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Education

School of Electronics Engineering and Computer Science,

Beijing, China

Peking University (PKU)

Sep 2016-present

- Major in computer science
- Overall GPA: 3.73/4.0 (88/100, Top 10%), Major GPA: 3.74/4.0 (88/100, Top 10%)
- Representative courses: Mathematical Analysis: 95/100, Probability Theory and Statistics(A): 94/100, Set Theory and Graph Theory: 95/100, Algebraic Structure and Combinatorial Mathematics: 97/100, Data Structure and Algorithm(A): 90/100, Algorithm Design and Analysis: 90/100, Java Programming: 94/100, Convex Analysis and Optimization Methods: 88/100, Introduction to Parallel and Distributed Computing: 95/100

School of Psychological and Cognitive Sciences,

Beijing, China

Peking University (PKU)

Sep 2017-present

- Secondary major, Major GPA: 3.76/4.0 (89/100)
- Representative courses: Functional Anatomy of Central Nervous System: 93/100, General Psychology: 92/100, Experimental Psychology: 88/100

Research Interests

My research interests lie in machine learning and the intersection between machine learning and cognitive science, with emphasis on optimization and computer vision.

Research Experience

Prototype-based occlusion-robust vision system (In progress)

Baltimore, MD, USA

Supervisor: Prof. [Alan Yuille](#), Johns Hopkins University

June 2019-present

- Tackle vulnerability of deep neural networks in occlusion conditions by prototype learning.
- Learn object prototype exemplars from features of deep neural networks by locating the center of objects and learning metric.
- Do partial matching under occlusion conditions through key points.

Normalization in training deep neural networks (In progress)

Baltimore, MD, USA

Supervisor: Prof. [Alan Yuille](#), Johns Hopkins University

June 2019-present

- Analyze how normalizations like batch normalization and spectral normalization help training
- Propose new general initialization methods that provide appropriate distribution for input of layers to replace batch normalizations from the perspective of internal covariant shift
- Propose new normalization method to further improve the training from the perspective of smoothing the landscape.

Extension of Lifted Proximal Operator Machines

Beijing, China

Supervisor: Prof. [Zhouchen Lin](#), Peking University

Feb 2019-June 2019

- Derive and implement Lifted Proximal Operator Machines (LPOM), a newly proposed optimization method to train neural networks without gradient, for recurrent neural network and binary neural network.
- Introduce auxiliary variables for optimization of neural network and theoretically formulate the expressions for updating all the variables with convergence proof.
- Apply fix-point algorithm, Newton's method, APG algorithm, gradient descent algorithm to solve the sub optimization problems and implement them in matlab and C++.

Parallel Lifted Proximal Operator Machines

Supervisor: Prof. [Zhouchen Lin](#), Peking University

Beijing, China
Oct 2018-Feb 2019

- Parallelize Lifted Proximal Operator Machines (LPOM), a newly proposed optimization method to train neural networks without gradient.
- Derive the asynchronous parallel algorithm based on asynchronous block coordinate descent algorithm and identify the problem of slow convergence rate.
- Propose and implement a novel parallel algorithm, which achieves satisfactory speedup over serial LPOM without degradation in performance and outperforms SGD and its variants with faster convergence and lower errors on auto-encoder training.
- **In submission to TPAMI** as part of the work (second author).

New Tensor Decomposition

Supervisor: Prof. [Zhouchen Lin](#), Peking University

Beijing, China
May 2018-July 2018

- To generalize LDU matrix decomposition to tensor.
- Conduct comprehensive literature review about tensor decomposition methods.
- Propose new definitions of tensor forms and operations.
- Produce a preliminary tensor decomposition form through mathematical derivation.

Project Experience

Course projects:

Sep 2017-June 2019

- [Parallelizing shortest single source path problem](#)
- [Implementing an automatic-differentiation computation graph](#)
- [Implementing a compiler for miniC \(a simplified C\)](#)
- Operating system project: developing a course lab regarding stack overflow attack under canary protection (for students taking course: Introduction to computer system)
- [Developing a smart contract on Ethereum \(blockchain\)](#)
- [Developing a 3D sandbox game by JAVA](#)
- Tackling captcha recognition problem through ResNet
- Designing and carrying out a psychology experiment on memory: the impact of self-construal on collaborative inhibition

Teaching Experience

- Teaching assistant of Algorithm Design and Analysis, 2019.

Honors & Awards

- Merit Student of Peking University (Top 10%). 2018
- Huawei Scholarship of Peking University (Top 10%). 2018
- Award of Academic Excellents of Peking University (Top 15%). 2017
- “May 4th” Scholarship of Peking University (Top 15%). 2017
- First prize of the China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling in Beijing. 2017 & 2018.
- Honor prize of American College Mathematical Modeling Competition. 2018.
- Second prize of the Chinese Mathematics Competitions. 2017.
- Third prize of the Programming Contest of Peking University. 2017 & 2018.

Skills

- TOEFL: 105 (Reading 27/ Listening 30/ Speaking 23/ Writing 25).
- GRE: Verbal 155, Quantitative 169, AW 4.0.
- Programming language: C, C++, python, matlab, Java, lisp (proficient in C++).
- Machine learning library: Tensorflow, PyTorch, mkl.