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Research Interests

Mathematical Foundations of Machine Learning
Generalization Theory of Deep Learning
Convex and Non-Convex Optimization
Online Learning and Bandit Problems

Education

University of Southern California 2017–2021
Bachelor of Science, Applied and Computational Mathematics GPA: 3.73/4.0
Minor in Computer Science w/o PhD courses: 3.83/4.0

PhD courses (taken as an undergraduate):

CSCI 670: Advanced Analysis of Algorithms
CSCI 671: Randomized Algorithms
CSCI 672: Approximation Algorithms
CSCI 675: Convex and Combinatorial Optimization

Research Experience

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Convex Optimization Undergraduate Researcher 2020–
Advisor: Prof. Shaddin Dughmi
Investigated lower bounds on oracle information needed to efficiently solve linear programs.

Google X Mountain View, CA
Machine Learning Research Intern 2020
Advisor: Daniel R. Silva
Invented novel deep learning architecture for temporal identity preservation in object tracking.

Sandia National Laboratories Albuquerque, NM
Machine Learning Research Intern 2019–2020
Advisors: Carianne Martinez and Scott A. Roberts
Invented novel Bayesian deep learning architecture for credible geometric uncertainty.

University of Southern California Los Angeles, CA
Machine Learning Undergraduate Researcher 2019

Advisor: Prof. Jason D. Lee
Investigated generalization and linearization of overparameterized deep neural networks.

University of Southern California — Los Angeles, CA
Mechanism Design Undergraduate Researcher — 2018
Advisor: Prof. David Kempe
Investigated distortion bounds in limited-communication metric voting.

Air Force Research Laboratory — Kihei, HI
Machine Learning Research Intern — 2018
Advisor: Capt. Justin Fletcher, USAF
Developed methodology for decoupling deep learning development and deployment.

Publications

PREPRINTS

1. **T. LaBonte** and D. R. Silva. Object Evolution: A Generalization of Multiple Object Tracking for Biological Domains. In preparation for ICCV 2021.
2. M. C. Krygier, **T. LaBonte**, C. Martinez, C. Norris, L. N. Collins, P. P. Mukherjee, and S. A. Roberts. Quantifying the Unknown: Propagation of Neural Network Image Segmentation Uncertainty to Physics Predictions. Under submission to Nature Communications.
3. **T. LaBonte**, C. Martinez, and S. A. Roberts. We Know Where We Don't Know: 3D Bayesian CNNs for Credible Geometric Uncertainty. Under submission to WACV 2021. `https://arxiv.org/abs/1910.10793`.

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1. A. Mistry, A. A. Franco, S. J. Cooper, S. A. Roberts, and V. Viswanathan. How Machine Learning Will Revolutionize Electrochemical Sciences. Under submission to ACS Energy Letters.
2. D. Kempe. Communication, Distortion, and Randomness in Metric Voting. In *Proceedings of AAAI 2020*. `https://arxiv.org/abs/1911.08129`.

Awards

Neo Scholar (Top ~100 CS undergrads in America) – NEO — 2020

U.S.S. Bowfin Memorial Scholarship ($5,000) — 2020

SIMLR Award for Outstanding Intern – SANDIA NATIONAL LABORATORIES — 2020

USC Viterbi & USC Dornsife Dean's List (6-time awardee) — 2017–2020

1st Place Computer Vision Project – TREEHACKS, STANFORD UNIVERSITY — 2019

1st Place Healthcare AI Project – TREEHACKS, STANFORD UNIVERSITY — 2019

1st Place Data Analytics Project – HACKSC, USC — 2019

Admiral Bernard Clarey Memorial Scholarship ($7,000) 2018

National Top 20 Ethical Hacking Finalist – MAJOR LEAGUE HACKING 2018

USC Trustee Scholar ($250,000) 2017

USC Viterbi Fellow ($24,000) 2017

Dolphin Scholarship ($13,600) 2017

Rear Admiral Paul Lacy Memorial Scholarship ($6,500) 2017

National Merit Scholar ($3,000) 2017

Open Source Software

1. BCNN: 3D Bayesian CNNs for credible geometric uncertainty 2019–2020
   `https://github.com/sandialabs/bcnn` ★ 33 ⑂ 8
   Transitioned to a production environment by Sandia National Laboratories
   6th most starred Sandia repository (out of 73)
2. Tendies: Decoupling deep learning development and deployment 2018
   `https://github.com/tmlabonte/tendies` ★ 33 ⑂ 9
   Transitioned to a production environment by the Air Force Research Laboratory

Invited Talks

1. USC Theory Group – LOS ANGELES, CA 2019
   3D Bayesian CNNs for Credible Geometric Uncertainty
2. USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society – LOS ANGELES, CA 2019
   3D Bayesian CNNs for Credible Geometric Uncertainty
3. USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society – LOS ANGELES, CA 2019
   Machine Learning Fairness in Word Embeddings

Teaching

1. Curriculum Lead | USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society 2019
   Introduction to Machine Learning
2. Undergraduate Teaching Assistant | University of Southern California 2018
   CSCI 170: Discrete Methods in Computer Science

Service and Leadership

1. House Chair and Vice President of Finance | USC Hawaii Club 2018–2020
2. Projects Lead | USC Center for Artificial Intelligence in Society 2019
3. Associate Director of Robotics Outreach | USC Viterbi K-12 STEM Outreach 2018
4. Volunteer VEX Robotics Mentor | USC Viterbi K-12 STEM Outreach 2017–2018