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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Code Generation / Preference Alignment / Bias Evaluation and Mitigation

EDUCATION

Nanyang Technological University

Singapore

PhD Candidate in Computer Science, College of Computing and Data Science

Aug. 2022 - Present

• Advisor: Prof. Anh Tuan Luu

The University of Melbourne

Melbourne, Australia

Master of Information Technology, Faculty of Engineering

Oct. 2017 - Dec. 2019

• Specialization: Distributed Computing (Honorable Dissertation)

Central South University

Changsha, China

Bachelor of Information Security, School of Computer Science and Engineering

Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2017

• Excellent Scholarships (GPA: 3.7/4.0)

Professional Experience

National University of Singapore, Institute of Data Science

Aug. 2021 - Present

- Research Associate (Advisor: *Prof. See-Kiong Ng*).
- Affiliated with Cisco-NUS Accelerated Digital Economy Corporate Laboratory.

ByteDance, Tiktok

Dec. 2019 - Aug. 2021

- Software Architect
- Implemented a high-performance NLP operator library in C++.
- Designed a general search engine, now powering the search services of TikTok and TouTiao.

Microsoft, Asia-Pacific Research and Development Group

Nov. 2018 - Mar. 2019

- Research Intern (Mentor: Wei Liu).
- Contributed features to XiaoIce chatbot.
- Developed a text-to-image transformer that converts textual sentences into visually representative images.

Alibaba, Ant Finance Core Clearing Team

 $Jul.\ 2016-Oct.\ 2016$

- Software Engineer Intern.
- Contributed to a core system that supports Alipay payment account clearing flow, merging millions of orders in a minute-level interval for exchanging data with bank partners.

Tencent, Social Network Group

Mar. 2016 - Jun. 2016

- Software Engineer Intern.
- Implemented a URL flow processing platform to analyze and detect suspicious URL content in public message traffic, enabling the filtering of malicious information.

ACADEMIC SERVICES

- Conference Reviewer: AAAI'26, CIKM'25, ECAI'25, NeurIPS'25, ICML'25, ICLR'25, NAACL'24, EMNLP'24, AISTATS'24, ICLR'24, NeurIPS'24, ECAI'24, CLEF'23.
- Journal Reviewer: ACM Computing Survey, Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence.
- Volunteer: ACL'25, WWW'24, EMNLP'24, AAAI'23.
- STEM Mentor: The University of Melbourne (2019-Present).

