YICHAO ZHONG

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EDUCATION

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, Shanghai, China

Bachelor of Computer Science

- Member of ACM Honor Class, which is an elite CS program for top 5% talented students
- Avg. GPA(All-time): 3.78/4.3
- Avg. Score(1st year 2nd semester): 89.04/100, Rank 3/33
- Avg. Score(3rd year): 94.09/100, Rank 3/33
- Scores of some courses:
 - Computer Systems(Architecture) 94/100
 - Reinforcement Learning 98/100
 - Computer Vision 100/100
 - Large Language Models 97/100
 - Introduction to Physics 96/100

EXPERIENCE

APEX Knowledge and Data Management Lab, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Undergraduate Researcher, advised by Prof. Weinan Zhang and Prof. Yong Yu

Research Topic: Reinforcement Learning Algorithms; Robotics

LeCAR Lab, Carnegie Mellon University

Undergraduate Researcher, advised by Prof. Guanya Shi

Research Topic: Robot Learning; safe control; adaptive control

Shanghai, China Aug. 2023 - Present

Pittsburgh, PA, United States July 2024 - Present

Enrolled: Sept. 2021 | Expected: June 2025

PUBLICATIONS

Diffusion Models for Reinforcement Learning: A Survey

Z. Zhu, H. Zhao, H. He, Y. Zhong, S. Zhang, Y. Yu, W. Zhang

- Released on Arxiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.01223
- We surveyed and summarized the recent advances and challenges of using diffusion models for RL or RL-related tasks. We are also actively maintaining a github repository for papers in applying diffusion model to RL.

PROJECTS

Compiler for Mx^* Language

SJTU ACM Class Compiler Design and Implementation 2022 Assignment (MS208 Course Project)

- A Compiler from Mx* language (which is a C++ or Java like language) to RV32I Assembly.
- I implemented lots of optimizations (Mem2Reg, Inline, etc.) to reduce the runtime of the generated code. Its performance ranks the 3rd in ACM Class 2021.

RISC-V CPU Implemented in Verilog RTL

SJTU ACM Class Computer Architecture 2022 Assignment (MS108 Course Project)

• A Tomasulo RISC-V cpu with instruction cache and branch predictor with 2-bit saturating counter.

Kinematic Motion Diffusion: Towards Semantic-adaptive Motion Synthesis via Kinematic Guidance Course Project of SJTU Computer Vision 2023

• Accepted by International Conference on Multimedia Systems and Signal Processing (ICMSSP), 2024

HONORS & AWARDS

Mathematical Modeling Competitions

- COMAP MCM/ICM 2022, Honorable Mention (Top 30% in the world)
- National Mathematical Modelling Competition 2022, Second Prize in Shanghai

Scholarships

- 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 Zhiyuan Honorary Scholarship (Top 2% in Shanghai Jiao Tong University)
- 2022 Longfor Scholarship (Computer Science Only) (Top <1% in Shanghai Jiao Tong University students major in Computer Science)

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Compiler Design and Implementation

Teaching Assistant Sept. 2023 - Jan. 2024

Programming

Teaching Assistant Sept. 2022 - Jan. 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

• Languages: Chinese Mandarin, English (TOEFL: 105(R27,L29,S23,W26)),

- Programming Languages: Proficient with C, C++, C#, Python, Java, MATLAB and Verilog.
- I have firm experience of working with those tools: Git, IATEX, PyTorch, TensorFlow, ROS, Unity, etc.