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Education

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| University of Maryland, College Park
<i>Ph.D. in Computer Science</i>
– Advisors: Prof. Hanan Samet and Prof. Tom Goldstein | College Park, MD
2012 – present |
| Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
<i>M.S. in Computer Science</i>
– Advisor: Prof. Shiguang Shan | Beijing, China
2009 – 2012 |
| Shandong University
<i>B.Eng. in Software Engineering</i> | Jinan, China
2005 – 2009 |

Research Interests

Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, HPC, Distributed System

Experience

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| University of Maryland Institute for Advanced Computer Studies
<i>Research Assistant with Prof. Hanan Samet and Prof. Tom Goldstein</i>
– Visualizing the loss surface of neural networks [ongoing work]
– Optimization methods for training quantized neural networks [NIPS'17].
– Accelerating Convolutional Neural Networks for fast inference [ICLR'17].
– Distributed machine learning with HPC [EuroSys'15, ICML'17]. | College Park, MD
May 2013 - present |
| Machine Learning Team, Nervana Systems
<i>Algorithms Engineer Intern with Scott Cyphers and Arjun Bansal</i>
– Design and implement a module for Neon's graph-backend (Nervana Graph), enabling executing the computation graph of TensorFlow with Neon. | San Diego, CA
May - Aug 2016 |
| Machine Learning Department, NEC Labs America
<i>Research Intern/Visiting Student</i>
– Research on the architecture design of Convolutional Neural Networks.
– Research on filter pruning for acceleration and compression of CNNs [ICLR'17]. | Princeton, NJ
Jan - Aug'15/Jan - May'16 |
| Storage System Department, NEC Labs America
<i>Research Intern with Asim Kadav, Erik Kruus and Cristian Ungureanu</i>
– Built MALT, a distributed data-parallel machine learning system with flexible peer-to-peer communication, utilizing one-side RDMA write over InfiniBand [EuroSys'15]. | Princeton, NJ
May – Aug 2014 |
| Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
<i>Research Assistant with Prof. Shiguan Shan</i>
– Multi-person tracking with re-identification in non-overlapping camera networks [ACCV'14]. | Beijing, China
Jan 2011 - July 2012 |
| Internet Graphics Group, Microsoft Research Asia
<i>Research Intern with Ying-Qing Xu</i>
– Bing image search result beautification. | Beijing, China
May – Nov 2010 |

- Research on graph-based reranking for web image search [T-IP'12, SIGIR'11].
- Built a million-scale image/video dataset for web image/video search reranking [ICDMW'09].

Publications

1. *Visualizing the Loss Landscape of Neural Nets*
Hao Li, Zheng Xu, Gavin Taylor, Tom Goldstein
Accepted in International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**) Workshop Track, 2018
NIPS Workshop on Deep Learning: Bridging Theory and Practice, 2017
2. *Training Quantized Nets: A Deeper Understanding*
Hao Li*, Soham De*, Zheng Xu, Christoph Studer, Hanan Samet, Tom Goldstein
Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NIPS**), 2017
3. *Towards a Deeper Understanding of Training Quantized Neural Networks*
Hao Li*, Soham De*, Zheng Xu, Christoph Studer, Hanan Samet, Tom Goldstein
ICML Workshop on Principled Approaches to Deep Learning, 2017 (**Google Best Student Paper**)
4. *Pruning Filters for Efficient ConvNets*
Hao Li, Asim Kadav, Igor Durdanovic, Hanan Samet, Hans Peter Graf
International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), 2017
NIPS Workshop on Efficient Methods for Deep Neural Networks (**EMDNN**), 2016
5. *Adaptive Consensus ADMM for Distributed Optimization*
Zheng Xu, Gavin Taylor, **Hao Li**, Mario Figueiredo, Xiaoming Yuan, and Tom Goldstein
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), 2017
6. *MALT: Distributed Data-Parallelism for Existing ML Applications*
Hao Li, Asim Kadav, Erik Kruus, Cristian Ungureanu
ACM European Conference on Computer Systems (**EuroSys**), 2015
NIPS Workshop on Machine Learning Systems (**LearningSys**), 2015
7. *Streaming News Image Summarization*
Hao Li, Shangfu Peng, Hanan Samet
International Conference on Pattern Recognition (**ICPR**), 2016 (Oral)
8. *Simplification and Refinement for Speedy Spatio-temporal Hot Spot Detection Using Spark (GIS Cup)*.
Shangfu Peng, Hong Wei, **Hao Li**, and Hanan Samet
ACM Int. Conf. on Advances in Geographic Information Systems (**SIGSPATIAL**), 2016 (Short)
9. *View Adaptive Metric Learning for Multi-view Person Re-identification*
Canxiang Yang, Shiguang Shan, Dan Wang, **Hao Li**, Xilin Chen
Asian Conference on Computer Vision (**ACCV**), 2014
10. *Multimodal Graph-Based Reranking for Web Image Search*
Meng Wang, **Hao Li**, Dacheng Tao, Ke Lu, Xindong Wu
IEEE Transactions on Image Processing (**T-IP**), 2012
11. *Optimizing Multimodal Reranking for Web Image Search*
Hao Li, Meng Wang, Zhisheng Li, Zheng-Jun Zha, Jialie Shen
ACM SIGIR Conf. on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (**SIGIR**), 2011 (Short)
12. *MSRA-MM 2.0: A Large-Scale Web Multimedia Dataset*
Hao Li, Meng Wang, Xian-Sheng Hua
IEEE ICDM Workshop on Internet Multimedia Mining, 2009

