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EDUCATION

École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL) Aug. 2025 – Jan. 2028 (Expected)

M.S. in Computer Science

Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU) Sept. 2021 – June 2025

B.E. in Automation

• Major GPA: 3.82/4.3 • Centesimal grade average: 89.23/100

Related Courses: Calculus II (98), Probability and Statistics (99), Linear Algebra (92), Discrete Mathematics (93), Data Structure (90), Pattern Recognition (96), Artificial Intelligence (90), Robotics (93), Principles of Automatic Control (94)

PUBLICATION

D. Nguyen*, J. Li*, **J. Zheng***, B. Mirzasoleiman. Do We Need All the Synthetic Data? Towards Targeted Synthetic Image Augmentation via Diffusion Models. **International Conference on Learning Representations, 2026. (Accepted)**

Z. Huang, X. Cheng, **J. Zheng**, H. Wang, Z. He, T. Li, and X. Huang. Unified Gradient-Based Machine Unlearning with Remain Geometry Enhancement. **Neural Information Processing Systems, 2024. (Accepted as a spotlight)**

RESEARCH & PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Continual Learning for LLMs: A Parameter Sorting Approach to Mitigate Catastrophic Forgetting

Research Assistant

Nov. 2024 – June 2025

Advisor: **Xiaolin Huang**, Professor, Vice Dean, Department of Automation, SJTU

- Proposed a dynamically block-wise parameter sorting method to mitigate catastrophic forgetting within a continual learning setting for large language models (LLMs).
- Improved overall performance (OP) by 4.88%, backward transfer (BWT) by 6.5%, and training efficiency by 58.37% compared to the state-of-the-art (SOTA) method trained on Qwen2-1.5B.

Fewer Generated Images for Better Augmentation

Research Assistant

July. 2024 – May. 2025

Advisor: **Baharan Mirzasoleiman**, Assistant Professor, Computer Science Department, UCLA

- Leveraged the GLIDE, a text-to-image model, with real guidance strategies to diversify the training datasets.
- Conducted experiments on multiple datasets and across multiple architectures using upsampling and our method.
- Improved the classification accuracy by 1% than that without augmentation and training efficiency by 70% than 2× scale Diffusion-based data augmentation using selectively incorporating generated data.

Unified Gradient-Based Machine Unlearning (MU) with Remain Geometry Enhancement

Co-author

Mar. 2024 – June. 2024

Advisor: **Xiaolin Huang**, Professor, Vice Dean, Department of Automation, SJTU

- Proposed using KL divergence on the remaining output distribution, instead of Euclidean distance in vanilla methods, as the manifold metric to prevent deviations in the model output on the remaining set, improving MU performance.
- Conducted experiments and parameter tuning to compare the performance of our algorithm with other MU methods in image classification and generation across various datasets and models of different architectures.
- Improved the averaging disparity by 1.8% on average in random subset forgetting on CIFAR-10 in image classification and the FID by 80 on average in class-wise forgetting on ImageNet in image generation.

HONORS & AWARDS

University-Level Outstanding Graduate of SJTU 2025

3rd Prize, Academic Scholarship of SJTU 2022 & 2023 & 2024

3rd Prize, TI Cup National Undergraduate Electronic Design Contest Shanghai Area 2023

SKILLS

- Programming: Python, C/C++, ROS/ROS2, Matlab, \LaTeX , Markdown, Stata17
- Techniques: Linux, Windows
- Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient)
- Leadership Experience: Head of Sports Department, School of Electronic Information and Electrical Engineering (SEIEE) Student Union, Shanghai Jiao Tong University Dec. 2022 – Dec. 2023