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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

California Institute of Technology

Postdoctoral Researcher, Computing + Mathematical Sciences (CMS)

Pasadena, CA

9/2022 – Present

Advisor: Anima Anandkumar

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Princeton, NJ

7/2022

Advisor: Jia Deng

Dissertation: “Neurosymbolic Machine Learning for Reasoning”

Committee: Danqi Chen, Jia Deng, Mayur Naik, Karthik Narasimhan, Olga Russakovsky

University of Michigan

M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

Ann Arbor, MI

8/2018

Tsinghua University

B.Eng. in Computer Science

B.S. in Mathematics and Applied Mathematics

Beijing, China

7/2016

7/2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

AI · Machine Learning · Neuro-symbolic Reasoning · Automated Theorem Proving

PUBLICATIONS

- Preprint **Learning Symbolic Rules for Reasoning in Quasi-Natural Language**
Kaiyu Yang and Jia Deng. *Under Review (Manuscript on arXiv)*, 2021
- EMNLP 2022 **Generating Natural Language Proofs with Verifier-Guided Search**
Kaiyu Yang, Jia Deng, and Danqi Chen. *Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, 2022, Oral presentation
- ICML 2022 **A Study of Face Obfuscation in ImageNet**
Kaiyu Yang, Jacqueline Yau, Li Fei-Fei, Jia Deng, and Olga Russakovsky. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2022
- NeurIPS 2020 **Strongly Incremental Constituency Parsing with Graph Neural Networks**
Kaiyu Yang and Jia Deng. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020

- NeurIPS 2020 **Rel3D: A Minimally Contrastive Benchmark for Grounding Spatial Relations in 3D**
Ankit Goyal, Kaiyu Yang, Dawei Yang, and Jia Deng. *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2020, *Spotlight presentation*
- FAT* 2020 **Towards Fairer Datasets: Filtering and Balancing the Distribution of the People Subtree in the ImageNet Hierarchy**
Kaiyu Yang, Klint Qinami, Li Fei-Fei, Jia Deng, and Olga Russakovsky. *Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAT*)*, 2020
- ICML 2019 **Learning to Prove Theorems via Interacting with Proof Assistants**
Kaiyu Yang and Jia Deng. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2019
- ICCV 2019 **SpatialSense: An Adversarially Crowdsourced Benchmark for Spatial Relation Recognition**
Kaiyu Yang, Olga Russakovsky, and Jia Deng. *International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)*, 2019
- ECCV 2016 **Stacked Hourglass Networks for Human Pose Estimation**
Alejandro Newell, Kaiyu Yang, and Jia Deng. *European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)*, 2016

AWARDS AND GRANTS

- Siebel Scholar** 2022
42 computer science graduate students awarded annually from selected institutions worldwide
- Outstanding Reviewer** 2020, 2021
Top 20% at the conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
- Google Cloud Research Credits** 2019
Google Cloud Platform
- ICML Travel Award** 2019
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
- SEAS Travel Grant** 2019
School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS), Princeton University
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award** 2015, 2016
Tsinghua University

MEDIA

- Exploring the Tradeoff Between Privacy and Algorithm Performance** 2022
Princeton Insights
- Researchers Devise Approach to Reduce Biases in Computer Vision Data Sets** 2020
Princeton Engineering News
- AI Is Biased. Here's How Scientists Are Trying to Fix It** 2019
Wired

TALKS

Neurosymbolic Reasoning, From Formal Logic to Natural Language

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| University of California, Los Angeles | Host: Guy Van den Broeck, 02/2023 |
| University of California, Santa Barbara | Host: Lei Li, 11/2022 |
| University of Southern California | Host: Xiang Ren, 10/2022 |

Teaching Machines to Reason Symbolically

OpenAI	3/2022
Google	Host: Denny Zhou, 2/2022
University of Pennsylvania	Host: Mayur Naik, 2/2022
NSF “Understanding the World Through Code” Program	Host: Swarat Chaudhuri, 1/2022
Caltech	Host: Anima Anandkumar, 1/2022

Generating Natural Language Proofs with Verifier-Guided Search

N2Formal Group, Google	Host: Markus Rabe, 7/2022
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A Study of Face Obfuscation in ImageNet

International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	7/2022
NeurIPS Workshop on “ImageNet: Past, Present, and Future”	12/2021
CVPR Workshop on “Learning from Limited and Imperfect Data (L2ID)”	6/2021

Learning Symbolic Rules for Reasoning in Quasi-Natural Language

Princeton NLP Group	7/2021
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Towards Fairer Datasets: Filtering and Balancing the Distribution of the People Subtree in the ImageNet Hierarchy

Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency (FAT*)	1/2020
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Learning to Prove Theorems via Interacting with Proof Assistants

Princeton Programming Languages Group	10/2019
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)	6/2019

RESEARCH MENTORING

Peiyang Song	2022 – Present
<i>Undergraduate student at UCSB</i>	
Snigdha Saha	2022 – Present
<i>Undergraduate student at Caltech</i>	
Shixing Yu	2022 – Present
<i>Master’s student at University of Texas at Austin</i>	
Gene Chou	2021
<i>Undergraduate student at Princeton University</i>	
Jacqueline Yau	2019 – 2020
<i>Master’s student at Stanford University</i>	

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

COS484/584: Natural Language Processing	2021/2 – 2021/5
<i>Teaching assistant, Department of Computer Science, Princeton University</i>	
Data Structures and Algorithms	2013/8 – 2016/7
<i>Head teaching assistant, Department of Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University</i>	

SERVICE

Reviewer

ACM Transactions on Programming Languages and Systems (TOPLAS)
IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)
Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)
International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)
European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV)

Volunteer

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)

Session Chair

Caltech SURF Seminar Day

Committee Member

Caltech CMS Graduate Admission Committee

REFERENCES

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