

"My research interests lie in the general area of trustworthy and interpretable data science."

## Education

### Simon Fraser University

COMPUTER SCIENCE, PH.D.

British Columbia

Sep. 2021 - Current

- Cum. **GPA**: 4.17/4.33.
- CMPT Graduate Fellowships, Graduate Fellowships, Special Graduate Entrance Scholarship
- Advised by **Prof. Jian Pei**

### Zhejiang University

INFORMATION ENGINEERING, M.S.

HangZhou, Zhejiang

Sep. 2018 - June 2021

- Cum. **GPA**: 90.75/100, TOEFL: 102 (Reading 29; Listening 28; Speaking 22; Writing 23).
- First author in **two academic papers**.
- Advised **Dr. Yingming Li**, and **Prof. Zhongfei (Mark) Zhang**

### Zhejiang University

INFORMATION ENGINEERING, B.ENG.

HangZhou, Zhejiang

Sep. 2014 - June 2018

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

## 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

HUAWEI TECHNOLOGIES CO., LTD, HANGZHOU

Oct 2018 - Oct 2019

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** rating.
- Participate in the lightweight Face Recognition Challenge of **ICCV19 workshop**, achieve **12<sup>th</sup>/167** rank in the iqiyl-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 semi-supervised research and propose Unknown Identity Rejection baseline method.

### Person Re-identification

DATA SCIENCE & ENGINEERING RESEARCH CENTER, ZJU

Oct 2017–June 2018

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/pytorch-classification*, **greatly contribute to fair comparison** of Computer Vision algorithms.

OPTIMIZATION FOR MACHINE LEARNING COURSE, ZJU

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- 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**.

## Skills

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**Programming** Python, C++,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , MATLAB, bash

**Framework** Pytorch, Tensorflow, Caffe, Scrapy

## Publication

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[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.