- 1. Xinyi He, Qian Liu, **Mingzhe Du**, Lin Yan, Zhijie Fan, Yiming Huang, Zejian Yuan, and Zejun Ma. SWE-Perf: Can Language Models Optimize Code Performance on Real-World Repositories? (Preprint).
- 2. Zhaomin Wu, Mingzhe Du, See-Kiong Ng, and Bingsheng He. Beyond Prompt-Induced Lies: Investigating LLM Deception on Benign Prompts. (Preprint).
- 3. Dong Huang, Jie M. Zhang, Mark Harman, Qianru Zhang, Mingzhe Du[†], and See-Kiong Ng. Benchmarking LLMs for Unit Test Generation from Real-World Functions. (Preprint).
- **4.** Mingzhe Du, Luu Anh Tuan, Yue Liu, Yuhao Qing, Dong Huang, Xinyi He, Qian Liu, Zejun Ma, and See-kiong Ng. Afterburner: Reinforcement Learning Facilitates Self-Improving Code Efficiency Optimization. In the Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'25).
- 5. Yuhao Qing*, Boyu Zhu*, Mingzhe Du*, Zhijiang Guo, Terry Yue Zhuo, Qianru Zhang, Jie M. Zhang, Heming Cui, Siu-Ming Yiu, Dong Huang, See-Kiong Ng, Luu Anh Tuan. EffiBench-X: A Multi-Language Benchmark for Measuring Efficiency of LLM-Generated Code. the Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'25).
- 6. Yue Liu, Shengfang Zhai, Mingzhe Du, Yulin Chen, Tri Cao, Hongcheng Gao, Cheng Wang, Xinfeng Li, Kun Wang, Junfeng Fang, Jiaheng Zhang, and Bryan Hooi. Guardreasoner-VL: Safeguarding VLMs via Reinforced Reasoning. (the Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'25).
- 7. Mingzhe Du, Luu Anh Tuan, Yue Liu, Yuhao Qing, Dong Huang, Xinyi He, Qian Liu, Zejun Ma, and See-kiong Ng. Afterburner: Reinforcement Learning Facilitates Self-Improving Code Efficiency Optimization. In ICML'25 Workshop on Programmatic Representations for Agent Learning (PRAL@ICML'25).
- 8. Mingzhe Du, Luu Anh Tuan , Xiaobao Wu, Yichong Huang, Yue Liu, Dong Huang, Huijun Liu, Bin Ji, Jie M. Zhang, and See-Kiong Ng. Collective Bias Mitigation via Model Routing and Collaboration. In ICML'25 Workshop on Collaborative and Federated Agentic Workflows (CFAgentic@ICML'25).
- 9. Dong Huang, Jie M. Zhang, Mark Harman, Mingzhe Du, and Heming Cui. Measuring the Influence of Incorrect Code on Test Generation. In the International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE'25).
- 10. Mingzhe Du, Anh Tuan Luu, Bin Ji, Xiaobao Wu, Dong Huang, Terry Yue Zhuo, Qian Liu, and See-Kiong Ng. CodeArena: A collective evaluation platform for LLM code generation. In the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL'25 Demo).
- 11. Xiaobao Wu, Liangming Pan, Yuxi Xie, Ruiwen Zhou, Shuai Zhao, Yubo Ma, Mingzhe Du, Rui Mao, Anh Tuan Luu, and William Yang Wang. AntiLeakBench: Preventing Data Contamination by Automatically Constructing Benchmarks with Updated Real-World Knowledge. In the Association for Computational Linquistics (ACL'25 Oral, SAC Highlight Award).
- 12. Moming Duan*, Mingzhe Du*, Rui Zhao, Mengying Wang, Yinghui Wu, Nigel Shadbolt, and Bingsheng He. Position: Current Model Licensing Practices are Dragging Us into a Quagmire of Legal Noncompliance. In the International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'25 Oral).
- 13. Ji, Bin, Huijun Liu, Mingzhe Du, Shasha Li, Xiaodong Liu, Jun Ma, Jie Yu, and See-Kiong Ng. Towards Verifiable Text Generation with Generative Agent. In the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'25 Oral).
- 14. Duc Anh Vu, Cong-Duy Nguyen, Xiaobao Wu, Nhat Hoang, Mingzhe Du, Thong Nguyen, and Anh Tuan Luu. Curriculum Demonstration Selection for In-Context Learning. In the 40th ACM/SIGAPP Symposium on Applied Computing (SAC'25).
- 15. Mingzhe Du, Anh Tuan Luu, Bin Ji, Qian Liu, and See-Kiong Ng. Mercury: A Code Efficiency Benchmark for Code Large Language Models. In the Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'24).
- 16. Beng Heng Ang, Sujatha Das Gollapalli, Mingzhe Du, and See-Kiong Ng. Unraveling Online Mental Health Through the Lens of Early Maladaptive Schemas: AI-Enabled Content Analysis of Online Mental Health Communities. In the Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR'25).

- 17. Mingzhe Du, Anh Tuan Luu, Bin Ji, and See-Kiong Ng. From Static to Dynamic: Knowledge Metabolism for Large Language Models. In the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'24).
- 18. Bin Ji, Huijun Liu, Mingzhe Du, and See-Kiong Ng. Chain-of-Thought Improves Text Generation with Citations in Large Language Models. In the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'24).
- 19. Sujatha Das Gollapalli, Beng Heng Ang, Mingzhe Du, and See-Kiong Ng. Counseling Responses for Mental Health Forum Questions with Early Maladaptive Schema Prediction. In the European Conference on Artificial Intelligence (ECAI'24).
- **20.** Mingzhe Du, Mouad Hakam, See-Kiong Ng, and Stéphane Bressan. Constituency-Informed and Constituency-Constrained Extractive Question Answering with Heterogeneous Graph Transformer. In the Transactions on Large-Scale Data-and Knowledge-Centered Systems LIII (TLDK'23).
- 21. Sujatha Das Gollapalli, Mingzhe Du, and See-Kiong Ng. Identifying Checkworthy Cure Claims on Twitter. In the ACM Web Conference (WWW'23).
- **22.** Sujatha Das Gollapalli, **Mingzhe Du**, and See-Kiong Ng. Generating Reflective Questions for Engaging Gallery Visitors in ArtMuse. In the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'23).
- 23. Mingzhe Du, Sujatha Das Gollapalli, and See-Kiong Ng. NUS-IDS at CheckThat! 2022: Identifying Check-worthiness of Tweets using CheckthaT5. In the Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum (CLEF'22).
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Miscellaneous

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