# Minqian Liu

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## **EDUCATION**

### South China University of Technology (SCUT)

Guangzhou, China

Candidate for B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

Sept. 2017-Jul. 2021 (Expected)

o Overall GPA: 3.73/4.00

• Core Courses: Probability & Mathematical Statistics (4.0/4.0), Data Structures (4.0/4.0), Computer Organization & Architecture (4.0/4.0), Database System (4.0/4.0), Numerical Methods (4.0/4.0), Introduction to Pattern Recognition (4.0/4.0)

## University of California, Berkeley

Berkeley, USA

Visiting Student in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences

*Jan.* 2019-May 2019

o Overall GPA: 3.67/4.00

- **Courses:** Discrete Mathematics and Probability Theory (A), Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (A-), Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems (B+), Introduction to Machine Learning (audited)
- o Sponsored by the Outstanding Undergraduate Overseas Study Scholarship at SCUT

# **PUBLICATIONS & MANUSCRIPTS**

## **Dynamic Extension Nets for Few-shot Semantic Segmentation**

- o Lizhao Liu\*, Junyi Cao\*, **Minqian Liu**\*, Yong Guo\*, Qi Chen\*(*equal contribution*), Mingkui Tan.
- o In Proceedings of the 28th ACM International Conference on Multimedia, 2020. [paper][code]

#### Co-attention Network with Label Embedding for Text Classification

- o Minqian Liu, Lizhao Liu, Junyi Cao, Qing Du.
- o Under review at *Neurocomputing*, 2020. [paper]

#### Progressive Dialogue State Tracking for Multi-domain Dialogue Systems

- o Jiahao Wang, Minqian Liu, Xiaojun Quan.
- o Under review at 2021 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing. [paper]

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Dialogue State Tracking for Medical Consultation Related to COVID-19

Advisor: Prof. Pengtao Xie, University of California, San Diego (Online)

Jul. 2020-Sept. 2020

- o Incorporated dialogue state tracking (DST) into a medical dialogue system that provides consultations related to COVID-19 and aims to alleviate the shortage of medical professionals.
- o Constructed a DST dataset and designed its ontology based on relevant medical knowledge, e.g., the symptoms and diagnosis of pneumonia, the prescriptions and suggestions of doctors, etc.
- o Annotated dialogue by filling the golden value for each pre-defined slot. The dataset is available here.

#### **Dynamic Extension Nets for Few-shot Semantic Segmentation**

Advisor: Prof. Mingkui Tan, SCUT Machine Intelligence Lab, SCUT

Oct. 2019-Jul. 2020

- o Proposed a Dynamic Extension Network that dynamically constructs and maintains a classifier for the novel class by leveraging the knowledge from the base class and the information from novel data.
- o Proposed a Guided Attention Module to focus on class-relevant content in the image and a dynamic extension training algorithm to exploit the knowledge of base classes in an end-to-end manner.
- o Achieved state-of-the-art performance on two few-shot semantic segmentation datasets.
- Wrote the paper as co-first author, which is presented as a full paper at *ACM Multimedia* **2020**. The recently published paper has been downloaded more than 140 times in less than 2 months.

## Co-attention Network with Label Embedding for Text Classification

Advisor: Prof. Mingkui Tan and Prof. Qing Du, SCUT Machine Intelligence Lab, SCUT Oct. 2019-May 2020

- Proposed a co-attention network that jointly encodes the word sequence and label embedding for text classification to attend to the relevant parts of text and labels.
- o Conducted a series of experiments to demonstrate the effectiveness of the proposed method.
- Wrote the paper as first author, which is under review at *Neurocomputing*.

### Progressive Dialogue State Tracking for Multi-domain Dialogue Systems

Advisor: Prof. Xiaojun Quan, Sun Yat-sen University

Nov. 2019-Apr. 2020

- o Formalized two important observations in dialogue state tracking: accumulating state triples and adjacent state dependencies. Proposed a progressive domain-slot tracker.
- Designed experiments to evaluate the proposed method and wrote the paper as second author, which is under review at *ICASSP* 2021.

#### Deep Reinforcement Learning under Adversarial Environment

Advisor: Prof. Patrick P. K. Chan, SCUT

Apr. 2019-Mar. 2020

• Reviewed extensive literature on the robustness and security of Deep Q-Learning Networks (DQNs) in adversarial environment. Conducted experiments and wrote technical reports.

# PROJECT EXPERIENCE

#### AI Interviewer: Automatic Evaluation System for Interview

Advisor: Prof. Jianming Lv, SCUT

May 2019-Apr. 2020

- o Designed a hierarchical keyword-question attention to score the personality traits of interviewees.
- o Developed a system that evaluates the performance of interviewees based on face-api.js.

#### Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning

Advisor: Prof. Christopher Manning, Stanford University (Online)

Jun. 2019-Aug.2019

o Completed several online curriculum projects and assignments including word vectors, dependency parsing, and neural machine translation. The code is available here.

#### **Artificial Intelligence**

Advisor: Prof. Stuart Russell and Prof. Sergey Levine, UC Berkeley

Jan. 2019-May 2019

- o Completed curriculum projects of the course Introduction to Artificial Intelligence.
- o Implemented algorithms including multi-agent search algorithms, game tree, reinforcement learning, probabilistic graphical models, and perceptron algorithm. The code is available here.

#### **Efficient Algorithms**

Advisor: Prof. Luca Trevisan and Prof. Prasad Raghavendra, UC Berkeley

Jan. 2019-May 2019

- o Completed the final project of the course Efficient Algorithms and Intractable Problems.
- o Designed algorithms (e.g., variants of minimum spanning tree) to achieve specified goals while adhering to several constraints. The design document and code are available here.

### **HONORS & AWARDS**

- Saliai Technology Innovation Scholarship (Top 10% in Computer Science Department), SCUT. 2020.
- o Outstanding Undergraduate Overseas Study Scholarship (RMB ¥30,000), SCUT. 2019.
- o Second Prize Scholarship (Top 15% in Computer Science Department), SCUT. 2018.

#### **SKILLS**

- Standardized Tests: TOEFL 102; GRE 322 (AW 4.0)
- **Programming Skills:** Python, C/C++, PyTorch, TensorFlow, LaTex (Skilled); Java, MATLAB, R (Basic)