Chia-Hsuan (Michael) Lee

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Education

University of Washington

Seattle, U.S.

2019 - Present

PhD candidate, Electrical and Computer Engineering Department, (Natural Language Processing Group) Advisor: Mari Ostendorf

Taipei, Taiwan

National Taiwan University Master, Computer Science,

2017 - 2019

(Language Processing and Machine Learning Group) Advisors: Lin-shan Lee and Hung-Yi Lee

National Taiwan University B.S., Electrical Engineering,

Taipei, Taiwan

2012 - 2017

Research and Industry Experiences

UW NLP Research Group

Seattle, U.S.

OAdvisor: Mari Ostendorf,

Sep 2019 - Present

- Proposed an SLM/LLM dynamic routing framework driven by a retrieval-based router that is finetuned to effectively leverage LM exemplars. The routing results outperform LLM systems and achieve 50% computational
- Created a new model for LMs to perform structured predictions on task-oriented dialogues with schema-driven prompting and achieved state-of-the-art results on a competitive dialogue state tracking task.
- Proposed an in-context learning framework for dialogue state tracking with an intent-aligned retriever and achieved state-of-the-art few-shot results on a competitive dialogue state tracking task.
- Built a human-in-the-loop framework for generating long and natural conversations by leveraging instructionfollowing language model. Showed effectiveness in improving state tracking on information-gathering dialogues.

Google Brain Research

Seattle, U.S.

Advisors: Ankur Bapna, Yu Zhang, Tara Sainath,

Jun-Dec 2022

Built a family of multimodal speech-text long-context language models with quantized representation learning and demonstrated improvements on long-form ASR and spoken question answering tasks.

Google Machine Translation Research

Seattle, U.S.

Advisor: Melvin Johnson,

Jun-Dec 2021

Proposed a new pretraining objective for multilingual language models to comprehend and generate long documents. Achieved state-of-the-art results in document translation tasks and analyzed effects of data quality and pretraining objectives for multilingual language models.

Microsoft Research NLP Group

Seattle, U.S.

Advisor: Matthew Richardson, Alex Polozov,

Jun-Sep 2020

Constructed a new cross-domain text-to-SQL dataset of real Web databases, along with realistic evaluation schemes. Demonstrated incorporating database documentation benefits understanding structural in-domain knowledge and improves parser performance.

Siri Team, Apple Inc.

Cupertino, CA.

Advisor: Jerome Bellegarda,

Jul-Sep 2019

Worked on pretraining of multilingual language models.

Publications

[1] In-Context Learning for Few-Shot Dialogue State Tracking

Yushi Hu, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Tianbao Xie, Tao Yu, Noah A. Smith, Mari Ostendorf. Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2022

[2] DOCmT5: Document-Level Pretraining of Multilingual Language Models

Chia-Hsuan Lee, Aditya Siddhant, Viresh Ratnakar, Melvin Johnson. Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL), 2022

[3] MIA 2022 Shared Task: Evaluating Cross-lingual Open-Retrieval Question Answering for 16 Diverse

Akari Asai, Shayne Longpre, Jungo Kasai, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Rui Zhang, Junjie Hu, Ikuya Yamada, Jonathan H. Clark, and Eunsol Choi. In Proceedings of the NAACL Workshop on Multilingual Information Access (MIA), 2022

- [4] Dialogue State Tracking with a Language Model using Schema-Driven Prompting Chia-Hsuan Lee, Hao Cheng, Mari Ostendorf. Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2021
- [5] KaggleDBQA: Realistic Evaluation of Text-to-SQL Parsers Chia-Hsuan Lee, Oleksandr Polozov, Matthew Richardson. Annual Conference of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2021.
- [6] Machine Comprehension of Spoken Content: TOEFL Listening Test and Spoken SQuAD Chia-Hsuan Lee, Hung-yi Lee, Szu-Lin Wu, Chi-Liang Liu, Wei Fang, Juei-Yang Hsu, Bo-Hsiang Tseng. IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing (TASLP) 2019
- [7] Mitigating the Impact of Speech Recognition Errors on Spoken Question Answering by Adversarial Domain Adaptation

Chia-Hsuan Lee, Yun-Nung Chen, Hung-Yi Lee. *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP) 2019*

- [8] ODSQA: Open-Domain Spoken Question Answering Dataset Chia-Hsuan Lee, Shang-Ming Wang, Huan-Cheng Chang, Hung-Yi Lee. IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT) 2018
- [9] Spoken SQuAD: A Study of Mitigating the Impact of Speech Recognition Errors on Listening Comprehension Chia-Hsuan Lee, Szu-Lin Wu, Chi-Liang Liu, Hung-yi Lee. Annual Conference of the International Speech

Preprints

- [1] OrchestraLLM: Efficient Orchestration of Language Models for Dialogue State Tracking Chia-Hsuan Lee, Hao Cheng, Mari Ostendorf. *Preprint*, 2023.
- [2] **DIALGEN:** Collaborative Human-LM Generated Dialogues for Improved Understanding of Human-Human Conversations

 Bo-Ru Lu*, Nikita Haduong*, Chia-Hsuan Lee, Zeqiu Wu, Hao Cheng, Paul Koester, Jean Utke, Tao Yu, Noah A. Smith, Mari Ostendorf. *Preprint, 2023*.
- [3] Cross-Lingual Transfer Learning for Question Answering Chia-Hsuan Lee, Hung-Yi Lee. *Preprint*, 2019.

Communication Association (Interspeech) 2018

Professional Services

- Co-organizer, Multilingual Information Access Workshop at NAACL 2022
- Program Committee (Reviewer) EMNLP 2022-2023, ARR 2022-present, NAACL 2022, COLING 2022

Honors and Awards

- Research scholarship, Ministry of Education of Taiwan 2021-2023
- Rushmer Fellowship, University of Washington 2019

[EE 5184] National Taiwan University, Machine Learning

The Phi Tau Phi Scholastic Honor Society of Taiwan (top 3% of EECS class) 2021

Teaching Experiences

Teaching Assistant

[CSE 473] University of Washington, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence

Teaching Assistant

Seattle, WA

Sep, 2023 – Dec, 2023

Teaching Assistant

Seattle, WA

[EE 596] University of Washington, LLMs: From Transformers to GPT

Jan, 2024 – March, 2024

Head Teaching Assistant

Taiwan

Skills

o Software: Python, C/C++, Matlab, R, Tensorflow, PyTorch, Theano, Jax

Sep. 2017 - Jan, 2018