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EDUCATION

University of Oxford

Master of Science (Computer Science) (Incoming) – (Class of 2021)

University of Hong Kong

- Bachelor of Engineering (Computer Science) (First Class Honours, GPA: 3.71, Class of 2020)
- Bachelor of Business Administration (Major in Information Systems and Computer Science) (First Class Honours, GPA: 3.57, Class of 2018)
- Relevant coursework: Introduction to data structures and algorithms, Computer Organization, Principles of Operating systems, Software Engineering, Advanced Database Management, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Machine Learning

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - GPA: 3.64

- Exchange student in the Department of Computer Science (2017 Spring)
- Relevant coursework: Artificial Intelligence (CS440), Communication Networks(CS438), Introduction to data mining(CS412), Brain, Behavior & Info processing(MCB419), Applied Linear Algebra(MATH415)

Wah Yan College, Kowloon

Class of 2013

ACADEMIC

Certificate of Merit, FYP/PG Paper Competition, IEEE (HK) Computational Intelligence Chapter (2017-2018)

HONOURS

Dean's Honours List (2017-2018)

Hong Kong Innovation and Technology Scholarship Award Scheme (2018)

Dean's Honours List (2016-2017)

Philip K H Wong Foundation Scholarships for Student Enrichment (2016)

HKU Foundation Scholarships for Outstanding Students (2013)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Keras, PyTorch, Python, C#, C++, C, HTML, CSS, JavaScript, PHP, SQL, Java

PUBLICATIONS

Ghiassian, Sina, Banafsheh Rafiee, Yat Long Lo, Adam White, Improving Performance in Reinforcement Learning by Breaking Generalization in Neural Networks. In Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS). 2020

Lo, Yat Long and Sina Ghiassian. Overcoming Catastrophic Interference in Online Reinforcement Learning with Dynamic Self-Organizing Maps. NeurIPS Workshop on Biological and Artificial Reinforcement Learning. 2019

Liu, Zhiyu, Wenhao Jiang, Kit Hang Lee, Yat Long Lo, Yui Lun Ng, Qi Dou, Varut Vardhanabhuti and Ka Wai Kwok. A Two-Stage Approach for Automated Prostate Lesion Detection and Classification with Mask R-CNN and Weakly Supervised Deep Neural Network. MICCAI Workshop on Artificial Intelligence in Radiation Therapy. 2019.

Lo, Yat Long, Chung Yu Woo, and Ka Lok Ng. (in press). The Necessary Roadblock to Artificial General Intelligence: Corrigibility. Al Matters. 2019. (Winner of 2018 ACM SIGAI Student Essay Contest on Artificial Intelligence Technologies)

De, Subham, Shreyans Chowdhary, Aniket Shirke, **Yat Long Lo**, Robin Kravets, and Hari Sundaram. **Finding by counting: a probabilistic packet count model for indoor localization in BLE environments**. In Proceedings of the 11th Workshop on Wireless Network Testbeds, Experimental evaluation & Characterization, pp. 67-74. ACM, 2017.

Di Girolamo, Larry, Shashank Bansal, M. Butler, Dongwei Fu, Yizhao Gao, H. Joe Lee, Yan Liu, Yat Long Lo, David Raila, Kandace Turner et al. The Terra Data Fusion Project: An Update. In AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts. 2017.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Visitor, Reinforcement Learning and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory, Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute, University of Alberta

November 2018 - February 2020

- * Conduct research on reinforcement learning focusing on step-size (learning rate) selection methods and catastrophic interference in online reinforcement learning agent
- Supervised by Professor Rich Sutton

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Group for Interventional Robotic and Imaging System, University of Hong Kong July 2018 – September 2019

Conduct research on applying artificial intelligence and deep learning techniques to medical images

- Develop reinforcement learning agent to localize prostate lesions and lung opacities in MRI and X-ray images
- Supervised by Professor Ka Wai Kwok

Machine learning researcher, capstone research project on depression detection with machine learning, University of Hong

January 2018 - June 2018

- Conducted research on classifying detection from social media text using various machine learning methods like support vector machines and deep neural networks
- Achieved an accuracy of 85%, using multichannel convolutional neural network, trained on both Chinese and English social media text data
- Received Certificate of Merit in IEEE (HK) Computational Intelligence Chapter FYP & PG Competition 2017-18
- Supervised by Professor Michael Chau

