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"I am looking for a PhD position in the cross-field research of meta-learning."



Education

Zhejiang University

INFORMATION ENGINEERING, M.S.

- Cum. **GPA**: 90.75/100, TOEFL: 102 (Reading 29; Listening 28; Speaking 22; Writing 23).
- First author in two academic papers.

Zhejiang University

INFORMATION ENGINEERING, B.ENG.

- Cum. **GPA**: 90.21/100, 3.93/4, **Ranking** $7^{th}/174$.
- Meritorious Winner, Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ICM)
- First-Class Scholarship for Outstanding Students

HangZhou, Zhejiang

HangZhou, Zhejiang

Sep. 2014 - June 2018

Sep. 2018 - June 2021

Experience _____

Harmonized Multi-exit Learning

DATA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER, ZJU

Dec 2019-Sep 2020

Master Thesis

- · Multi-exit Learning is a representative approach for adaptive inference, adaptively allocating less computation budget on easy samples, and challenging in the *interference between exits*.
- · Then a gradient deconfliction training method is introduced to resolve the resolved the conflicts by gradient projection and consistently boost the performance of all exits. The paper is in the proceedings of IEEE ICIP20.
- Through the lens of **meta learning**, a harmonized weighting scheme is designed to **meta**-adjust the dense teacher-student distillation relation between exits. The paper is **accepted by AAAI21**.
- The proposed algorithms are evaluated on the large-scale *ImageNet* dataset, leveraging the computation power of **cloud TPU**. *Open source contribution*: identify and report a bug in **pytorch/xla**.

Large-scale Face Recognition

Oct 2018 - Oct 2019

HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD, HANGZHOU

Algorithm Engineer Intern

- · Large-scale Face Recognition is challenging due to the vast, noisy and imbalanced training data.
- Various novel methods are explored to conquer it: Adaptive angular loss on negative class, doppelganger mining, label denoising by co-teaching, and Single-Path NAS, with code released at luzai/InsightFace_Pytorch. Received an excellent (top 5%) rating.
- Participate in the lightweight Face Recognition Challenge of **ICCV19 workshop**, achieve $12^{th}/167$ rank in the iqiyi-light track, via cleaning the training data noise by Iteratively Training and Refining and removing the test-time outlier frames
- Crawl the face images of 800K celebrities, and cleanse a subset training data of 128k identities and 8.9M images. Conduct semisupervised research and propose Unknown Identity Rejection baseline method.

Person Re-identification Oct 2017-June 2018

DATA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER, ZJU

Undergraduate Thesis

- · From sampling training data, feature extraction, loss design in train phase, to post-procession in test phase, I analyze each component of Person ReID and summarize the experiments into the technical blog.
- Based on the model analysis, SE attention mechanism and center loss are introduced to greatly improve the performance.
- Open source contribution: 1). Propose Cython module in KaiyangZhou/deep-person-reid, accelerate the evaluation process by 20 times, become a building block of many ReID projects. 2). Fix the bug about the depth of ResNet layer in bearpaw/pytorchclassification, greatly contribute to fair comparison of Computer Vision algorithms.

Teacher Assistant March 2018-May 2018

OPTIMIZATION FOR MACHINE LEARNING COURSE, ZJU

Design courseworks and projects, including CNN from scratch, and Adversarial example in SVM.

• Explain the assignments and supplement the lecture in the practice session. Answer questions patiently and comprehensively. Gain recognition and **praise from students**.



Programming Python, C++, LTEX, MATLAB, bash
Framework Pytorch, Tensorflow, Caffe, Scrapy

Publication

[1] **Wang, X.** and Li, Y., 2020, October. Gradient Deconfliction-Based Training For Multi-Exit Architectures. In 2020 IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP) (pp. 1866-1870). IEEE.

[2] **Wang, X.** and Li, Y., 2021. Harmonized Dense Knowledge Distillation Training for Multi-exit Architectures. Accepted by the *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, 2021.

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