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RESEARCH My research generally focuses on developing machine learning algorithms applied to graph-structured data. I have worked on developing generalized graph neural networks that are scalable to web-scale datasets, with applications in recommender systems, NLP.

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Ph.D. candidate, Dept. of Comp. Sci. & Eng. HongKong, China
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 **The Australian National University** July 2016 - July 2018
MPhil. Student in Computer Science Canberra, Australia

 **ZhengZhou University** Sep. 2012 - July 2016
B.Eng. Student in Electrical Engineering ZhengZhou, China

EXPERIENCE **Alibaba Group** Hangzhou, China
Senior Applied Machine Learning Engineer (full-time) May 2019 - Aug. 2020

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Applied Machine Learning Engineer (full-time) Beijing, China

Data61 Canberra, Australia
Research Intern Nov. 2016 - Mar. 2017

PREPRINTS & WORKSHOP [1] **Zhang Y.**, Zhu, H., Song, Z., Koniusz, P. and King, I., 2022, Aug. SFA: Spectral Feature augmentation for Graph Contrastive Learning. **Submitted to (NeurIPS'22)**.

[2] Chen, Y., **Zhang, Y.**, Zhang, Y., Guo, H., Li, J., Tang, R., He, X. and King, I., 2021. Towards Low-loss 1-bit Quantization of User-item Representations for Top-K Recommendation. arXiv preprint. arXiv:2112.01944. **Submitted to (ICDE'22)**

[3] **Zhang, Y.** and Zhu, H. Deep Neural Network for Asymmetrically Collaborative Machine Learning with Additively Homomorphic Encryption. In The 1st International Workshop on Federated Machine Learning for User Privacy and Data Confidentiality (**IJCAI'19**). **Solutions have been included in FATE, an industry level open source library for federated learning. See this for detail**

CONFERENCE PUBLICATIONS [4] **Zhang Y.**, Zhu, H., Meng, Z., Koniusz, P. and King, I., 2022, Aug. COSTA: Covariance Preserved Feature Augmentation for Graph Contrastive Learning. In Sigkdd Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining. **[14.9% acceptance, 254/1695] (KDD'22)**.

[5] Song, Z., **Zhang, Y.**, and King, I., 2022, Aug. Towards an Optimal Asymmetric Graph Structure for Robust Semi-supervised Node Classification. In Sigkdd Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining **[14.9% acceptance, 254/1695] (KDD'22)**.

[6] **Zhang Y.**, Zhu, H., Meng, Z., Koniusz, P. and King, I., 2022, April. Graph-adaptive Rectified Linear Unit for Graph Neural Networks. In Proceedings of The Web Conference 2022. **[17.7% of acceptance, 232/1822] (WWW'22)**.

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[8] **Zhang, Y.** and Zhu, H., (2020, May). Discrete Wasserstein Autoencoders for Document Retrieval. In 2020 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing. (**ICASSP'20**)

- [9] **Zhang, Y.** and Zhu, H., (2019, June). Doc2hash: Learning Discrete Latent variables for Documents Retrieval. In Proceedings of the 2019 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies. [26.3% acceptance (281/1067)](NAACL'19).
- [10] Rizoiu, M. A., Graham, T., Zhang, R., **Zhang, Y.**, Ackland, R., Xie, L. (2018, June). #DebateNight: The Role and Influence of Socialbots on Twitter During the 1st 2016 US Presidential Debate. In Twelfth International AAI Conference on Web and Social Media. (ICWSM'18)

TEACHING

- CSCI3150: Computer Science and Society Spring 2022
- CSCI5650: Graph Neural Networks (Graduated-Level Course) Autumn 2021
- CSCI3150: Computer Science and Society Spring 2021
- CSCI1130: Introduction to Computing Using Java Autumn 2020

ACADEMIA
SERVICES

- Reviewer for conferences: NeurIPS'22, PAKDD'22, ECCV'22, ICML'22, ICCV'22, WWW'22, AAI'21, CIKM'21, NIPS'21, IJCAI'21.
- Reviewer for journals: TKDE, Neurocomputing,

SELECTED
HONORS &
AWARDS

- Hong Kong Postgraduate Studentships Award (CUHK) Autumn 2020
- CECS Dean's List(ANU) Autumn 2018
- Notional Scholarship Award (ZZU) Autumn 2015