Hien Dang

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EDUCATION

Ho Chi Minh University of Science

2016 - 2020

Bachelor in Science in Mathematics and Computer Science, Honor Program

- Supervisor: Prof. Dang Duc Trong
- GPA: 9.55/10.0, rank 1/364 in Department Cohort 2016 2020

Research and Work Experience

FPT Software AI Center

HCMC, Vietnam

AI Research Resident Feb 2022 - Present

• Research topics: Deep Learning Theory, Neural Collapse in Deep Neural Networks, Posterior Collapse in Variational Autoencoders, Bayesian Optimization

Society of Actuaries (SOA)

 $Actuarial\ Student$

Jun 2018 - Jan 2022

• Passed five SOA exams: P - Probability, FM - Financial Mathematics, SRM - Statistics for Risk Modeling, IFM - Investment and Financial Markets, STAM - Short-term Actuarial Mathematics with four maximum scores.

Sun Life Financial HCMC, Vietnam

 $Actuarial\ Analyst$

 $Jun\ 2019 - Jan\ 2022$

• In charge of actuarial modeling (tool: GGY AXIS), valuation reporting and involved in 5-year business planning

Publications and Preprints

(*): Equal contribution

- 1. **Hien Dang***, Tho Tran*, Stanley Osher, Hung Tran-The, Nhat Ho, Tan Nguyen. Neural Collapse in Deep Linear Networks: From Balanced to Imbalanced Data (75-page paper), Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023
- 2. **Hien Dang**, Tho Tran, Tan Nguyen, Nhat Ho. Beyond Vanilla Variational Autoencoders: Detecting Posterior Collapse in Conditional and Hierarchical Variational Autoencoders, *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)*, 2024
- 3. **Hien Dang**, Tho Tran, Tan Nguyen, Nhat Ho. Neural Collapse for Cross-entropy Class-Imbalanced Learning with Unconstrained ReLU Features Model, *Under review*, arXiv:2401.02058
- 4. **Hien Dang**, Duy Dinh, Hung Tran-The. An Adaptive Approach for Gradient-based Optimization using Local Bayesian Optimization, *In preparation*

Honors and Awards

- Vietnam Mathematics Olympiad for Undergraduates 2017 and 2018: three silver medals and one bronze medal in Algebra and Analysis
- National University Admission Exam: highest score in my home province, Soc Trang (awarded \$2000 scholarship) and highest score at Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Ho Chi Minh University of Science (awarded 1-year tuition scholarship)
- Soc Trang province high school mathematics competitions: rank 1st with the score of 39.5/40.0
- Vietnam Institute for Advanced Study in Mathematics (VIASM) Merit Scholarships from 2018 – 2020

CONFERENCE, WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

- Neural Collapse in Deep Linear Networks: From Balanced to Imbalanced Data. Poster presentation, 40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2023
- Neural Collapse Phenomenon in Deep Learning. Invited talk, 10th Vietnam Mathematics Conference (VMC), 2023

Research Interests

Machine Learning, Deep Learning Theory, Statistics, Generative AI, Optimization

References

• Professor Nhat Ho

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University of Texas at Austin

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• Professor Tan Nguyen

Assistant Professor of Mathematics (Presidental Young Professor)

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• Professor Dang Duc Trong

Professor of Probability and Statistics

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