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EDUCATION

Rice University

Ph.D. in Computer Science (Advisor: Dr. Xia “Ben” Hu)

Houston, TX

Aug. 2022 - Present

Tsinghua University

B.Eng. in Computer Science

Beijing, China

Aug. 2017 - Jul. 2021

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Efficient and Trustworthy Machine Learning

Natural Language Processing (LLMs), Computer Vision, Health Informatics

PUBLICATION

** denotes equal contributions.*

Conference Publications

- [C1] “Setting the Trap: Capturing and Defeating Backdoors in Pretrained Language Models through Honey-pots”, ***J. Yuan**, *R. Tang, Y. Li, Z. Liu, R. Chen, X. Hu. *In The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023*
- [C2] “Large language models for healthcare data augmentation: An example on patient-trial matching”, **J. Yuan**, R. Tang, X. Jiang, X. Hu. *Best Student Paper. In AMIA Annual Symposium Proceedings (AMIA), 2023*
- [C3] “Towards Fair Patient-Trial Matching via Patient-Criterion Level Fairness Constraint”, C. Chang, **J. Yuan**, S. Ding, Q. Tan, K. Zhang, X. Jiang, X. Hu, N. Zou. *In AMIA Annual Symposium Proceedings (AMIA), 2023*
- [C4] “Can Attention Be Used to Explain EHR-Based Mortality Prediction Tasks: A Case Study on Hemorrhagic Stroke”, Q. Feng, **J. Yuan**, F.B. Emdad, K. Hanna, X. Hu, Z. He. *In the 14th ACM International Conference on Bioinformatics, Computational Biology and Health Informatics (ACM-BCB), 2023*
- [C5] “NetBooster: Empowering Tiny Deep Learning By Standing on the Shoulders of Deep Giants”, Z. Yu, Y. Fu, **J. Yuan**, H. You, Y. Lin. *In Proceedings of the 60th ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023*
- [C6] “Robust Tickets Can Transfer Better: Drawing More Transferable Subnetworks in Transfer Learning”, Y. Fu, Y. Yuan, S. Wu, **J. Yuan**, Y. Lin. *In Proceedings of the 60th ACM/IEEE Design Automation Conference (DAC), 2023*
- [C7] “Gen-NeRF: Efficient and Generalizable Neural Radiance Fields via Algorithm-Hardware Co-Design”, *Y. Fu, *Z. Ye, **J. Yuan**, S. Zhang, S. Li, H. You, Y. Lin. *In the 50th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA), 2023*
- [C8] “ERSAM: Neural Architecture Search for Energy-Efficient and Real-Time Social Ambiance Measurement”, ***J. Yuan**, *C. Li, *W. Chen, Y. Lin, A. Sabharwal. *In ICASSP 2023-2023 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2023*
- [C9] “DepthShrinker: A New Compression Paradigm Towards Boosting Real-Hardware Efficiency of Compact Neural Networks”, Y. Fu, H. Yang, **J. Yuan**, M. Li, C. Wan, R. Krishnamoorthi, V. Chandra, Y. Lin. *In Thirty-ninth International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2022*
- [C10] “EyeCoD: Eye Tracking System Acceleration via FlatCam-Based Algorithm and Accelerator Co-Design”, *H. You, *Y. Zhao, *Z. Yu, *C. Wan, Y. Fu, **J. Yuan**, S. Wu, S. Zhang, Y. Zhang, C. Li, V. Boominathan, A. Veeraraghavan, Z. Li, Y. Lin. *IEEE Micro Top Pick. In the 49th IEEE/ACM International Symposium on Computer Architecture (ISCA), 2022*

Preprints

- [P1] “LoRA-as-an-Attack! Piercing LLM Safety Under The Share-and-Play Scenario”, H. Liu, Z. Liu, R. Tang, **J. Yuan**, S. Zhong, YN. Chuang, L. Li, R. Chen, X. Hu
- [P2] “KIVI: A Tuning-Free Asymmetric 2bit Quantization for KV Cache”, ***J. Yuan**, *Z. Liu, H. Jin, S. Zhong, Z. Xu, V. Braverman, B. Chen, X. Hu
- [P3] “Fair Patient-Trial Matching for Underrepresented Groups”, C. Chang, S. Ding, **J. Yuan**, K. Zhang, X. Jiang, X. Hu, N. Zou

EXPERIENCE

Rice University

Houston, TX

Graduate Research Assistant

Sep. 2022 - Present

- Working on **Large Language Models (LLMs)**: efficient and trustworthy finetuning and inference. [P2]
- Designed a defender algorithm against natural language backdoor attacks. [C1]
- Worked on several projects regarding health informatics. [C2] [C3] [C4] [P3]

Rice University

Houston, TX

Research Assistant

Aug. 2021 - Aug. 2022

- Proposed re-parameterization-based efficient training and inference algorithms. [C5] [C9]
- Proposed a NAS pipeline for real-time social ambiance measurement. [C8]
- Worked on several projects regarding machine learning algorithms and systems co-design. [C7] [C10]
- Took part in efficient computer vision challenges: LPCVC-UAV, DAC-SDC.

Baidu Inc.

Beijing, China

Research Engineer Intern

Dec. 2020 - Jul. 2021

- Worked in Content Technology Architecture Group and took charge of processing large-scale data streams.
- Developed and optimized fingerprinting algorithms on massive real-world data. Focused on the image and video deduplication problems in both industry and academia.

Tsinghua University

Beijing, China

Research Assistant

Jan. 2019 - May. 2021

- Designed a diagnosis system for solar panel: computer vision for automated defect detection in the industry.
- Used generative models to improve Deepfake detection (forgery detection of face images).
- Built an efficient and highly scalable distributed approximate graph mining system. [Code]

HONORS AND AWARDS

SDM'24 Doctoral Forum Travel Award, by SIAM

Mar. 2024

NeurIPS 2023 Scholar Award, by NeurIPS

Nov. 2023

AMIA Best Student Paper, by AMIA

Nov. 2023

AMIA 2023 KDDM Student Innovation Award, by AMIA

Oct. 2023

IEEE Micro Top Picks, by ACM

Jul. 2023