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## EDUCATION

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**University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign**

*2019 - present*

PhD Student in Computer Science

Advisor: Sanmi Koyejo

Department of Computer Science

**University of Science and Technology of China**

*2015 - 2019*

B.E. in Computer Science (summa cum laude)

Advisor: Chao Qian

Department of Computer Science and Technology

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Optimization:** non-convex optimization, combinatorial optimization, stochastic optimization, sub-modular optimization.

**Algorithms:** approximation algorithms, heuristic algorithms.

**Machine Learning:** broadly in understanding and designing Machine Learning algorithms, especially from a theoretical point of view.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] **Jacky Y. Zhang**, Rajiv Khanna, Anastasios Kyrillidis, and Oluwasanmi Koyejo. Learning Sparse Distributions using Iterative Hard Thresholding. In *Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'19)*, Vancouver, Canada, 2019.
- [2] Chao Qian, **Yibo Zhang**, Ke Tang, and Xin Yao. On Multiset Selection with Size Constraints. In *Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'18)*, New Orleans, LA, 2018.

## PREPRINTS

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- [1] **Yibo Zhang**, Chao Qian, and Ke Tang. Maximizing Monotone DR-submodular Continuous Functions by Derivative-free Optimization. *Preprint: arXiv 1810.06833, 2018.*

## EXPERIENCE

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**Tencent WeChat**

Research Intern

*Shenzhen, China*

*Summer 2019*

## SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

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**Guo Moruo Scholarship**

*2018*

Highest honor (Top 1%) for undergraduate students in USTC.

**Outstanding Student Scholarship Golden Award**

*2017*

**Outstanding Student Scholarship Golden Award**

*2016*