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## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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## **EDUCATION**

• Nanyang Technological University, Singapore

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Ph.D. in Computer Science. Supervised by Prof. Bo An.

• Huazhong University of Science and Technology, Wuhan, China Sep 2012 - Jul 2016 B.E. in Software Engineering.

#### RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor (May 2023 Present): Department of Statistic and Data Science, Southern University of Science and Technology, China.
- Visiting Scholar/Intern (Dec 2021 Nov 2022): Department of Computer Sciences, University of Wisconsin Madison, US. Supervised by Prof. Yixuan Li.
- **Project Officer** (Aug 2018 May 2023): School of Computer Science and Engineering, Nanyang Technological University, Singapore.
- Research Intern (Jun 2019 Sep 2019): WeBank (Tencent), China.
- Research Assistant (Aug 2017 June 2018): Institute for Interdisciplinary Information Sciences, Tsinghua University, China.

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Robust Deep Learning, AI Safety and Alignment, Data-centric Artificial Intelligence.

Research topics that I am currently working on include:

- Data-efficient foundation models
- Robustness of foundation models
- Protecting data privacy
- Conformal prediction

# **Published Papers**

- 37. Kangdao Liu, Hao Zeng, Jianguo Huang, Huiping Zhuang, Chi-Man Vong\*, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. C-Adapter: Adapting Deep Classifiers for Efficient Conformal Prediction Sets. *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR'25).
- 36. Wenyu Jiang, Zhenlong Liu, Zejian Xie, Songxin Zhang, Bingyi Jing, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. Exploring Learning Complexity for Downstream Data Pruning. *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR'25).
- 35. Hengxiang Zhang, Songxin Zhang, Bingyi Jing, Hongxin Wei<sup>\*</sup>. Fine-tuning can Help Detect Pretraining Data from Large Language Models. *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR'25).
- 34. Fanhu Zeng, Zhen Cheng, Fei Zhu, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Xu-Yao Zhang. Enhancing Outlier Knowledge for Few-Shot Out-of-Distribution Detection with Extensible Local Prompts. *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR'25).
- 33. Shengjie Zhou, Senlin Shu, Haobo Wang, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Tao Xiang, Beibei Li. Multiple-Instance Learning from Pairwise Comparison Bags. *ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology* (TIST), 2024.
- 32. Hongfu Gao, Feipeng Zhang, Wenyu Jiang, Jun Shu, Feng Zheng, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. On the Noise Robustness of In-Context Learning for Text Generation. *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'24).
- 31. Huiping Zhuang, Yizhu Chen, Di Fang, Run He, Kai Tong, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Ziqian Zeng, Cen Chen. GACL: Exemplar-Free Generalized Analytic Continual Learning. *Proceedings of the 38th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'24).
- 30. Shuoyuan Wang, Jindong Wang, Guoqing Wang, Bob Zhang, Kaiyang Zhou, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. Open-Vocabulary Calibration for Vision-Language Models. *Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML'24).
- 29. Jianguo Huang, Huajun Xi, Linjun Zhang, Huaxiu Yao, Yue Qiu\*, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. Conformal Prediction for Deep Classifier via Label Ranking. *Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML'24).
- 28. Zhenlong Liu, Lei Feng, Huiping Zhuang, Xiaofeng Cao, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. Mitigating Privacy Risk in Membership Inference by Convex-Concave Loss. *Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML'24).

- 27. Xiaobo Xia, Jiale Liu, Shaokun Zhang, Qingyun Wu, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Tongliang Liu. Towards Minimal Coreset Size under Model Performance Constraints. *Proceedings of the 41st International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML'24), (Spotlight).
- 26. Chuanyang Zheng, Yixuan Wang, Yuqi Cheng, Xuesong Wang, Hongxin Wei, Irwin King, Yu Li. scNovel: a scalable deep learning-based network for novel rare cell discovery in single-cell transcriptomics. *Briefings in Bioinformatics*, (BiB), 2024.
- Senlin Shu, Deng-Bao Wang, Suqin Yuan, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Jiuchuan Jiang, Lei Feng, Min-Ling Zhang. Multiple-instance Learning from Triplet Comparison Bags. ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD), 2024.
- 24. Shiyu Tian, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Yiqun Wang, Lei Feng. Consistent Multi-Class Classification from Multi-ple Unlabeled Datasets. *Proceedings of The IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition* (CVPR 2024). (Oral).
- 23. Zixi Wei, Senlin Shu, Yuzhou Cao, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Bo An, Lei Feng. Consistent Multi-Class Classification from Multiple Unlabeled Datasets. *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR 2024). (Spotlight).
- 22. Hao Chen, Jindong Wang, Ankit Shah, Ran Tao, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Xing Xie, Masashi Sugiyama, Bhiksha Raj. Understanding and Mitigating the Label Noise in Pre-training on Downstream Tasks. *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR 2024). (Spotlight).
- 21. Wenyu Jiang, Hao Cheng, MingCai Chen, Chongjun Wang, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*. DOS: Diverse Outlier Sampling for Out-of-Distribution Detection. *Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on Learning Representations* (ICLR 2024).
- 20. Shuoyuan Wang, Jindong Wang, HuaJun Xi, Bob Zhang, Lei Zhang, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>. Optimization-Free Test-Time Adaptation for Cross-Person Activity Recognition. *The ACM international joint* conference on Pervasive and Ubiquitous Computing (IMWUT/Ubicomp 2024).
- 19. Renchunzi Xie, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*, Lei Feng, Yuzhou Cao, Bo An. On the Importance of Feature Separability in Predicting Out-Of-Distribution Error. *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'23).
- 18. Yuzhou Cao, Hussein Mozannar, Lei Feng, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Bo An. In Defense of Softmax Parametrization for Calibrated and Consistent Learning to Defer. *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'23).
- 17. Xin Cheng, Yuzhou Cao, Haobo Wang, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Bo An, Lei Feng. Regression with Cost-based Rejection. *Proceedings of the 37th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems*

