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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, expected, GPA: 3.704**) – (Class of 2020, Part of a Dual-degree program)
- ❖ Bachelor of Business Administration (Major in Information Systems and Computer Science) (**First Class Honours, GPA: 3.57**)
- ❖ Relevant coursework: Introduction to data structures and algorithms, Computer Organization, Principles of Operating systems, Software Engineering, Advanced Database Management

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**. AI 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 – Present

- ❖ 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 – Present

- ❖ 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 Kong

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

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AWARDS

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

2019

- ❖ *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

2016

- ❖ *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

2016

- ❖ *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*