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EDUCATION

Renmin University, China

B.S. in Computer Science

2016.9 - 2020.7

Overall GPA: 3.74/4.0 (5%)

- Academic achievement: Annually Academic Achievement Scholarship 2016-2018, Dean's Scholarship of RUC 2018, National Undergraduate Training Programs Scholarship for Innovation and Entrepreneurship

University of Edinburgh, UK

Full year visiting student, major in computer science

2018.9 - 2019.6

Overall GPA: 4.0/4.0

Carnegie Mellon University, USA

Master of Science in Robotics (MSR)

2020.9 - Now

Overall GPA: 4.17/4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

Carnegie Mellon University, Catalyst

Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Zhihao Jia

Pittsburgh, U.S

2021.3-now

- Deep learning theory guided model performance inference, network compression

Carnegie Mellon University, Intelligent Control Lab

Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Changliu Liu

Pittsburgh, U.S

2020.9-2021.3

- Deep learning theory related topics, eg. Neural Tangent Kernel, Rademacher Complexity, Norm Based NN Capacity Measurement.

University of California Berkeley, Mechanical Systems Control Lab

Research Intern, advised by Prof. Masayoshi Tomizuka

Berkeley, U.S

2019.10-2020.3

- "Unsupervised Distance Learning of Dynamic Model in Latent Space", a model based goal conditioned unsupervised reinforcement learning algorithm
- "Social-WaGDAT: Interaction-aware Trajectory Prediction via Wasserstein Graph Double-Attention Network", an interactive trajectory prediction method using GNN framework

Carnegie Mellon University, Intelligent Control Lab

Research Intern, advised by Prof. Changliu Liu

Pittsburgh, U.S

2019.6-2019.10

- AutoEnv, an integrated platform for autonomous driving related tasks. Components include preprocessing, algorithm implementation (TRPO, PS-GAIL, RLS), simulation and evaluation. Now published as an open source code base v1.0 on GitHub. Link <https://github.com/JackFram/Autoenv>
- AGen, an online adaptive generative trajectory prediction algorithm. Using Recursive Least Square algorithm to optimize policy network's final layer weights, the initial policy weights are given by offline PS-GAIL algorithm.

RUC Multimedia and Intelligence Lab

Research Assistant, advised by Prof. Qin Jin

Beijing, China

2018.6-2019.3

- Visual-dialog challenge 2018, design an encoder-decoder framework incorporate attention mechanism to achieve multiple round of Q&A. Encoder is consisted of a ResNet50 for image feature extraction and LSTM for question encoding, decoder is a LSTM for answering questions.

PUBLICATIONS

- **GradSign: Model Performance Inference with Theoretical Insights**, under review for ICLR
Zhihao Zhang, Zhihao Jia
- **Social-WaGDAT: Interaction-aware Trajectory Prediction via Wasserstein Graph Double-Attention Network**, IEEE Transactions on Intelligent Transportation Systems
Jiachen Li, Hengbo Ma, **Zhihao Zhang**, Masayoshi Tomizuka

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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| Research background | Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning, |
| Software & Tools | Python, C, C++, Java, Pytorch, Tensorflow |
| Language | TOEFL overall 112, speaking 25 |
| | GRE Best Score Verbal 158, Quant 170, AW 4.0 |