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**EDUCATION**      **Tongji University**, Shanghai, China      Sep 2016 – Jun 2020 (*Exp.*)  
B.Eng. in Software Engineering. (currently 4<sup>th</sup> year)

- Cumulative GPA: **4.82 / 5.00** (equivalent to **93.2 / 100**)
- Ranking: **2 / 179** (top 1.1%)
- Related Courses and Scores: *Data Mining & Analysis* (A), *Object-Oriented Programming* (A), *Data Structures* (A), *Design and Analysis of Algorithms* (A) *Operating System* (A), *Database System Principles* (A), *Compiler Principle* (A), *Computer Architecture* (A), *Computer Networks* (A).

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**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**      **Facebook Research**, Facebook Inc.      Feb 2019 – *Present*  
Research Assistant. *Supervised by Research Scientist [Dr. Saikat Basu](#) and [Dr. Guan Pang](#).*

- Project: Topological-Aware Loss Function for Detecting Linear Structures from Image
  - » Propose a new loss function to punish the fragmented prediction for linear structures, which reduces the total variance in the patches of linear structures.
  - » Improve results for road extraction, land segmentation and cell boundary detection on topological metrics.
- Keywords: Image Segmentation, CNN, Structure-Aware CNN
- Highlight: Submitted 1 paper to CVPR 2020

**Deep Learning Lab**, Tongji University      Mar 2018 – Sep 2019  
Undergraduate Research Student. *Supervised by [Prof. Yin Wang](#).*

- Project: Road Extraction from Satellite Imagery
  - » Design new stacked U-Net architecture with outputs for both road segment and intersections.
  - » Propose original road extraction approach that utilizes both massive GPS trajectories and satellite images.
  - » Integrate new 1D transposed convolution, GPS argumentation and rendering methods which enable our approach achieve 5% higher accuracy and 40% boost in generalization ability when predicting new area.
- Keywords: Image Segmentation, CNN, Image Processing, Weakly-Supervised Learning, Point-based CNN
- Highlight: Published 3 papers as the first author, including CVPR, SIGSPATIAL Workshop and CVPRW papers

**X-Lab (Lab for Intelligent Operation and Maintenance)**, Tongji University      Sep 2018 – Jan 2019  
Undergraduate Research Student. *Supervised by [Prof. Qingfeng Du](#) and [Dr. Juan Qiu](#).*

- Project: Time-Series Anomaly Detection for Operation and Maintenance of Cloud Services
  - » Propose a novel method that combines LSTM with VAE for anomaly detection from imbalanced performance index data from online servers.
- Keywords: Time-Series, LSTM, VAE, GMM
- Highlight: Applied for 1 Chinese Patent

**Research Interests:** Image Recognition (Classification, Detection, Segmentation), Few-shot Learning, Weakly-/Un-Supervised Learning, Explainable AI

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## PUBLICATIONS      **Conference Paper**

- [1] **T. Sun**, Z.-L. Di, P.-Y. Che, C. Liu, and Y. Wang, “Leveraging Crowdsourced GPS Data for Road Extraction from Aerial Imagery”, in *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, Long Beach, CA, USA, 2019. [Link](#)
- [2] **T. Sun**, S. Basu, G. Pang, “Local Variation Loss for Semantic Segmentation of Linear Structures”, *IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2020. (*Under review*)

## **Workshop Paper**

- [3] **T. Sun**, Z.-H. Chen, W.-X. Yang, Y. Wang, “Stacked U-Nets with Multi-Output for Road Extraction”, in *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW)*, Salt Lake City, UT, USA, 2018. [Link](#)
- [4] **T. Sun**, Z.-L. Di and Y. Wang, “Combining Satellite Imagery and GPS Data for Road Extraction”, in *Proceedings of the ACM SIGSPATIAL International Workshop on AI for Geographic Knowledge Discovery (GeoAI)*, Seattle, WA, USA, 2018. (**Oral**) [Link](#)

