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## EDUCATION

### The University of Edinburgh, UK

Sep. 2019 - Present

MSc in Artificial Intelligence

Relevant Courses: Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition, Accelerated Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning, Probabilistic Modelling and Reasoning, Natural Language Understanding, Generation, and Machine Translation, Algorithmic Game Theory and Applications, Programming Skills

### The University of Manchester, UK

Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2019

BEng in Chemical Engineering, GPA: 3.82/4.00 (75.9/100), Ranking: About top 10% students out of 302 students

Relevant Courses: Numerical Methods for Differential Equations, Discrete Mathematics, Process Control, Process Optimization

### Dalian University of Technology, China

Sep. 2015 - Jun. 2019

BEng in Chemical Engineering, GPA: 3.83/4.00 (88.3/100), Ranking: Top 3% students out of 219 students

Relevant Courses: Advanced Mathematics I and II, C language programming, Probability and Statics, Linear Algebra, Fundamentals of Computers, Electrical Engineering, Electronic Engineering

Selected Honors: National 8<sup>th</sup> of Chinese College Student Chem-E-Car Competition in 2017; 1<sup>st</sup> Prize of China's National Undergraduate Math Contest in Dalian in 2016; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize in International Mathematical Modeling Competition in 2017; Outstanding Graduates of DLUT in 2019

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

### Computer Languages

Fluent in Python, C, LaTeX; Have experience in HTML, SQL, C++, Qt

### Framework

Fluent in Pytorch, Numpy, Matplotlib, SciPy

### Language

Chinese (native), English (professional), French (beginner)

## PROJECT

### Trigram Language Model over Characters

Sep. 2019 - Oct. 2019

*NLP Course Projects*

*UoE*

- Built a trigram language model by collecting counts for character 3-grams and estimating probabilities with smoothing methods such as add-one and add- $\alpha$ .
- Used the model to generate random sentences and to calculate documents' perplexity for language identification task.
- The optimal model is utilized to investigate influence of the genre and size of the training data.

### Classification of Images of Handwritten Digits and Letters

Oct. 2019 - Nov. 2019

*Deep Learning Course Projects*

*UoE*

- Used multi-layer neural network and different architectures and settings to classify images.
- Implemented ReLU activation function and its variants to explore their influence theoretically and experimentally.
- Implemented convolutional neural network with ResNet and batch normalization to enhance the model performance.
- Further improved the generalization performance of the network by using data augmentation and weight decay.

### Exploring distributional similarity in Twitter

Nov. 2019

*NLP Course Projects*

*UoE*

- Implemented various vector semantic models to represent words, including basic PPMI and its variants with Laplace smoothing and context distribution smoothing. Investigate different similarity measures such as cosine similarity and Jaccard similarity methods.
- Used data from Twitter to compute relatedness of country names and found that it tends to be higher when they are geographically closer except for when news cause considerable relations between countries.

### Neural Machine Translation

Feb. 2020 - Mar. 2020

*NLU+ Course Projects*

*UoE*

- Trained baseline neural machine translation models based on bi-LSTM encoder-decoder architecture, implemented beam search and added layers to enhance model's performance on different datasets by calculating loss, perplexity and BLEU score.
- Implemented the lexical attention to improve the model as described in paper and investigate its influence by outputting attention heat maps.
- Analysed a basic implementation of the Transformer architecture and implemented the multi-head attention mechanism according to papers.