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Education

UC Berkeley — 2019 - Present
Ph.D. in Computer Science
GPA: 4.0/4.0

University of Maryland — 2014 - 2018
B.S. in Computer Engineering
GPA: 3.9/4.0, GRE: 170/170Q, 168/170V, 6/6W

Research Experience

UC Berkeley (Berkeley NLP, RISE, BAIR) — Berkeley, California
Research Assistant — Aug 2019 - Present
Advisors: Dan Klein, Dawn Song

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (AI2) — Irvine, California
Research Intern — Jan 2019 - July 2019
Advisors: Matt Gardner, Sameer Singh

University of Maryland, CLIP Lab — College Park, MD
Undergraduate Research Assistant — Jan 2018 - Dec 2018
Advisor: Jordan Boyd-Graber

Industry Experience

Lyft, Self Driving Team — Palo Alto, California
Software Engineering Intern — June - Aug 2018

Intel — Folsom, California
Software Engineering Intern — Aug - Dec 2017

Appian — Reston, Virginia
Software Engineering Intern — May - Aug 2017

Fellowships, Awards & Honors

AI2 Intern of the Year, 2019
EMNLP Best Demo Award, 2019
EMNLP Travel Award 2018
EMNLP Best Reviewer Award, 2018
AIAA Student Conference Best Paper, 2017
Lockheed Martin Corporate Partners Scholarship, 2017
Yurie/Jeong H. Kim Scholarship, 2016
Leidos Corporate Partners Scholarship, 2016
University of Maryland Presidential Scholarship, 2014
Eagle Scout, 2012

Publications

[1] Pretrained Transformers Improve Out-of-Distribution Robustness
Dan Hendrycks*, Xiaoyuan Liu*, **Eric Wallace**, Adam Dziedzic, Rishabh Krishnan, and Dawn Song.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2020.

[2] Train Large, Then Compress: Rethinking Model Size for Efficient Training and Inference of Transformers
Zhuohan Li*, **Eric Wallace***, Sheng Shen*, Kevin Lin*, Kurt Keutzer, Dan Klein, and Joseph E. Gonzalez
International Conference in Machine Learning (ICML), 2020.

[3] Universal Adversarial Triggers for Attacking and Analyzing NLP
Eric Wallace, Shi Feng, Nikhil Kandpal, Matt Gardner, and Sameer Singh.
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2019.

[4] AllenNLP Interpret: A Framework for Explaining Predictions of NLP Models
Eric Wallace, Jens Tuyls, Junlin Wang, Sanjay Subramanian, Matt Gardner, and Sameer Singh.
Demo at Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2019.
Best Demo Award

[5] Do NLP Models Know Numbers? Probing Numeracy in Embeddings
Eric Wallace*, Yizhong Wang*, Sujian Li, Sameer Singh, and Matt Gardner.
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2019.

[6] Misleading Failures of Partial-input Baselines
Shi Feng, **Eric Wallace**, and Jordan Boyd-Graber.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2019.

[7] Compositional Questions Do Not Necessitate Multi-hop Reasoning
Sewon Min*, **Eric Wallace***, Sameer Singh, Matt Gardner, Hannaneh Hajishirzi, and Luke Zettlemoyer.
Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), 2019.

[8] Understanding Impacts of High-Order Loss Approximations and Features in Deep Learning Interpretation
Sahil Singla, **Eric Wallace**, Shi Feng, and Soheil Feizi.
International Conference in Machine Learning (ICML), 2019.

[9] Trick Me If You Can: Human-in-the-loop Generation of Adversarial Examples for Question Answering
Eric Wallace, Pedro Rodriguez, Shi Feng, Ikuya Yamada, and Jordan Boyd-Graber.
Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL), 2019.

[10] Pathologies of Neural Models Make Interpretations Difficult
Shi Feng, **Eric Wallace**, Alvin Grissom II, Mohit Iyyer, Pedro Rodriguez, and Jordan Boyd-Graber.
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2018.

[11] Interpreting Neural Networks With Nearest Neighbors
Eric Wallace*, Shi Feng*, and Jordan Boyd-Graber.
EMNLP Workshop on Analyzing and Interpreting Neural Networks (BlackboxNLP), 2018.

Teaching Experience

EMNLP 2020 Tutorial - *Interpreting Predictions of NLP Models* November 2020
Sameer Singh, Matt Gardner, **Eric Wallace**
A tutorial on interpretability methods for NLP, e.g., saliency maps, input perturbations (LIME, input reduction, Anchors), and adversarial attacks (SEARs, universal adversarial triggers).

Mentoring

Tony Zhao (2020-Present), UC Berkeley Undergraduate.
Albert Xu (2020-Present), UC Berkeley Undergraduate.
Nikhil Kandpal (2019-Present), Independent Researcher. Published [3]. Now PhD Student at UNC.
Jens Tuyls (2019-2020), UC Irvine Undergraduate. Published [4]. Now PhD Student at Princeton.
Junlin Wang (2019-2020), UC Irvine Undergraduate. Published [4]. Now Research Assistant at UC Irvine.

Talks

November 2019. *Universal Adversarial Triggers for Attacking and Analyzing NLP*. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) in Hong Kong.

November 2018. *Pathologies of Neural Models Make Interpretation Difficult*. Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) in Brussels, Belgium.

March 2018. *Generalization in Deep Learning for Language*. Adobe Labs & UMD Computer Science Advisory Board in College Park, MD.

November 2017. *Learning Macro-Based RL Policies*. DeepMind/Blizzard StarCraft AI Workshop in Anaheim, CA.

Academic Service

Program Committee Member

- Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL): 2020
- Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP): 2020, 2019, 2018 (*Best Reviewer Award*).
- Workshop on NLP for Positive Impact: 2020
- International Workshop on Semantic Evaluation (SemEval): 2018

Open Source Software

AllenNLP (Contributor)
A software library with abstractions for NLP research, written on top of PyTorch. Developer of the AllenNLP Interpretation Toolkit [4] (*EMNLP 2019 Best Demo*).

Press & Media

Evaluating NLP Models Via Contrast Sets [**??**], Twitter

Train Large, Then Compress: Rethinking Model Size for Efficient Training and Inference of Transformers [2], Twitter, Henry AI Labs Video, Synced, BAIR Blog, NLP Newsletter

Universal Adversarial Triggers for Attacking and Analyzing NLP [3], Twitter, Wired, qbitai, Synced, NLP Newsletter.

AllenNLP Interpret: A Framework for Explaining Predictions of NLP Models [4], Twitter, InfoQ, UC Irvine, NLP Newsletter

Do NLP Models Know Numbers? Probing Numeracy in Embeddings [5] Twitter.

Trick Me If You Can: Human-in-the-loop Generation of Adversarial Examples for Question Answering [9], Front page of Reddit, Dukakis Shaping Futures, UMD Press Release, UMD Podcast, AI2 NLP Highlights Podcast.

Pathologies of Neural Models Make Interpretations Difficult [10]. AI2 NLP Highlights Podcast, TWiML Talk Podcast, UCI NLP, UMD.

Interpreting Neural Networks with Nearest Neighbors [11]. UCI NLP