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✈ RESEARCH INTERESTS

Explainable Recommendation, Recommender Systems, Natural Language Processing, Deep Learning

🎓 EDUCATION

Hong Kong Baptist University (HKBU), Hong Kong, China   Aug. 2017 – Present

Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science

Shenzhen University (SZU), Shenzhen, China   Sept. 2013 – Jun. 2017

B.Eng. in Computer Science & *B.Sc.* in Mathematics
* Selected by College of Computer Science and Software Engineering for a special program, where less than 30 students out of 60 successfully obtained the double degree

👥 EXPERIENCES

Department of Computer Science (CSD), HKBU, Hong Kong, China   Aug. 2017 – Present

Ph.D. Student   Advisor: Dr. Li Chen, Consultants: Dr. Yongfeng Zhang & Dr. Ruihai Dong

- Research on explainable recommendation
- *Outcome*:
  - Published two papers on *Natural Language Explanation Generation* in WWW'20 Demo and CIKM'20
  - Published one paper on *Context-aware Explanation* in Journal of Intelligent Information Systems (JIIS)
  - Published one paper on *Context-aware Recommendation* in ICDE'19 Workshop

Inspir.ai, Beijing, China   Jun. 2019 – Aug. 2019

Intern   Advisor: Dr. Peng Peng

- Research on explaining the decision-making process of reinforcement learning (RL) agents
- Visualizing the replay data of a video game StarCraft II

Big Data Institute, SZU, Shenzhen, China   Jul. 2016 – Aug. 2017

Undergraduate Research Assistant   Advisor: Dr. Weike Pan

- Research on recommendation algorithms, especially collaborative filtering and matrix factorization
- *Outcome*: published one paper on *Recommendation Algorithm* in ICWS'18

Department of Computer Science, HKBU, Hong Kong, China   Mar. 2017 – Jun. 2017

Research Exchange Student   Advisor: Dr. Li Chen

- Research on personality for recommender systems

Shenzhen Suishou Technology Co., Ltd., Shenzhen, China   Aug. 2016 – Nov. 2016

Intern   Advisor: Dr. Weike Pan

- Utilize machine learning tools (Liblinear and XGBoost) to mine potential customers for personalized advertising
- *Outcome*: increased the company's revenue on financial products by 4 times

📑 PUBLICATIONS

- **Lei Li**, Li Chen, Ruihai Dong. CAESAR: Context-Aware Explanation based on Supervised Attention for Service Recommendations. Journal of Intelligent Information Systems (JIIS), vol. *(*), pages *-*, 2020.

- **Lei Li**, Yongfeng Zhang, Li Chen. Generate Neural Template Explanations for Recommendation. In: Proceedings of the 29th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM'20), pages 755-764, Galway, Ireland (Virtual), October 19–23, 2020.
- **Lei Li**, Li Chen, Yongfeng Zhang. Towards Controllable Explanation Generation for Recommender Systems via Neural Template. In: Companion Proceedings of the 2020 World Wide Web Conference (WWW'20), Demo, pages 198-202, Taipei, Taiwan (Virtual), April 20–24, 2020.
- **Lei Li**, Ruihai Dong, Li Chen. Context-aware Co-Attention Neural Network for Service Recommendations. In: Proceedings of ICDE'19 Workshop on Recommender Systems with Big Data (RSBD), pages 201-208, Macau, China, April 8–12, 2019.
- **Lei Li**, Weike Pan$^{(\boxtimes)}$, Li Chen, Zhong Ming$^{(\boxtimes)}$. RLT: Residual-Loop Training in Collaborative Filtering for Combining Factorization and Global-Local Neighborhood. In: Proceedings of 2018 International Conference on Web Services (ICWS'18), pages 326-336, Seattle, USA, June 25–30, 2018.

$\boxtimes$ denotes corresponding author.

✎ Participation in Proposal Writing

- Research on Generating Explainable Serendipity-Oriented Recommendations based on Knowledge Graph
  - Principal Investigator: Dr. Li Chen
  - Funded by General Research Fund (GRF) in 2020
- Engaging the Audience with AI-powered News Chatbot
  - Principal Investigator: Dr. Li Chen
  - Funded by HKBU IRCMS Project in 2019

💬 Academic Services

- *Reviewer* of ACM Transactions on Information Systems (TOIS), Knowledge-based Systems (KBS), Neurocomputing, SAC'21
- *External Reviewer* of WWW'19, WWW'21, Journal of Intelligent Information Systems (JIIS), CARS'19, ImpactRS'20
- *Student Volunteer* of EMNLP'19

♟ Awards & Honors

- *Research Postgraduate Studentship*, HKBU   Aug. 2017 – Present
- *SIGIR Student Travel Grant (Virtual)*, CIKM'20   Oct. 2020
- *Best Presentation Award*, Research Postgraduate Symposium (PG Day) of CSD, HKBU   Jun. 2020
- *Excellent Teaching Assistant Performance Award*, CSD, HKBU   Jun. 2018 & 2019 & 2020
- *Teaching Assistant Performance Award*, CSD, HKBU   Feb. 2020
- *Outstanding Graduate*, SZU   Jun. 2017
- *Excellent Student of Academic Performance (The 2nd Prize)*, SZU   Oct. 2016
- *Excellent Student Leader (The 2nd Prize)*, SZU   Oct. 2015
- *Song Shan Hu Scholarship*, SZU   Oct. 2014
- *National Motivational Scholarship*, SZU   Oct. 2014

⚙ IT Skills

- Programming language: Python, Java, Matlab, C++ (ordered by proficiency)
- Platform and tools: Linux, TensorFlow, PyTorch, LaTeX, Scikit-learn, MongoDB, Django, XGBoost, Liblinear, Git

ℹ Miscellaneous

- Language: Mandarin (native), English (fluent)