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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests center around developing **theoretically grounded and scalable algorithms** to improve neural language models on **natural language generation** and **language model alignment**. Specifically, my current research focused to address the distribution misspecification due to the limited expressivity of Auto-Regressive Modeling (ARM) and the inherent bias of Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE).

- To overcome the expressivity limitation of ARM, my research considered a broader spectrum of expressive model families, including semi-parametric models [8,9], memory-augmented models [5], latent variable models [6] and energy-based models [2].
- To tackle the inherent bias of MLE, my research proposed theoretically grounded and practically accessible training objectives [3, 1] and decoding frameworks [2], aiming to achieve better alignment with human language.

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