Xiyuan Yang

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EDUCATION

Wuhan University, Wuhan, China

Sept 2021 - June 2025 (Expected)

Bachelor of Computer Science

- Average score: 89.2/100.0, GPA: 3.77/4.00 (WES GPA: 3.84/4.00)
- Research area: Trustworthy Machine Learning (Federated Learning, Differential Privacy), Large Language Models
- Core courses: Higher Mathematics, Linear algebra, C Language Programming, Data Structure, Probability and Statistics, Discrete mathematics, Operating Systems, Database Systems, Principle of Computer Organization, Computer Architecture, Computer Networks
- Honor's program: Outstanding Engineer Class (Elite Class)

Sept 2021 - June 2025

PUBLICATION

- [1] Xiyuan Yang, Shengyuan Hu, Tian Li. "Differentially Private Federated Clustering with Random Rebalancing". (First Author)
- [2] Xiyuan Yang, Wenke Huang, Mang Ye. "FedAS: Bridging Inconsistency in Personalized Federated Learning". Accepted by CVPR 2024. (First Author)
- [3] Xiyuan Yang, Wenke Huang, Mang Ye. "Dynamic Personalized Federated Learning with Adaptive Differential Privacy". Accepted by NeurIPS 2023. (Co-first Author)
- [4] Xiuwen Fang, Mang Ye, Xiyuan Yang. "Robust Heterogeneous Federated Learning under Data Corruption". Accepted by ICCV 2023. (Third Author)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Intern at Microsoft Research Asia, Social Computing Group

Beijing, China

Supervised by Principal Researcher Fangzhao Wu

July 2024 - Now

• [Ongoing] Designed a universal LLM defense method against jailbreak prompts utilizing the generalization limitations of adversarial jailbreak attacks.

Research Intern at University of Chicago

Remote

Supervised by Prof. Tian Li

Feb 2024 - Sept 2024

• [1] Proposed a light-weighted and effective add-on with random rebalancing technique, which can be directly applied on existing federated clustering algorithms and improve the privacy/utility tradeoffs significantly.

Research Student at Wuhan University, MARS Group

Wuhan, China

Supervised by Prof. Mang Ye

Sept 2022 - Jan 2024

- [2] Designed a client-level synchronization and model-level alignment to mitigate the inherent inconsistency in personalized federated learning, finally contributing better model personalization.
- [3] Proposed a dynamic personalized federated learning method by identifying critical parameters and keeping them from noise distortion of DP, achieving better privacy-utility trade-off while keeping privacy.
- [4] Introduced a corruption-robust augmentation training method and heterogeneous model distillation in federated learning, addressing the critical problem of both data heterogeneity and model heterogeneity.

SERVICE & ACTIVITY

Reviewer of Top Conf: CVPR and SCI Q1 Journals: Inf Fusion, IEEE TKDE, CAAI TRIT	2024
IEEE Student Member	2023 - 2024
Vice Minister of the Technology Department, Microsoft Student Club of WHU	2022 - 2024

SCHOLARSHIP

Overseas exchange and study scholarship of Wuhan University (Top 5%)

LeiJun Computer Research Funding Scholarship (Top 0.5%)

2024

COMPETITION

MIND News Recommendation Competition (Rank 1/112 groups)

May 2024

• Incorporated pretrained LMs as the news encoder and user encoder, and achieved SOTA performance.

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Chatbot Design Based on LLaMA-33B

June 2023

- Fine-tuned the pre-trained LLaMA model on open-source Chinese corpus to improve its ability in Chinese conversations.
- Used QLoRA technology to greatly reduce Video Memory usage, enabling fine-tuning on a single 3090.

CPU Design for RISC-V Instruction Set (Course Project)

Mar 2023

- Used the Verilog language to design and implement a five-stage pipeline CPU, including IF/ID/EX/MEM/WB stages.
- Implemented the decoding and execution of the RISC-V instruction set, including arithmetic, logic, load/store, branch, etc.

SKILLS

Technical: Proficient in Python, PyTorch and other related tools for deep learning and data analysis, Skilled in C/C++; Familiar with Java, common front-end technologies, Haskell functional programming language, and MySQL database