Hao Lin







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Master student in CS @ UW-Madison with:

- Interests in theoretical computer science, math, programming languages & computer systems
- 1 year full-time experience as a software engineer @ ByteDance
- 2 years research experience in AI with Honors Research Program
- 4 years competitive programming experience (prior to college) with top awards

Education

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Sep. 2023 – May 2025 (expected)

M.S. Computer Science

Madison, WI, USA

Interests & Courses: Theory of Computation & PL; Computer Systems; HPC; Network; Arch & VLSI

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Sep. 2017 – Aug. 2021

B. Eng. Electrical and Computer Engineering, minor in Data Science

Shanghai, China

- · Graduated with Honors Research Program
- Related Courses: Honors Mathematics (A+), Big Data System (A+), AI, OS, Statistics
- Professional English Fluency: TOEFL scored 109/120 with speaking 27/30

Professional Experience (Incoming Intern)

NVIDIA

June – Aug. 2024 (expected)

Software Engineer

Santa Clara, CA, USA

Professional Experience (Full Time)

ByteDance

July 2021 – July 2022

Software Engineer (Backend & Algo Engineering) | Go, MySQL, Redis, Kafka, Linux

Shanghai, China

- Spot Bonus Award: received for outstanding outcome in building a robust core strategy recommendation service, a Bayesian and complex strategy-based recommender system to adaptively provide students with exercises most suitable to their current abilities
- · Refactored codes of 11 strategies for a large-scale million-line-code microsystem to enhance maintainability
- · Created a distributed service with eventual consistency and multiple sources within limited 2 weeks
- · Invented a JSON-like data interchange format and its parser to transfer specific graph relational data
- Improved the quality of service monitoring by customizing alarm scripts to every service and tuning parameters, reducing half of the false alarm rate for a team of near 50 backend & QA members

Selected Projects

EverHao.me | Javascript, Sass, Next.js

Feb. 2023 - now

· Designed and implemented a personal website using JAMstack architecture to create a self-contained study flow

From Design to Post-APR: A Specialized GNN Accelerator | Verilog, VLSI

Jan. - May 2024

Designed, synthesized, placed-n-routed integrated circuits for the accelerator of GNN, using Intel 7nm open tech

Introduction to Just-In-Time GPU Acceleration | CUDA, NVPTX, JIT, C++

Dec. 2023

 Measured performance on basic vector additions implemented with vanilla CUDA and just-in-time compiled NVPTX ISA with the help of LLVM and Numba

Feb. - Mar. 2023

· Self-studied & implemented the front-end and partial back-end of a COOL compiler, a toy with modern features

Food 3D Printing Machine | C++, Python, Flask, Cura

May – Aug. 2021

Team Leader, an interdisciplinary project

advisor: Dr. Mingjian Li

SJTU, Shanghai, China

- Designed and assembled a 3D printer to make food with peanut sauce to "print" food in customized shape
- Automated the production process by writing a web application to both transfer the data and improve usability

Selected Awards

GMTK Game Jam | C#, Unity

July 2022

Ranked 11 out of 6000+ games in public ranking, Technical Leader

Worldwide, Online

- · Led the technical team by actively communicating with art & design members; implemented the user interface
- Managed working progress and split works evenly to ensure the accomplishment of the game within 48 hours

VEX Robotics China Final | C++, Control Theory

June – Nov. 2018

Top 4 (National), Amazing Prize, Top 2 in autonomous track

Shanghai, China

• Designed autonomous driving algorithms based on the PID algorithm; tuned the robot's parameters and tested its robustness to ensure its stability in 45-second-long self-driving races through a two-day intense match

National Olympiad in Informatics | C++, Data Structure & Algorithm

Nov. 2015 - Nov. 2016

First Prize, won Twice (Province Level); Bronze Medal (National Winter Camp)

Shanghai & Mianyang, China

Research in AI

On Sample Efficiency Improvement for Deep Reinforcement Learning | TF

Oct. - Dec. 2020

Honors Research Program

advisor: Prof. Paul Weng

SJTU, Shanghai, China

 Designed an innovative algorithm by expanding artificial trajectories in Invariant Transform Experience Replay (data augmentation for DRL), achieving successful training result with fewer samples: in contracted 120 epochs

Model Based Deep Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Driving | TF

June 2019 - Sep. 2020

Team Leader

advisor: Prof. Paul Weng

SJTU, Shanghai, China

· Explored feasibility of a self-designed model-based deep reinforcement learning algorithm; used it to successfully train an agent completely offline to move safely on the obstacle-free road, over a 140GB pre-collected dataset

Movie Recommender System for Groups using Hybrid Metrics | TF

Jan. – Feb. 2020

Team Leader, **Best Project** in the Winter School

advisor: Prof. Arnav Jhala

NCSU, Raleigh, NC, USA

Gained 42% decrease in error by applying Neural Collaborative Filtering with hybrid metrics to CAMRa2011

Term Project Reports in Math

Introductory Analysis on Boundary Element Method for PDE

Apr. - May 2020

· Compared numerical results implemented with Mathematica, and analytical results on solving 2D-laplace equation with Dirichlet and Neumann boundary conditions; developed heuristic insights for adaptive BEM

Randomness Tests on Random Number Generator

June - July 2019

· Checked the randomness of pseudo-random sequences generated by Mathematica with the frequency test, the Wald-Wolfowitz runs test, and our own methods: 2-bit & n-bit frequency test

Efficient Approximation to π with Arithmetic-Geometric Mean & Elliptic Integrals July – Aug. 2018

• Reformulated the proof of an algorithm which can calculate π whose precision is increased quadratically, by evaluating the connection between AGM and elliptic integrals

Casual Talks/Events for CS Education

Workshops on Web Development

Feb. - Mar. 2024

• Held two internal workshops individually on the basics of site construction, specific for audience of CS master

Coding Girls

Aug. 2022 - May 2023

• Imparted graphical programming and frontier CS applications weekly to kids suffering from leukemia

On the Evolution and Details of Golang Scheduler

Oct. 2021

• Delivered a comprehensive talk on important features of Golang, with audience from a ByteDance backend team

CS Skills

- coding experiences in \sim 15 languages (familiar with C/C++, Golang and Python)
- operating system (Linux as routine system for 3 yrs)
- HPC & comp. arch. (GPU & CUDA)
- device physics, VLSI (accelerator & pipelined CPU)
- database (MySQL, Redis, InfluxDB for 1 year)
- AI, Tensorflow (hands-on experience for 2 years)
- algo & complexity (proofs & applications)
- full-stack web development