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EDUCATION

Peking University, School of Mathematical Sciences 09 2017 – 07 2023 (expected)
Ph.D. Candidate in Applied Mathematics Beijing, China

Member of ZERO Lab. Advisors: Yisen Wang, Jiansheng Yang, Zhouchen Lin

Peking University, School of Mathematical Sciences 09 2013 – 07 2017
Bachelor of Science Beijing, China

Peking University, Department of Philosophy 09 2014 – 07 2017
Bachelor of Art Beijing, China

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Self-Supervised Learning
- Robust Representation Learning
- Graph Representation Learning

HONORS

- **National Scholarship**, Ministry of Education of China, 2021, 2022 (**top 1%**).
- **Principal Scholarship**, Peking University, 2022 (**top 1%**).
- **Academic Innovation Award**, Peking University, 2022 (**top 1%**).
- **Best Machine Learning Paper Award**, ECML-PKDD 2021, 2021 (**1/685**).
- **Silver Best Paper Award**, ICML 2021 workshop on AML, 2021.
- **Meritorious Winner (First Prize)**, Mathematical Contest in Modeling, 2016.
- **Yizheng Scholarship**, Peking University, 2016.

PUBLICATIONS (* marks equal contribution)

I. Self-Supervised Learning

Chaos is a Ladder: A New Theoretical Understanding of Contrastive Learning via Augmentation Overlap

- **Yifei Wang***, Qi Zhang*, Yisen Wang, Jiansheng Yang, Zhouchen Lin
- International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR 2022**)

How Mask Matters: Towards Theoretical Understandings of Masked Autoencoders

- Qi Zhang*, **Yifei Wang***, Yisen Wang
- Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2022 Spotlight**)

Residual Relaxation for Multi-view Representation Learning

- **Yifei Wang**, Zhengyang Geng, Feng Jiang, Chuming Li, Yisen Wang, Jiansheng Yang, Zhouchen Lin
- Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2021**)

A Unified Contrastive Energy-based Model for Understanding the Generative Ability of Adversarial Training

- **Yifei Wang**, Yisen Wang, Jiansheng Yang, Zhouchen Lin
- International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR 2022**)
- **Silver Best Paper Award** at ICML 2021 AML Workshop

Reparameterized Sampling for Generative Adversarial Networks

- **Yifei Wang**, Yisen Wang, Jiansheng Yang, Zhouchen Lin
- European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (**ECML-PKDD 2021**)
- **Best Machine Learning Paper Award (1/685)**. Invited to **Machine Learning Journal**

II. Robust Representation Learning

Improving Out-of-distribution Robustness by Adversarial Training with Structured Priors

- Qixun Wang*, **Yifei Wang***, Hong Zhu, Yisen Wang
- Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2022 Spotlight**)

When Adversarial Training Meets Vision Transformers: Recipes from Training to Architecture

- Yichuan Mo, Dongxian Wu, **Yifei Wang**, Yiwen Guo, Yisen Wang
- Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2022 Spotlight**)

III. Graph Representation Learning

Dissecting the Diffusion Process in Linear Graph Convolutional Networks

- **Yifei Wang**, Yisen Wang, Jiansheng Yang, Zhouchen Lin
- Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS 2021**)

Optimization-induced Graph Implicit Nonlinear Diffusion

- Qi Chen, **Yifei Wang**, Yisen Wang, Zhouchen Lin
- International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2022**)

G²CN: Graph Gaussian Convolution Networks with Concentrated Graph Filters

- Mingjie Li, Xiaojun Guo, **Yifei Wang**, Yisen Wang, Zhouchen Lin
- International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML 2022**)

TEACHING

TA, **Machine Learning**, 2017. Instructor: Tong Lin.

TA, **Optimization Methods in Machine Learning**, 2018. Instructor: Zhouchen Lin.

TA, **Advanced Mathematics**, 2019. Instructor: Chao Wang.

TA, **Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (Trustworthy ML class)**, 2020, 2022. Instructor: Yisen Wang.

TA, **Frontiers of Machine Learning**, 2022. Instructor: Yisen Wang.

INTERNSHIP

Huawei Noah's Arch Lab

09 2021 – 03 2022

Research Intern

Beijing, China

- Research on the theory and algorithm design of Self-supervised Learning.

Huawei Noah's Arch Lab

09 2019 – 03 2020

Research Intern

Beijing, China

- Research on representation disentanglement of robust and non-robust features.

Baidu's Phoenix Nest

09 2018 – 03 2019

Research Intern

Beijing, China

- Research on end-to-end AD selection with Reinforcement Learning.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python, MATLAB, C, R, STATA

Technologies/Frameworks: PyTorch, JAX, TensorFlow, Linux, Git, L^AT_EX