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- 16. <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Huiping Zhuang, Renchunzi Xie, Lei Feng, Gang Niu, Bo An, Yixuan Li. Mitigating Memorization of Noisy Labels by Clipping the Model Prediction. *Proceedings of the 40th International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML'23).
- 15. Eng Aik Chan, Carolina Rendón-Barraza, Benquan Wang, Tanchao Pu, Jun-Yu Ou, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Giorgio Adamo, Bo An, Nikolay I. Zheludev. Counting and mapping of subwavelength nanoparticles from a single shot scattering pattern. **Nanophotonics**.
- 14. Lei Feng, Senlin Shu, Yuzhou Cao, Lue Tao, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Tao Xiang, Bo An, Gang Niu. Multiple-Instance Learning from Unlabeled Bags with Pairwise Similarity. Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE).
- 13. Senlin Shu, Shuo He, Haobo Wang, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Tao Xiang, Lei Feng. A Generalized Unbiased Risk Estimator for Learning with Augmented Classes. *Proceedings of the 37th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI'23).
- 12. Lue Tao, Lei Feng, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Jinfeng Yi, Shengjun Huang, Songcan Chen. Can Adversarial Training Be Manipulated By Non-Robust Features? *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'22).
- 11. Huiping Zhuang, Zhenyu Weng, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Renchunzi Xie, Toh Kar-Ann, Zhiping Lin. Analytic Class-Incremental Learning with Absolute Memorization and Privacy Protection. *Proceedings of the 36th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'22).
- Hongxin Wei, Renchunzi Xie, Hao Cheng, Lei Feng, Bo An, Yixuan Li. Mitigating Neural Network Overconfidence with Logit Normalization. Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'22), pp.23631-23644, 2022.
- 9. <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Lue Tao, Renchunzi Xie, Lei Feng, Bo An. Open-Sampling: Exploring Out-of-Distribution Data for Re-balancing Long-tailed Datasets. *Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Machine Learning* (ICML'22), pp.23615-23630, 2022.
- 8. <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Renchunzi Xie, Lei Feng, Bo Han, Bo An. Deep Learning from Multiple Noisy Annotators as A Union. *IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems* (TNNLS).
- 7. Renchunzi Xie, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>\*, Lei Feng, Bo An. GearNet: Stepwise Dual Learning for Weakly Supervised Domain Adaptation. *Proceedings of the 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI'22), 2022.
- 6. <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Lue Tao, Renchunzi Xie, Bo An. Open-set Label Noise Can Improve Robustness Against Inherent Label Noise. *Proceedings of the 35th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* (NeurIPS'21), pp.7978-7992, 2021.

- 5. Lei Feng, Senlin Shu, Yuzhou Cao, Lue Tao, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Tao Xiang, Bo An, Gang Niu. Multiple-Instance Learning from Similar and Dissimilar Bags. *Proceedings of the 27th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data* (KDD'21), pp.374-382, 2021.
- 4. Ziqi Zhang, Yuexiang Li, <u>Hongxin Wei</u>, Kai Ma, Tao Xu, Yefeng Zheng. Alleviating Noisy-label Effects in Image Classification via Probability Transition Matrix. *Proceedings of the 32nd British Machine Vision Conference* (BMVC'21), 2021.
- 3. Rundong Wang<sup>†</sup>, <u>Hongxin Wei</u><sup>†</sup>, Bo An, Zhouyan Feng, Jun Yao. Commission Fee is not Enough: A Hierarchical Reinforced Framework for Portfolio Management. *Proceedings of the 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence* (AAAI'21), pp.626-633, 2021.
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## ACADEMIC SERVICES

#### Conference Area Chair:

- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): 2024
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML): 2025

# Conference Program Committee Member (Reviewer):

- Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): 2021, 2022, 2023
- IEEE/CVF Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR): 2022, 2023, 2024
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML): 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV): 2023
- ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD): 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR): 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI): 2023
- SIAM International Conference on Data Mining (SDM): 2022

#### Conference Service Award:

- NeurIPS 2021 Outstanding Reviewer Award
- NeurIPS 2022 Top Reviewer Award

## Journal Reviewer:

- ACM Computing Surveys
- Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)
- International Journal of Computer Vision (IJCV)
- Pattern Recognition (PR)
- Applied Soft Computing (ASC)