# AN NGUYEN THE

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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

My current research focuses on developing Metanetworks - neural functional architecture preserving functional equivalence. Besides, I'm also working the fundamentals of Transformer models, with a particular emphasis on improving their efficiency and robustness. Additionally, I have experience on research topics like Continual Learning and Mixture of Experts. I am also open to diversifying my research to various aspects in the future.

#### **EDUCATION**

### Bachelor of Data Science and Artificial Intelligence,

2020 - 2024

Hanoi University of Science and Technology – Valedictorian

Cumulative GPA: 4.0/4.0 – Highest GPA achieved in the school's 65-year history.

High school degree, Bac Ninh Specialized High school

2017 - 2020

Major in Mathematics

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### AI Research Resident FPT Software AI Center

Apr 2024 - Now

Hanoi, VietNam

Advisors: Prof. Thieu Vo and Prof. Tan Nguyen

- Exploring the fundamentals of Transformers and their connections to other fields. Our research investigates the dynamics of tokens within self-attention blocks and leverages these insights to design new self-attention mechanisms with improved performance.
- Developing Metanetworks models capable of processing the weights of other neural networks. Our research examines the functional equivalence of neural network weight spaces and introduces novel equivariant architectures to effectively operate on these spaces.

# Research Member

Sep 2022 - Jul 2024

Data Science Laboratory

BKAI, HUST

Advisor: Dr. Linh Ngo Van

• Work in Continual Learning research team. Our research improve prompt-based methods in Continual Learning by exploring its connection to Mixture of Experts models, leading to faster convergence and better performance.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- (\*) denotes equal contributions.
  - 1. Minh Le, **An Nguyen**\*, Huy Nguyen\*, Trang Nguyen\*, Trang Pham\*, Linh Van Ngo, Nhat Ho. Mixture of Experts Meets Prompt-Based Continual Learning. Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2024)
  - 2. Hoang V. Tran\*, Thieu N. Vo\*, Tho H. Tran, **An Nguyen The**, Tan Minh Nguyen. Monomial Matrix Group Equivariant Neural Functional Networks . Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2024)
  - 3. Minh Le\*, Tien Ngoc Luu\*, **An Nguyen The\***, Thanh-Thien Le, Trang Nguyen, Thanh Tung Nguyen, Linh Ngo Van, Thien Huu Nguyen. Adaptive Prompting for Continual Relation Extraction: A Within-Task Variance Perspective **Oral Presentation**. AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2025)
  - 4. Hoang V. Tran\*, Thieu Vo\*, **An Nguyen The\***, Tho Tran Huu, Minh-Khoi Nguyen-Nhat, Thanh Tran, Duy-Tung Pham, Tan Minh Nguyen. Equivariant Neural Functional Networks for Transformers. *International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2025)*
  - 5. Thieu N. Vo\*, Hoang V. Tran\*, Tho Tran Huu\*, **An Nguyen The**, Thanh Tran, Minh-Khoi Nguyen-Nhat, Duy-Tung Pham, Tan Minh Nguyen. Equivariant Polynomial Functional Networks. *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2025)*

6. Thieu N. Vo\*, Duy-Tung Pham\*, **An Nguyen The\***, Hoang V. Tran, Nhan Phu Chung, Xin T. Tong, Tan Minh Nguyen. Dynamical Properties of Tokens in Self-Attention and Effects of Positional Encoding. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS 2025)* 

#### PREPRINTS

- (\*) denotes equal contributions.
  - Hoang V. Tran\*, An Nguyen The\*, Benoît Guérand, Thieu N. Vo, Tan Minh Nguyen. Quasi-Equivariant Metanetworks.
  - 2. Hoang V. Tran\*, Tho Tran Huu\*, **An Nguyen The**, Duy-Tung Pham, Minh-Khoi Nguyen-Nhat, Thanh Tran, Thieu N. Vo, Tan Minh Nguyen. Equivariant Metanetworks for Mixture-of-Experts Weights.

### **AWARDS**

- Scholarship for Students with Excellent Academic Records (6 semesters) Hanoi University of Science and Technology
- Valedictorian certificate Hanoi University of Science and Technology
- Outstanding valedictorians graduating from universities and academies in Hanoi in 2024
- Rising AI Pioneer 2024 FPT Software AI Center

### **SKILLS**

**Programming** Python, Java

Technical Math, Statistics, Machine Learning
Libraries Numpy, Pandas, Pytorch, Scikit-learn

#### LANGUAGE

Vietnamese Native

English Advanced (IELTS 7.5)

# REFERENCES

- Professor Tan Nguyen National University of Singapore (NUS)
- Professor Thieu Vo University of Bath
- Dr. Linh Ngo Van Data Science Laboratory, HUST