# XIAOHAN ZOU

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#### **EDUCATION**

Boston UniversityBoston, MAM.S. in Computer Science09/2021 – 01/2023Tongiji UniversityShanghai, ChinaB.Eng. in Software Engineering09/2016 – 07/2020

## PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

- Xiaohan Zou, and Tong Lin. "Efficient Meta-Learning for Continual Learning with Taylor Expansion Approximation", submitted to IJCNN 2022.
- Xiaohan Zou, Changqiao Wu, Lele Cheng, and Zhongyuan Wang. "Rethinking Fine-grained Semantic Alignment in Video-Text Retrieval", submitted to IJCAI 2022.
- Xiaohan Zou, Cheng Lin, Yinjia Zhang, and Qinpei Zhao. "To be an Artist: Automatic Generation on Food Image Aesthetic Captioning", ICTAI 2020. (Acceptance Rate: 25%, Oral Presentation) [Paper] [Code]
- Xiaohan Zou. "A Survey on Application of Knowledge Graph", CCEAI 2020. [Paper]

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Kuaishou Technology, Beijing

07/2021 - Present

- Devised a new model-agnostic formulation for fine-grained cross-modal semantic alignment and subsumed the recent popular works into the proposed scheme
- Proposed a video-text retrieval method which is competitive when compared with the SOTA approaches with heavy model design by only altering the similarity function, submitted to IJCAI 2022
- o Developed a PyTorch library for video-text retrieval which is benefiting the group members' research work

# Reseach Intern, Peking University, Beijing (Advisor: Prof. Tong Lin)

08/2020 - Present

- o Designed an efficient method for parameter importance estimation via Taylor expansion
- Proposed a fast meta-learning algorithm for continual learning problems, which expresses the gradient of meta-update in closed-form instead of using Hessian information, submitted to IJCNN 2022
- Outperformed SOTA methods while optimizing much more efficient in experiments on popular benchmarks

# Research Assistant, Tongji University, Shanghai (Advisor: Prof. Qinpei Zhao) 03/2020 – 06/2020

- Proposed a novel framework consisting of a single-attribute captioning module and an unsupervised text summarization module for generating aesthetic captions for food images, published in ICTAI 2020 [Project]
- o Designed a data filtering strategy inspired by TF-IDF method for building a dataset for this new task
- Designed two new evaluation criteria to assess the novelty and diversity of the generated captions
- Outperformed baselines and existed methods substantially in terms of diversity, novelty and coherence

## **Reseach Intern**, Peking University, Beijing (Advisor: Prof. Tong Lin)

07/2018 - 08/2018

- Utilized the structure duality to boost the learning of two dual tasks based on shared hidden space
- Designed two denoising auto-encoders consisting of encoders and decoders of two traditional Seq2Seq neural machine translators to make use of unpaired data
- Outperformed strong baselines by 1.0 2.9 BLEU on IWSLT'15 and WMT'14 dataset

# **AWARDS AND HONORS**

Bronze, China Collegiate Programming Contest (CCPC)
Second Prize, China Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM)

2018

2017, 2018

## SKILLS

**Programming Languages:** Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, Java, C/C++, MATLAB **Tools and Frameworks:** Git, PyTorch, Keras, scikit-learn, Linux, Vue, React, Django, LATEX

Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient, TOEFL: 106, GRE: 322)