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AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Information Retrieval

Recommender Systems

Natural Language Processing

Deep Learning

Graph Processing

Reinforcement Learning

LANGUAGES

French

English

ML LIBRARIES

Pytorch

Tensorflow

JIBRIL FREJ

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Thesis Title: Incorporation of prior knowledge for Neural Textual Information Retrieval

EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Researcher   **2022–2024**
ML4ED, EPFL, Lausanne, Switzerland
Explainable Job-Market Oriented Course Recommendation System.

Technologies: Python, Deep Learning, Recommender System, Reinforcement Learning

Postdoctoral Researcher   **2021–2022**
Inserm U1209-IAB, La Tronche, France
Using NLP, Graph Processing, and Information Retrieval for various applications in Bioinformatics.

Technologies: Python, R, BERT, GNN, Transformers, Deep Graph Library

Ph.D. student   **2017–2021**
Université Grenoble Alpes, LIG, Saint-Martin-d'Hères, France
Incorporation of prior knowledge for in Deep Learning models for Textual Information Retrieval.

Technologies: Python, Pytorch, fastText, BERT, BM25, UMLS, DBpedia, etc.

End-of-study internship   **Feb–Jul 2017**
LIG, Saint-Martin-d'Hères, France
Study and implementation of Neural Language Models for Information Retrieval

Technologies: C++, word2vec, IR Language Models

Internship   **Apr–Aug 2016**
Altatech sc, Montbonnot, France
Study and implementation of machine learning algorithms for image classification with applications in default detection on silicon wafers

Technologies: C++, SVM, vl-feat

EDUCATION

Master Student   **2015 - 2017**
UGA - IM2AG
Master of Science in Industrial and Applied Mathematics

Bachelor Student   **2014 - 2015**
UJF - IM2AG
Bachelor of Mathematics and Computer Science

Engineering School Student   **2011 - 2014**
INSA Rouen
Mathematical engineering department

TEACHING

HOBBIES

CodinGame

Hiking

Cooking

Squash

Head Teaching Assistant (≈ 600 **students)**	**2023–2024**
EPFL, Lausanne	
Advanced information, computation, communication I (CS 101)	

Teaching Assistant (≈ 30 **students)**	**2022–2023**
EPFL, Lausanne	
Machine learning for behavioral data (CS 421)	

Head Teaching Assistant (≈ 600 **students)**	**2022–2023**
EPFL, Lausanne	
Advanced information, computation, communication I (CS 101)	

Teaching Assistant (≈ 40 **students)**	**2017–2020**
Polytech, Grenoble	
Supervision of projects and practical work in Java	

Teacher (≈ 30 **students)**	**Sep–Nov 2019**
IUT2, Grenoble	
Teaching of basics of probabilities and statistics	

Teaching Assistant (≈ 40 **students)**	**Oct–Dec 2017**
Phelma, Grenoble	
Supervision of practical work in C language	

PUBLICATIONS

- Course Recommender Systems Need to Consider the Job Market, SIGIR 2024
  J Frej, A Dai, S Montariol, A Bosselut, T Käser

- Finding Paths for Explainable MOOC Recommendation: A Learner Perspective, LAK 2024
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- Ripple: Concept-based interpretation for raw time series models in education, AAAI 2023
  M Asadi, V Swamy, J Frej, J Vignoud, M Marras, T Käser
  https://arxiv.org/abs/2212.01133

- Learning Term Discrimination, SIGIR 2020
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
  https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-03024756/document

- Knowledge Based Transformer Model for Information Retrieval, CIRCLE 2020
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
  https://www.irit.fr/CIRCLE/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/CIRCLE20_05.pdf

- MLWIKIR: A Python toolkit for building large-scale Wikipedia-based Information Retrieval Datasets in Chinese, English, French, Italian, Japanese, Spanish and more, CIRCLE 2020
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
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- FlauBERT : des modèles de langue contextualisés pré-entraînés pour le français, JEP-TALN-RECITAL-2020
  H. Le, L. Vial, J. Frej, V. Segonne, M. Coavoux, B. Lecouteux, A. Allauzen, B. Crabbé, L. Besacier et D. Schwab.
  https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02784776

- WIKIR: A Python toolkit for building a large-scale Wikipedia-based English Information Retrieval Dataset, LREC 2020
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
  www.lrec-conf.org/proceedings/lrec2020/pdf/2020.lrec-1.237.pdf

- Modèle Transformer à base de Connaissances pour la Recherche d'Information dans des Domaines Spécialisés, Workshop DL for NLP, EGC 2020
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
  https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-02474706

- FlauBERT: Unsupervised Language Model Pre-training for French, LREC 2020
  H. Le, L. Vial, J. Frej, V. Segonne, M. Coavoux, B. Lecouteux, A. Allauzen, B. Crabbé, L. Besacier et D. Schwab.
  https://www.aclweb.org/anthology/2020.lrec-1.302.pdf

- Combining Subword information and Language model for Information Retrieval, CORIA 2018
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
  https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01781181

- Enhancing Translation Language Models with Word Embedding for Information Retrieval, Workshop RISE 2017, IC 2017
  J. Frej, P. Mulhem, D. Schwab, J.P Chevallet
  https://hal.archives-ouvertes.fr/hal-01681311