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# Personal Summary

Future-oriented and innovative PhD candidate in Electrical Engineering, specializing in machine learning and data science. Skilled in developing cutting-edge algorithms for networked systems and leveraging deep learning and probabilistic models to solve real-world challenges. Proficient in Python, TensorFlow, and cloud platforms, with hands-on experience in clustering, classification, and large-scale data analysis. Passionate about driving innovation in data-driven solutions, and eager to apply advanced technical skills in a data scientist or machine learning engineer role to create impactful results.

# **Skills Summary**

Languages: Python, MATLAB, SQL, R, and C

Tools and Office Skills: Google Cloud, Azure, Git, Microsoft office, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point

Operating Systems: MacOS, Windows, and Linux

Libraries and Frameworks: SKLearn, TensorFlow, Keras, SciPy, Pandas, Numpy, and Matplotlib

## Research Expertise

Graph Machine Learning, Statistical Modeling, Large Language Models (LLM), Graph Foundation Models, Causal Inference, Generative Models, Cloud Computing, Inferential Statistics, and Deep Learning

## Education

Arizona State University (ASU): PhD in Electrical Engineering Utah State University (USU): MSc in Electrical Engineering

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# Notable Research Projects

#### Robust Model Selection of Gaussian Graphical Models [Link] ASU

- Developed a novel algorithm for network analysis that recovers complex structures in noisy data, enabling more robust and efficient optimization of recommendation systems, supply chains, and financial systems.
- Our algorithm transcends the fundamental limitations of current algorithms in learning complex networks.
- Implemented our algorithm on both simulated graphs and  ${\bf real\text{-}world}$   ${\bf networks}$

#### Rapid Change Localization in Gaussian Graphical Models [Link] | ASU

- Developed a novel algorithm for rapid change localization in in large-scale networked systems
- Computationally efficient and performs change localization with provably low latency
- Localize changes at least 20% faster than the traditional algorithms

#### Computationally Efficient Active Learning of Gaussian Graphical Models [Link] | ASU

- Developed a novel computationally efficient algorithm for large-scale networked systems
- Offers a significant computational boost: exponential reduction in runtime complexity relative to the network size

## Semi-supervised Learning of Fall Down Action [Link] $\mid USU$

- Developed a semi-supervised classifier with Variational Autoencoder (VAE) and Convolutional Neural Network (CNN)
- Our classifier is at least 5% more accurate in classifying different fall down actions from a real-world data set

#### Efficient Smart Health Monitoring of Large-scale Networks [Link] | USU

- Developed a novel algorithm for smart healthcare monitoring, primarily using Denoising Autoencoder and CNN
- Our algorithm is at least 27% faster than the current state-of-the-art framework

#### Notable Projects from Coursework

- CNN for real-time speech command recognition for human-computer interaction [Link]
- Denoising Convolutional Autonencoder for reconstructing and denoising images, respectively [Link].
- Generative Adversarial Networks (GAN) for reconstructing images  $[\underline{\mathsf{Link}}]$
- Named Entity Recognition, Email Spam Detection, and Text Summarization tool with pre-trained LLM
- Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) and Long Short Term Memory (LSTM) for electric vehicle charging demand prediction [Link].
- Support Vector Machine for image classification [Link]
- A technical report exploring the computational statistical tradeoffs in structure learning of graphical models [Link].

#### Relevant Coursework

Random Signal Theory, Information Theory, Statistical Machine Learning, Mathematical Methods for Signals and Systems, Convex Optimization, Machine Learning for High Dimensions, Reinforcement Learning, Discrete Mathematics and Numerical Analysis, Database Concepts and Programming, Microprocessor and Assembly Language Programming, Digital Signal Processing, Radio Frequency Engineering, Advanced Communication Technique, Wireless & Mobile Networking