## **RESEARCH INTEREST**

My research focuses on advancing optimization techniques for multi-objective deep neural networks, improving not only their helpfulness, but also their robustness and safety. I am particularly interested in exploring their effectiveness in large-scale applications, including recommender systems and large language models.

## EDUCATION

#### PhD

Singapore University of Technology and Design (SUTD) 09/2024 – Present

- Academic advisor: Prof. Wei Lu
- Major: Information Systems Technology and Design.

#### Bachelor

Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST) 08/2018 – 09/2022

- Academic advisor: Dr. Thang N. Tran
- Major: Mathematics and Informatics. CPA: 3.11/4.00 (Rank 18 out of 94 in my department).

## PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Minh-Duc Nguyen, Phuong Mai Dinh, Quang-Huy Nguyen, Long P. Hoang, Dung D. Le, Improving Pareto Set Learning for Expensive Multi-objective Optimization via Stein Variational Hypernetworks, *In Proceedings* of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2025
- [2] Tuan A. Tran<sup>†</sup>, Long P. Hoang<sup>†</sup>, Dung D. Le, Thang N. Tran, A Framework for Controllable Pareto Front Learning with Completed Scalarization Functions and its Applications, *Neural Networks*, 2024
- [3] Long P. Hoang, Dung D. Le, Tuan A. Tran, Thang N. Tran, Improving Pareto Front Learning via Multi-Sample Hypernetworks, In Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2023 (Oral)
- [4] Anh T. Ho, Tuan A. Tran, Long P. Hoang, Ha H. Le, Thang N. Tran, Multi Deep Learning Model for Building Footprint Extraction from High-Resolution Remote Sensing Image, In Intelligent Systems and Networks, 2022

## EXPERIENCE

### PhD Student

#### Advisor: Prof. Wei Lu

Personalized SFT Dataset for your Language Model

- Developing a collaborative filtering framework to select a small, challenging, and diverse dataset personalized for a given language model.
- Empirically validated that fine-tuning with 1,000 high-quality examples selected via our method yields better performance than using the entire 220,000-example dataset.

#### Chain-of-Thought Behavior

- Studied token-level representations with and without Chain-of-Thought (CoT) prompting.
- Identified a representational collapse phenomenon under CoT that enhances model confidence, emphasizes salient information, and mitigates gender bias.

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#### **Research Assistant**

#### Advisor: Assist. Prof. Dung D. Le

#### Controllable Multi-Objective Recommender System

 Developed a new framework for Multi-Objective Recommendation which considers a variety of criteria, including fairness, robustness, novelty in special scenarios such as cold start, adversarial attack,...

### Expensive Multi-Objective Optimization

 Approximated the entire trade-off curve of black-box objects using Pareto Front Learning with Hypernetworks computed by Gaussian Processes (accepted to AAAI 2025).

### Profiling the Pareto Front in Multi-Task Learning

 Proposed a novel method named Multi-Sample Hypernetwork to approximate the entire trade-off curve of conflicting objectives (accepted to AAAI 2023).

### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

#### Advisor: Dr. Thang N. Tran

### Multi-Objective Optimization with Completed Scalarizations

 Proposed and proved the convergence of a new framework for Pareto Multi-Task Learning with Scalarization Functions in the pseudo-convex and quasiconvex assumptions (accepted to the journal Neural Networks).

#### Building Footprint Extraction from Remote Sensing Images

• Developed a two-stage framework, which combines U2-Net and Mask-CNN, to increase 1.8-2.5% mAP, mAR for Building Footprint Extraction, especially effective in populated areas (accepted to ICISN 2022).

## **ADWARDS & CERTIFICATES**

- AISG PhD Fellowship, granted by AI Singapore, Sep 2024 Sep 2028.
- 3rd Prize (Grooo International company's sponsorship) in Scientific Research Student Conference at School of Mathematics and Informatics, Hanoi University of Science and Technology, Jul 2022.
- Certificate of Completion of Developer Circles Vietnam Innovation Challenge in Data Science, sponsored by Facebook, Nov 2020.

## REFERENCES

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