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Business Analytics Laboratory, Faculty of Business, University of Hong Kong Oct 2017 - June 2018

- Provided technical work to on-going business analytics research projects in data mining, text mining and data crawling
- Supervised by Professor Michael Chau

Undergraduate Research Assistant, National Center for Supercomputing Applications-Department of Atmospheric Science, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

May- August 2017

- ❖ Worked on Terra Data Fusion project, one of NASA's ACCESS projects
- Developed metadata generation programs for the data of the satellite TERRA, in compliant with NASA's standard
- Developed applications that handle and process petascale satellite data on supercomputer Blue Waters
- Supervised by Blue Water Professor Professor Larry Di Girolamo, Dr. Guangyu Zhao and the HDF group

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Distributed Autonomous System Laboratory, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign March- August 2017

- Worked on the effectiveness of hierarchical reinforcement learning on environments with delayed rewards
- Focused on the development of a generalizable learning agent for ATARI games with deep neural networks
- Supervised by Professor Girish Chowdhary

Wireless Networking Research Project (Bluetooth Low Energy), University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

February-May 2017

- A study on location identification with distributed Bluetooth beacons on varying signal strength and emission interval
- Conducted data analysis using Python to identify location fingerprints
- Supervised by Professor Robin Hilary Kravets

INDUSTRY

EXPERIENCE Research Intern. Fano Labs

June-August 2018

- Conducted research on natural language processing
- Research Focus: Universal sentence representation for low resource languages (e.g. Cantonese) with deep neural networks
- Side focus: Developed deep learning models for Chinese character recognition in videos
- Supervised by Professor Albert S.Y. Lam

Data Science intern, Inference Analytics

July-September 2017

- Inference Analytics is a data analytics startup company based in Chicago
- Worked on the development of a recommendation engine with real customer data with tools including PySpark and Keras
- Made use of deep neural networks for next-basket recommendation

Intern, Developer Experience Group, Microsoft Hong Kong

June-August 2016

- 🌣 Built demos making use of Microsoft's Technology, E.g. IOT weather station demo, Universal Windows Applications, Smart Mirror Application
- Technologies/Techniques used: C#, SQL, SQL Server, Microsoft Azure, JSON over HTTP, Server/Client Architecture

Developer Intern, QWeUs Ltd

January-May 2016

- QWeUs is a startup company in mobile gaming stationed at Cyberport
- Developed mobile game applications with C# on Unity Engine

Internship Trainee (Mobile Application Development), PokeGuide Ltd

July-December 2015

- Pokeguide is a mobile navigation application, Ranked No.1 in the navigation category of Apple's AppStore with 100K downloads
- Developed features including geolocation, navigation and shops browsing system on the android mobile application with tools like RESTful APIs and Android's fragments
- Created the company's website

Conducted business negotiations with shops in Hong Kong and strategic planning of application launch

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND AWARDS

2nd runner up, AI Driving Olympics, International Conference on Robotics and Automation, IEEE

- Developed and deployed machine learning models (using reinforcement learning and imitation learning) onto robotic vehicle to participate in the Lane-following challenge of the competition
- Supervised by Professor Loretta Choi

1st runner up, InnoTech Law Hackathon, Law Society of Hong Kong

2018

Developed a prototype to transcribe and summarize audio files using speech recognition and natural language processing technologies

Winner, Cyberport University Partnership Programme, Cyberport, Hong Kong

- ❖ A financial technology (FinTech)-focused entrepreneurship programme
- Took business courses and received mentoring at Stanford Graduate School of Business
- Received HKD 100000 funding from Cyberport to further develop the award-winning FinTech project

Top 3 teams, CodeIT, Credit Suisse

2016

- ❖ A coding competition in algorithmic trading
- Ranked 2nd in top earnings and ranked 3rd in the overall competition

1st runner up, National Finalist, Imagine Cup Hong Kong (Innovation), Microsoft

- Led a team of 5 people to develop a virtual reality mobile application using the Unity Engine
- Incorporated the concept of 'Memory Palace' into the application to improve one's learning efficiency