Secondary Reviewer: ICML 2021, NeurIPS 2020