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EDUCATION

Tsinghua University, Beijing

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering
Minor in Statistics & Data Science

August 2018 - Present

GPA: 3.86/4.0

WORK & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Intelligent Control Lab, Carnegie Mellon University

Safety Control Optimization Intern

July 2021 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Changliu Liu <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~cliu6/>

- Developed a coarse-fine tuning optimization framework with a significant efficiency improvement (up to 40% compared with the worst case scenario).
- Designed an Active Contextual Optimizer (ActiveCO) based on Artificial Curiosity and Black-box Optimization.
- Proposed optimizer capable of incorporating contextual information such as encoded environments and tasks.
- Proposed sampling strategy which actively choose contexts based on Expected Improvement, speeding up the optimization process

Precision Mechatronics and Control Lab, Tsinghua University

Undergraduate Student Researcher

January 2021 - July 2021

Advisor: Prof. Chuxiong Hu <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Chuxiong-Hu-2>

- Proposed Dynamic Object-Centric Representation framework for robotic manipulation.
- Trained neural networks based on Detectron2 for object detection.
- Applied Domain Randomization to transfer models from simulation to real-world experiments.
- Programmed for data washing and visualization.
- Conducted real-world experiments and collected about 5,500 episodes of real-world training & validation data.
- Conducted ablation experiments to prove efficacy of the proposed method.
- Submitted paper *Learning Dynamic Object-centric Representations for Robot Manipulation* as co-first-author.

Institute of Solid Mechanics, Tsinghua University

Undergraduate Student Researcher

September 2019 - April 2020

Advisor: Prof. Changqin Chen <https://www.hy.tsinghua.edu.cn/hyen/info/1162/1189.htm>

- Designed mechanical logic gates utilizing origami structures.
- Built mechanical models for bistability-based foldable origami structures.
- Designed possible structures for mechanical logic gates AND, OR, and NOT based on the proposed origami structure.

Shanghai Micro Electronics Equipment Co., Inc

Electrical Engineering Intern

June 2021 - August 2021

- Wrote Python scripts for organizing cabling data stored in different engineering software.
- Developed a programming interface for transferring cabling information from different software.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Jiayu Wang, Yunan Wang*, **Yixiao Li***, Chuxiong HU* & Yu ZHU, Learning Dynamic Object-centric Representations for Robot Manipulation, IEEE Transactions on Industrial Informatics (under review)
- [2] Zhiqiang Meng, Weitong Chen, Tie Mei, Yuchen Lai, **Yixiao Li**, C.Q. Chen*, Bistability-based foldable origami mechanical logic gates. Extreme Mechanics Letters, 2021

OTHER PROJECTS

Building a Quadruped Robot Capable of Jumping

September 2021 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Yu Tian

Tribology Laboratory, Tsinghua University

- Designing jumping mechanism for a quadruped robot based on Stanford quadruped robot program "Pupper".
- Rewriting the control with Robotic Operation System(ROS), enabling future incorporation of visual detection and path planning.
- Building simulation environment based on Pybullet and OpenGym for designing novel control methods for jumping actions.

Stroke Prediction with Interpretable Machine Learning

May 2021 - June 2021

Advisor: Prof. Sheng Yu

Center for Statistical Science, Tsinghua University

- Tested 9 types of machine learning algorithms for stroke prediction.
- Conducted exploration data analysis and used Logistic Regression model for data interpretation.
- Improved performance of Random Forest algorithm using Grid Search Optimization. Achieved 82% accuracy and 59% recall rate on testing data.
- Developed a framework for stroke prediction with high performance and good interoperability.

Programming a Robot Arm to Draw

October 2020 - January 2021

Advisor: Prof. Guolei Wang

Institute of Mechatronics, Tsinghua University

- Proposed a novel algorithm for drawing based on Canny edge detection and path planning.
- Wrote MATLAB scripts to realize the proposed algorithm.
- Wrote C++ code to establish communications between the industrial robot arm and MATLAB.
- Successfully implemented the algorithm enabling the robot arm to draw a given stick figure with a pencil.

SKILLS

Programming	R, Python, MATLAB(Simulink) under Linux and Windows
Software & Tools	LaTex, Robot Operating System (ROS), Abaqus, SolidWorks, AutoCad
Languages	English, Chinese, Pre-intermediate efficiency in Japanese

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic Excellence Scholarship of Tsinghua University	- 2019
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Academic Excellence Scholarship of Tsinghua University	- 2021
Third Prize Winner of "Hua Luogeng Cup" Mathematical Modeling Competition	- 2020