

# Jiazheng Li

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## Education

### Beijing Institute of Technology

Sep 2021 – Jun 2025

*B.S. in Artificial Intelligence at the School of Computer Science*

- GPA: 3.7/4.0

### Tsinghua University

Sep 2025 – Current

*Ph.D. in Computer Science at College of Artificial Intelligence*

- Advisor: Jingzhao Zhang

## Research Interests

My research focuses on machine learning, both on the theoretical and empirical sides. On the theoretical side, I enjoy conducting various experiments and constructing appropriate and realistic theoretical frameworks based on the results. On the empirical side, I have hands-on experience with supervised fine-tuning of large-scale LLMs and reinforcement learning. Recently, I have been particularly interested in the optimization aspect of LLM pre-training and the RL aspect of post-training.

I have worked on topics including:

- Scalable Model Merging.
- Optimization Algorithm for LLM.
- Training Dynamics of Neural Networks.
- Reasoning Large Language Model.
- Multi turn Agent.

## Experience

### Research Intern

Beijing, China

*RL Lab, Ant Group*

Apr 2025 – Current

- Improved Reasoning LLM with RL, boosting a 1.5B model's AIME24 and AIME25 scores to 72.5 and 62.3, up over 10 points.
- Attempted to enhance Reasoning LLM using the approach of multi-turn agent.

## Publications

### QuestA: Expanding Reasoning Capacity in LLMs via Question Augmentation

2025

**Jiazheng Li**, Hongzhou Lin, Hong Lu, Kaiyue Wen, Zaiwen Yang, Jiaxuan Gao, Yi Wu, Jingzhao Zhang

### Data Mixing Can Induce Phase Transitions in Knowledge Acquisition

Spotlight, NIPS 2025

Xinran Gu, Kaifeng Lyu, **Jiazheng Li**, Jingzhao Zhang

### Scalable Model Merging with Progressive Layer-wise Distillation

Poster, ICML 2025

Jing Xu, **Jiazheng Li**, Jingzhao Zhang

*Forty-Second International Conference on Machine Learning*

### NeuralDB: Scaling Knowledge Editing in LLMs to 90,000 Facts with Neural KV Database

2025

Weizhi Fei, Hao Shi, Jing Xu, Jingchen Peng, **Jiazheng Li**, Jingzhao Zhang, Bo Bai, Wei Han, Zhenyuan Chen, Xueyan Niu

## Projects

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### What-s-up Chat Software Development [↗](#)

- Developed a Chat Software.
- Backend communication.
- Functional testing.
- Debugging.

## Awards (Selected)

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The 2022 ICPC Asia Hefei Regional Contest   <i>Gold Medal</i>	Nov 2022
2022 China Collegiate Programming Contest, Weihai Site   <i>Silver Medal</i>	Nov 2022
2022 China Collegiate Programming Contest, Guangzhou Site   <i>Silver Medal</i>	Nov 2022
The 2022 ICPC Asia Nanjing Regional Contest   <i>Silver Medal</i>	Dec 2022
2023 China Collegiate Programming Contest, Invitational Contest (Hunan)   <i>Golden Medal</i>	May 2023
The 2023 ICPC Asia Xian Regional Contest   <i>Silver Medal</i>	Nov 2023
2023 China Collegiate Programming Contest, Shenzhen Site   <i>Silver Medal</i>	Nov 2023

## Technologies

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**Languages:** C++, C, Java, Python, SQL.