ACADEMIC SERVICES	<b>Reviewer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>IEEE JSTARS</b> (Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing, IF: 3.4), reviewed 1 submission. Jan 2019</li> <li>▪ <b>ACM SIGSPATIAL</b> 2019, reviewed 6 submissions (External) Jul 2019</li> </ul>
SELECTED PROJECTS	<p><b>Data Mining &amp; Analysis</b>, Course Project, Tongji University Mar 2018 – Jun 2018  Discovery the Frequent Patterns of Online Shopping Data. <i>Supervised by Prof. Weixiong Rao.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Keywords: GCN (Graph Convolution Network), Frequent Pattern Set, Decision Tree, Feature Embedding</li> </ul> <p><b>Data Warehouse</b>, Course Project, Tongji University Sep 2018 – Jan 2019  Amazon Movie: Knowledge Graph. <i>Supervised by A/Prof. Hongmin Zhu.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Design Spark and Neo4j programs that mine the graph information of Amazon Movie dataset.</li> </ul> <p><b>Human-Computer Interaction</b>, Course Project, Tongji University Sep 2017 – Jan 2018  Gaze Control: Eye Gaze Detection API. <i>Supervised by A/Prof. Ying Shen.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Detecting user's gaze point at in 3D space using OpenCV and reconstructing the at the screen.</li> </ul> <p><b>Are You Feeling Tired?</b>, National SITP Project Apr 2017 – Present  Funded by the <i>National Students Innovation Training Program (SITP) of China</i> (RMB 20,000.00)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Develop mobile App to help people custom their working schedule corresponding to their biological rhythm.</li> </ul>
CAMPUS ACTIVITIES	<p><b>Dept. of Academic and Culture Promotion</b>, Students Union of Tongji University Sep 2016 – Jun 2018  Member, Vice President, President</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Inviting famous scholars and industry experts to give lectures at the campus.</li> <li>▪ Working with the Department members to organize 15+ lectures. Maximum number of audience reaches 500.</li> <li>▪ Maintaining online accounts of the Department. The WeChat account has nearly 10k subscribers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Google Camp</b>, Tongji University Sep 2017 – Present  Core Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invited to attend DevFest 2018 and DevFest 2019 organized by Google Developer Groups (GDG).</li> <li>▪ Organized Tongji Android Summer 2018 and delivered courses about Deep Learning and Computer Vision for undergraduate students.</li> </ul>
AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>National Scholarship</b>, China's Ministry of Education 2018 Fall – 2019 Spring  For top 0.2% undergraduate students nationwide.</li> <li>▪ <b>National Scholarship</b>, China's Ministry of Education 2017 Fall – 2018 Spring</li> <li>▪ <b>Student Scholarship, First Class</b>, Tongji University 2016 Fall – 2017 Spring  For top 5% students in the university.</li> <li>▪ <b>Special Prize in 16<sup>th</sup> "Challenge Cup" National College Student Curricular Academic Science and Technology Works Competition</b> (in Chinese: "挑战杯"), Shanghai's Ministry of Education 2019</li> <li>▪ <b>Honorable Mention in 2018 Mathematical Contest in Modeling</b>, COMAP 2018</li> <li>▪ <b>First Prize in 33<sup>rd</sup> China College Students Physics Contest, Shanghai</b>, Chinese Physical Society. 2016</li> </ul>
LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Chinese (Mandarin)</b>: Native language.</li> <li>▪ <b>English</b>: Fluent. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>» TOEFL: <b>107</b> (Reading: 29, Listening: 30, Speaking: 23, Writing: 25)</li> <li>» GRE: <b>323</b> (Verbal: 153, Quant: 170, AW: 4.0)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
SKILLS	<p><b>Programming</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Proficient: Python, C, C++</li> <li>▪ Intermediate: JavaScript, Java, Swift, SQL, MATLAB</li> </ul> <p><b>Research</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Machine Learning: PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow, Pandas, Sk-Learn, OpenCV</li> <li>▪ Academic Writing: T<sub>E</sub>X, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X</li> </ul> <p><b>General</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Developing: Xcode, Visual Studio, MySQL, Spark</li> <li>▪ Multimedia &amp; Design: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Lightroom, Autodesk AutoCAD, Autodesk Inventor</li> </ul>