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## Languages

Mandarin	Native
English	Fluent
German	B2
Cantonese	B2

## Key Skills

Machine Learning

Deep Learning

Interpretable ML

Feature Selection

Information Retrieval

Reinforcement Learning

Natural Language Processing

## Technologies

Python	Java	Bash
PyTorch	Keras	Git
Pandas	Numpy	Scikit-learn
Tensorflow	LaTeX	
JavaScript	HTML	
SQL	NoSQL	
Docker	Kubernetes	
MapReduce/PySpark		

# Lijun Lyu

PhD candidate, TU Delft, NL

I am experienced in **machine learning** and **deep learning** techniques, applied in diverse domains such as **information retrieval**, **natural language processing**, **images and tabular data**. My research has been bringing **interpretability** into deep learning models, which gives me an **in-depth understanding** of those models. I am focused on research, and also passionate about solving real-world problems by developing advanced and reliable models in practice.

## Education

**PhD candidate** in Interpretable Machine Learning

Apr 2021 – present

TU Delft, The Netherlands (Nov 2022 – present), and  
Leibniz University Hannover, Germany (Apr 2021 – Oct 2022)

Contributed to interpretability in deep learning models ranging from **text ranking using BERT**, **neural learning-to-rank**, and general classification tasks for **tabular and image** datasets. Explored common frameworks like **Captum**, and also developed novel algorithms to interpret large neural models in **Pytorch**. Published at **multiple top conferences in NLP, Information Retrieval and Machine Learning**.

**MSc.** in Computer Science (with excellence)

Apr 2015 - Apr 2018

Leibniz University Hannover, Germany

Worked on **MapReduce** technique (PySpark) and **NoSQL** (MongoDB) to process large datasets. Implemented a learning-to-rank algorithm with **Scikit-learn** for reference enrichment of Wikipedia entities. **Published at Wiki Workshop 2018**.

**BSc.** in Computer Science

Jinan University, China, Sep 2010 - June 2014

## Selected Work Experience

**Research assistant**

L3S Research Center, Germany, May 2018 - Mar 2021

Explored **deep learning algorithms in neural machine translation** area, to correct OCR'd text corpus in ancient German language across centuries. Work selected and presented at **EurNLP 2019** and received **travel grant** from Meta. The algorithm implemented in **Pytorch** and **Keras** is used by the **Austrian National Library**, and **published at the top NLP journal TACL**.

## Selected Projects

**SUWR-SequentialIFS**

Apr 2023–Present

Explored the current **interpretable ML** techniques for images and tabular datasets domain and challenged their fundamental groundings. Proposed a theoretically guaranteed and effective solution for **reliable and explainable neural models** using **reinforcement learning**. Published at the top machine learning conference **ICML 2024**.

**FS-LTR** [github.com/GarfieldLyu/NeuralFeatureSelectionLTR](https://github.com/GarfieldLyu/NeuralFeatureSelectionLTR)

Jan 2022–Present

Explored **real-world learning-to-rank** problems proposed and studied by Microsoft and Yahoo. Built > 5 effective **explainable neural models** via **feature selection** for ranking purposes. Evaluated with **decision tree** models using LightGBM. Published at the top information retrieval conference **ECIR2024**.

**Brittle-Bert** [github.com/menauwy/brittlebert](https://github.com/menauwy/brittlebert)

Aug 2021–2022

Supervised master student to investigate the well-applied **BERT-based rankers** in **information retrieval**, and successfully found out their vulnerabilities by adversarial attacks. Resulted in **Excellent Master Thesis Award** in Niedersachsen, Germany, 2022, and a publication at the top conference **ICTIR 2022**.