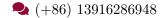
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Education & Employment

2022.07 - present

- Research Engineer, **Alibaba Group** on Recommender Systems.
 - Research Advisor: *Chao Du* (now at Sea AI).
 - Foster Business Growth by 40% in revenue. Establish tech impact (KDD23, *Press Coverage*).

2019.09 - 2022.07

- M.Sc. Computer Science, **ShanghaiTech University**.
 - Supervisor: *Xuming He*, Associate Professor.
 - GPA: 3.83/4.0 (Top 2%).
 - Honors: Outstanding Graduates of Shanghai. (No. 20221442303013, 1% province-wide)

2015.09 - 2019.07

- B.Sc. Computer Science (Information Security), **Wuhan University**.
 - GPA: 3.88/4.0 (Top 1%=2/150)
 - Honors: National Scholarship (in 2017 No. 11959, 0.2% nation-wide)

Research Experience

I have research experience in various topics, including RL, Robust Generalization, Transformers, Learning to Rank.

· Rapid and Robust Generalization of RL

KDD 2023 First Author Adversarial Constrained Bidding via Minimax Regret Optimization. [paper]

Summary: ERM-based policies fail in black-box adversarial bidding environments due to train-test mismatch. To address this, we proposed to train toward maximizing the worst-case performance, resulting in a Minimax Optimization problem. However, the minimax game is non-trivial to solve due to black-box environments. To address this, we further proposed to reconstruct world model and utilize Variational Bayes to embed the unknown environment.

KDD 2022 First Author ROI-Constrained Bidding via Curriculum-Guided Bayesian Reinforcement Learning. [paper]

<u>Summary:</u> We study how to enforce constraints for policies in non-stationary bidding environments. Our results show that <u>Lagrangian Duality</u> methods cannot ensure constraints due to the un-controlled soft penalty on constraint violations. Instead, we utilize the indicator function that can sets hard barrier for feasibility. To alleviate inefficient policy learning due to <u>sparse reward</u>, we propose a curriculum learning approach that guides policy search by scheduling relaxed optimization problems. To handle non-stationarity, we propose to model uncertainty through Bayesian Inference.

AAMAS 2020 First Author

Context-aware Task Reasoning for Efficient Meta-Reinforcement Learning. [paper]

<u>Summary:</u> We point out an under-explored aspect of Meta-Reinforcement Learning (Meta-RL): active task-exploration is crucial to achieve rapid task learning. Hence we propose to decompose Meta-RL into task-exploration, task-inference and task-execution. To jointly learn these components, we propose a unified <u>Variational EM</u> Learning Framework. The resulting method can efficiently explores a novel task and effectively reasons about the task context for rapid adaptation.

Vision and Language

ICCV 2023 Third Author Grounded Image-Text Matching with Mismatched Relation Reasoning. [paper]

<u>Summary:</u> We find that pre-trained vision-language transformers are limited in relation reasoning, length generalization and data efficiency. Therefore, We propose a neuro-symbolic approach that performs <u>belief propagation</u> over the language structure cues for reasoning. Our results show that the <u>length extrapolation</u> issue is mitigated using graph entity-level attention (v.s. token-level attention) due to less train-test mismatch.

• Human Preference Learning

Work

Preference Estimation and Ranking from Discrete and Continuous Feedback.

<u>Summary:</u> The goal is to estimate and rank user-item affinities (i.e., preference) according to multiple objectives, including discrete feedback, e.g., clicks, and continuous feedback, e.g., GMV, income. However, such feedback can be noisy, e.g., robot clicks, and can have high variance, e.g., GMV. Key techniques include: Pair-wise Loss, Ordinal Regression.

Misc

Services Peer review experience in KDD 2022, KDD 2023.

English | Fluent Writing. Scores: CET4 661/710, CET6 611/710, TOEFL 103/120 (best 106).

Coding Proficiency in PyTorch, TensorFlow and common libraries for ML research.

Research Interests

My current research focus is on Large Language Models (LLMs) and Generative AI. Although I am relatively new to LLMs, I acquire hands-on experience and theoretical understanding in this field during my spare time, e.g., I surveyed these directions:

- Factuality & Hallucinations, e.g., for long context and structured documents, Retrival-Augmented Generation (RAG).
- LLM Safety & Alignment.
- · LLM Lifelong Learning.