Awards

Google Best Student Paper Award, ICML PADL Workshop	2017
Conference Travel Awards: NIPS'17, ICML'17, ICLR'17, EuroSys'15, SIGIR'11	
Jacob K. Goldhaber Travel Grant, University of Maryland	2016
John D. Gannon Student Travel Grant, University of Maryland	2013
Dean's Fellowship, Department of Computer Science, University of Maryland	2012, 2013
Stars of Tomorrow Excellent Intern Award, Microsoft Research Asia	2010
Outstanding College Graduate, Shandong Province and Shandong University	2009
Meritorious Winner in Mathematical Contest in Modeling, USA	2008
National Second Prize in China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling	2007

Academic Services

Reviewer for IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence	2018
Reviewer for IEEE Transaction on Industrial Informatics	2015
Reviewer for Neurocomputing	2015
Reviewer for Multimedia Systems	2014
Shadow PC for European Conference on Computer Systems (EuroSys)	2018
Reviewer for Neural Information Processing Systems (NIPS)	2016
Reviewer for NIPS Workshop on Efficient Methods for Deep Neural Networks (EMDNN)	2016
Reviewer for IEEE International Conference on Multimedia and Expo (ICME)	2013, 2014
External Reviewer for ACM Conf. on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM)	2014

Talks

- Towards Fast and Efficient Representation Learning*
Microsoft Research Asia, Beijing, Jan. 2018; NVIDIA Research, Santa Clara, CA, Nov. 2017
- Towards a Deeper Understanding of Training Quantized Neural Networks*
ICML'17 Workshop on Principled Approaches on Deep Learning, Sydney, Aug. 2017
- Towards Efficient ConvNets*
NEC Labs America, Princeton, NJ, Aug. 2015
- MALT: Efficient Data Parallelism for Existing Machine Learning Software*
NEC Labs America, Princeton, NJ, Aug. 2014

Programming Skills

Languages: Python, C/C++, Lua, Java, C#, Matlab, Go
Tools: PyTorch, Torch7, TensorFlow, Neon, Theano, MPI, GASPI, ZMQ, Hadoop

Teaching Experience

CMSC 764 Advanced Numerical Optimization, with Prof. Tom Goldstein	2017
CMSC 828Z Reinforcement Learning, with Prof. Hal Daumé III	2016
CMSC 216 Introduction to Computer Systems, with Dr. Larry Herman	2015
CMSC 426 Programming Handheld Systems, with Prof. Atif Memon	2013
CMSC 330 The Organization of Programming Languages, with Prof. Chau-Wen Tseng	2012

Pending Patents

Passive Pruning of Filters in a Convolutional Neural Network. US Patent App. 15/590,620

Security System Using a Conv. Neural Network with Pruned Filters. US Patent App. 15/590,666

Parallelized Machine Learning With Distributed Lockless Training. US Patent App. 14/875,773

MALT: Distributed Data-Parallelism for Existing ML Applications. US Patent App. 14/872,521

References

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