JINJIE NI

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Research Interests

I am particularly interested in: Unleashing the power of (multi-modal) language models; Compute-optimal learning; System-algorithm co-design.

Areas: Foundation Models, Large Language Models, Large Multimodal Models

Experiences

Academia

National University of Singapore 2023 - present
Research Fellow
- Foundation Models.

Nanyang Technological University 2020 - 2023
Ph.D. in Computer Science
- Efficient Language Models and Dialogue Agents.

Harvard University, Institute for Applied Computational Science Jan 2019 - March 2019
Research Assistant (remote)
- VAE-GAN variants.

Northwestern Polytechnical University 2016 - 2020
B.Eng. in Electrical Engineering
- Multimodal Models.

Industry

Research Intern at Alibaba Group, Singapore April 2022 - Oct 2022
DAMO Academy
- In charge of modality alignment for pre-trained models. Worked with Dr. Yukun Ma.

Research Intern at Continental Sept 2020 - March 2022
Continental-NTU Corp Lab
- In charge of fusing task-oriented and open-domain dialogue agents. Worked with Dr. Rui Mao.

Research Intern at Chinese Academy of Sciences
Institute of Automation Feb 2020 - June 2020
- In charge of anchor-free position estimation and object detection. Worked with Dr. Sen Xin.

Institute of Computing Technology Oct 2018 - Nov 2018
- Training abstractive summarization models. Worked with Dr. Shuai Jiao.

Featured Research

For full publication list, see Google Scholar.

- **MixEval**
  - MixEval: Deriving Wisdom of the Crowd from LLM Benchmark Mixtures. arXiv'24. [Twitter]
  - **Jinjie Ni**, Fuzhao Xue, Xiang Yue, Yuntian Deng, Mahir Shah, Kabir Jain, Graham Neubig, Yang You.
  - Building golden-standard LLM evaluation from off-the-shelf benchmark mixtures. The **best** LLM evaluation at the time of release for its **SOTA** model ranking accuracy (0.96 correlation with Chatbot Arena) and efficiency (6% the time and cost of running MMLU). Moreover, it's dynamic.
- **OpenMoE**
  - OpenMoE: An Early Effort on Open Mixture-of-Experts Language Models. ICML'24. [Twitter]

- Fuzhao Xue, Zian Zheng, Yao Fu**, Jinjie Ni**, Zangwei Zheng, Wangchunshu Zhou, Yang You.
- The **first fully open** MoE-based Decoder-only LLM trained over chinchilla scaling law.

▪ **InstructWild**

- Instruction in the Wild: A User-Based Instruction Dataset. Github.
- **Jinjie Ni**, Fuzhao Xue, Yuntian Deng, Jason Phang, Kabir Jain, Mahir Hitesh Shah, Zangwei Zheng, Yang You.
- The **first** large-scale instruction tuning dataset harvested from the web.

▪ **GHA**

- Finding the Pillars of Strength for Multi-Head Attention. ACL'23.
- **Jinjie Ni**, Rui Mao, Zonglin Yang, Han Lei, Erik Cambria.
- Cutting off redundancy for Transformer layers. **SOTA** efficiency and performance among efficient transformers. Concurrent work of GQA, cited and discussed in the GQA paper.

▪ **PAD**

- Adaptive Knowledge Distillation between Text and Speech Pre-trained Models. ICASSP'23.
- **Jinjie Ni**, Yukun Ma, Wen Wang, Qian Chen, Dianwen Ng, Han Lei, Trung Hieu Nguyen, Chong Zhang, Bin Ma, Erik Cambria.
- Knowledge distillation between text and speech pre-trained models. The **SOTA** text-speech distillation method at the time of release.

▪ **HiTKG**

- HiTKG: Towards Goal-Oriented Conversations via Multi-Hierarchy Learning. AAAI'22.
- **Jinjie Ni**, Vlad Pandelea, Tom Young, Haicang Zhou, Erik Cambria.
- The **first** work that trains agents to actively guide the conversations. It ushers in **a new era** of intelligence for dialogue agents. The **SOTA** approach for turn-level dialogue reasoning tasks.

▪ **FusedChat**

- FusedChat: Towards Fusing Task-Oriented Dialogues and Chitchat in Multi-turn Conversational Agents. AAAI'22.
- Tom Young, Frank Xing, Vlad Pandelea, **Jinjie Ni**, Erik Cambria.
- The **first** attempt of fusing task-oriented and open-domain dialogue systems.

▪ **Recent Advances in Deep Learning Based Dialogue Systems**

- Recent Advances in Deep Learning Based Dialogue Systems. AIRE.
- **Jinjie Ni**, Tom Young, Vlad Pandelea, Fuzhao Xue, Erik Cambria.
- An 80-page systematic review for dialogue systems. One of the **most** cited dialogue system reviews.

Services

Conference PC Member / Reviewer

- Neurips 2024, ACL 2024, EMNLP 2024, ACL 2023, EMNLP 2023, AAAI 2023

Journal Reviewer

- Knowledge-Based Systems, Information Fusion, Artificial Intelligence Review, Cognitive Computation

Co-organizer

- MLNLP community