

# Ziqiao Ma

UNDERGRADUATE · COMPUTER SCIENCE · MACHINE LEARNING

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## Education

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### University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, U.S.

#### B.S. COMPUTER SCIENCE (DUAL DEGREE)

Aug. 2019 - May. 2021 (Expected)

- Cumulative GPA: 4.00/4.00
- Minor in Mathematics, LSA
- Course Works: Machine Learning (A+), Artificial Intelligence (A), Numerical Analysis (A+), Natural Language Processing (grad, in progress), Deep Learning for CV (grad, in progress), Computer Vision (in progress)

### Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China

#### B.S. ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING (DUAL DEGREE)

Sep. 2017 - Aug. 2021 (Expected)

- Cumulative GPA: 3.81/4.00
- Course Works: Discrete Mathematics (A), Logic Design (A), Honors Mathematics (A-, A, A-)

### Technische Universität Berlin

Berlin, Germany

#### WINTER PROGRAM

Jan. 2018 - Feb. 2018

- Course Works: Programming in Java (A)

## Research Experience

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### Situated Language and Embodied Dialogue (SLED) Group - University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, U.S.

#### ADVISOR: DR. JOYCE CHAI

Aug. 2020 - Present

- Project: Exception Handling in Autonomous Vehicles via Human Language Collaboration
  - Exception learning mechanisms in traditional autonomous driving algorithms are slow or missing. The objective is to develop a smart interface that takes human language instructions and learns to handle the exceptions more efficiently.

### Liu Lab - University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, U.S.

#### ADVISOR: DR. JIE LIU

Jan. 2020 - Present

- Project: Spatial Cell Pattern Interpretation in T2D Islets via GNN Prediction Explanation
  - State-of-the-art Graph Neural Network explainers did well on node-wise explanation, but the label-wise community pattern interpretation is yet to be researched. We redesigned a GNN explainer to perform label-wise explanation, validated the model on T2D islet samples and extracted predictive spatial cell patterns.
- Project: TAD level architectural stripes extraction
  - We Designed an efficient algorithm to extract TAD level architectural features from HiC.

### Foreseer Group - University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, U.S.

#### ADVISOR: DR. QIAOZHU MEI

Sep. 2019 - Present

- Project: Active Learning on Graph Neural Network via Graph Partitioning
  - This work is closely under preparation for publication, co-author with Jiaqi Ma, PhD of the group.
  - The community's efforts on active learning strategies on GNNs focus on feature density and general graph centrality, yet graph information is not fully exploited. We proposed a practical query strategy by graph partitioning in the perspective of influence maximization problem.
- Project: Spatial Temporal GCN on Traffic Data with Correlational Information
  - We performed simulation studies on GNN models, and concluded the incapability of GNNs to capture correlational graph information. Better performance is validated by experiment on STGCN models with linear copula loss.

### Acemap - Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Shanghai, China

#### ADVISOR: DR. XINBING WANG

Feb. 2019 - Dec. 2019

- Projects: Unsupervised Keyphrase Extraction in Scholar Publications
  - We reviewed existing unsupervised keyphrase extraction methods including TextRank, PositionRank and EmbedRank, and performed experiments on Kp20k and Acemap datasets.

## Selected Projects

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### Graph Attention Based Reasoning for Natural Language Inference

Ann Arbor, U.S.

ADVISOR: DR. JOYCE CHAI

Oct. 2020 - Present

- Final project of EECS 595, Natural Language Processing (Graduate), cooperated with 2 undergraduate teammates.
- Graph-structured knowledge is powerful in Natural Language Inference tasks. We propose to use Graph Attention Networks to exploit knowledge graphs from multiple sources, and develop a graph-based reasoning framework to perform NLI tasks like Question Answering, Conversation Entailment and Plausible Inference.

### Application of Generative Adversarial Networks on Image-to-Image Style Translation

Ann Arbor, U.S.

ADVISOR: DR. ANDREW OWENS

Oct. 2020 - Present

- Final project of EECS 442, Computer Vision, cooperated with 3 undergraduate teammates.
- Generative Adversarial Networks are widely studied in image-to-image translation. We reproduce influential models like CycleGAN, StarGAN v1 and v2, apply them to artistic style transferring tasks and evaluate them quantitatively by FCN score.

## Teaching Experience

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- Win. 2021 **Artificial Intelligence (EECS492, Expected)**, Instructional Aide, University of Michigan
- SU. 2020 **Artificial Intelligence (VE492)**, Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- SU. 2020 **Programming & Data Structure (VE280)**, Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- SU. 2019 **Physics Lab I (VP141)**, Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- SP. 2019 **Academic Writing II (VY200)**, Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- FA. 2018 **Academic Writing I (VY100)**, Teaching Assistant, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

## Selected Awards and Honors

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- 2020 **Dean's List**, University of Michigan
- 2019 **Undergraduate Academic Excellence Scholarship**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University  
**Junyuan Tang Scholarship Nomination**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- 2018 **National Scholarship**, Ministry of Education of China  
**Undergraduate Social Practice Scholarship**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University  
**Second Prize of Freshmen Robotics Competition**, Shanghai Smart Manufacturing In.
- 2017 **John Wu & Jane Sun Excellence Scholarship**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University  
**Undergraduate Volunteer Scholarship**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

## Service and Activities

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### OUTREACH

- 2020 **Michigan Student Artificial Intelligence Lab**, Active Member
- 2019 **UM::Autonomy**, Active Member
- 2019 **SJTU Student Science and Technology Innovation Association**, Minister
- 2017 **Joint Institute Debate Team**, Active Member

### SERVICE

- 2019 **Young Volunteers Association**, Assistant Student Adviser
- 2018 **Joint Institute Student Union**, Active Member of Liaison Department

### VOLUNTEERING

- 2018 **Bangladesh Poverty Reduction Challenge**, Active Member
- 2018 **Yunnan San He Junior High School Volunteer Teaching Team**, Volunteer Math Teacher

## Skills

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- Language **Python, C/C++, Java, JavaScript, Matlab, R, Verilog, TeX**
- Framework **PyTorch, TensorFlow, NLTK, OpenCV, AirSim, Networkx, jQuery, Hadoop**