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EDUCATION

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor (Umich)

Sep 2019 - Present

Ph.D. in School of Information Advisor: Prof. Grant Schoenebeck

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU)

Aug 2015 - Jun 2019

B.S. in Electronic Science and Engineering Advisor: Prof. Xinbing Wang and Prof. Luoyi Fu

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

Jul 2018 - Sep 2018

CSST (summer research program), Department of Computer Science

Advisor: Prof. Mario Gerla

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCES

Research Assistant, University of Michigan Algorithm Engineer Intern, YITUTech Sep 2019 - Present Feb 2019 - May 2019

RESEARCH PROJECTS (SELECTED)

Information Elicitation From Rowdy Crowds (Accepted to WWW 21)

Sep 2019 - June 2020

Umich, with Grant Schoenebeck and Fang-Yi Yu

We consider the adversarial attack on crowdscouring systems.

- Propose a framework for designing information elicitation mechanisms which can handle a fraction of adversarial agents who can collude and mess up the system.
- Based on the framework, use robust learning algorithms as the black box to design three mechanisms under two commonly used settings.
- Prove the truthfulness of the proposed mechanisms using probability theory and information theory as tools.

Optimal scoring rule for information elicitation on Crowdsourcing

May 2020 - present

Umich, with Grant Schoenebeck

In practice, we consider the problem of how to design optimal payment mechanisms for crowdsourcing workers which can minimize the overall payments.

- Review and summarize the state of art mechanisms with strong theoretical guarantees.
- Given a particular parametric model, use agent based model for synthetic data and compare the performances of different mechanisms with respect to the total payments to agents.
- Design a novel measure of the incentive robustness of mechanisms.

COURSES (TAKEN)

Computer Science: machine learning, reinforcement learning, approximation algorithm, randomized algorithm. Economics: advanced game theory (mechanism design), electronic commerce, digital public goods.

AWARDS

• EIC Education Scholarship (top 5%).

2018

• Samsung Scholarship (top 3%).

2017

• Meritorious Winner in Mathematical Contest in Modeling.

2017