# **TIAN XIAO**

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# **EDUCATION**

#### **Bachelor of Science & Bachelor of Computing**

**Aug 2020 - Dec 2024 (Expected)** 

National University of Singapore

Singapore

- Double honours degree in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science
- Specialisation in Artificial Intelligence, Algorithms, Theory and Computation
- Turing Programme candidate
- GPA: 4.94/5.00 (Applied Mathematics); 4.90/5.00 (Computer Science)

#### **Awards and Honours**

- Holder of Science & Technology Undergraduate Merit Scholarship
- Recipient of National University of Singapore Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher (OUR) prize (Best Undergraduate Researcher (Individual))
- **Top student** for *Machine Learning*, *Discrete Structures*, *Programming Methodology* and *Research Methodology* courses
- **Dean's List** awardee for 4 times
- Recipient of School of Computing Take on the World (SToW) award

# RESEARCH INTERESTS AND PUBLICATIONS

#### **Research Interests**

- Data-centric machine learning (e.g., data valuation, active learning, machine unlearning)
- Multi-agent machine learning (e.g., collaborative/federated learning, incentive mechanism)
- Privacy-preserving machine learning (e.g., differentially private machine learning)

#### **Publications**

- [1] **Xiao Tian**, Rachael Hwee Ling Sim, Jue Fan, and Bryan Kian Hsiang Low. "DeRDaVa: Deletion-Robust Data Valuation for Machine Learning". In: *Proceedings of the 38th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI-24), *Vancouver*, *Canada*, 20-27 Feb 2024. (Acceptance rate: 23.75%).
- [2] Rachael Hwee Ling Sim, Jue Fan, **Xiao Tian**, and Bryan Kian Hsiang Low. "Deletion-Anticipative Data Selection with a Limited Budget". In: *Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML-24), *Vienna*, *Austria*, 21-27 July 2024. (Acceptance rate: 27.50%).

## RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

#### **Student Researcher**

May 2023 - Sep 2023; May 2024 - Aug 2024

National University of Singapore

Singapore

- Conducted research on **collaborative machine learning** and **privacy-preserving machine learning** under the supervision of Prof. Bryan Kian Hsiang Low.
- Presented Publication [1] in the 38th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-24).

Teaching Assistant

Aug 2021 - Present

National University of Singapore

Singapore

- Conducted weekly tutorial and laboratory sessions; developed course materials (e.g., slides, assignments, examinations); mentored group projects; reviewed and marked codes, assignments and examinations.
- Attained the **Honour List of Student Tutors** for 2 times (AY2021/22 and AY2022/23).
- Taught the following courses (with final teaching ratings obtained from students):

Course	Obtained Rating	Faculty Average Rating
Data Structures and Algorithms	<b>4.6</b> /5.0	4.2/5.0
Machine Learning	<b>4.5</b> /5.0	4.2/5.0
Programming Methodology II	4.8/5.0	4.2/5.0

### **Software Developer**

May 2022 - Aug 2022

Singapore Telecommunication Limited (Singtel)

Singapore

- Acquired core skills in cross-platform mobile application development (including setting up dependencies and environment, building API connections and layers, implementing key logic, testing) with 20k+ lines of code.
- Developed *Wi-Fi Coverage Tool* and *Broadband Protect Service* features in My Singtel App from scratch as the core developer. Both features have been released in Version 9.3 of My Singtel App in both iOS and Android.
- Optimised performances and fixed bugs for *SIM Registration* and *Customer Inbox* features in My Singtel App.

Student Researcher Mar 2018 – Feb 2019

Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A\*STAR)

Singapore

• Conducted research on applying **machine learning** to **lock-in thermography** to detect the 3-dimensional geometry of partially visible objects and evaluated its practicability of being applied to real-life scenarios.

# CO-CURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

### **Publicity Director**

March 2021 - June 2022

**NUS Mathematics Society** 

Singapore

- Managed all publicity matters of NUS Mathematics Society to increase its uptake and improve its impact in order to benefit the student community.
- Publicised NUS Mathematics Society in Orientation Camp and Student Life Fair via multiple social media platforms that recruited and retained around 120 members in total.

#### **Academic Coach**

**August 2021 – December 2021** 

NUS Teach Singapore

Singapore

• Provided academic coaching and mentoring to children and teenagers under Christ Church Secondary School Champions Youth Tuition Programme, as a member of the NUS Teach Singapore initiative.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Languages

English (Proficient), Mandarin (Native), Japanese (Basic)

IT Skillsets

Programming languages: Python, Java, MATLAB, JavaScript, Kotlin Machine learning libraries: Scikit-learn, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch