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Education

Boston University

Boston, MA

M.S. in Computer Science

09/2021 - 01/2023

Tongji University

Shanghai, China

B.Eng. in Software Engineering

09/2016 - 07/2020

Publications and Preprints

P1 **TokenFlow: Rethinking Fine-grained Cross-modal Alignment in Vision-Language Retrieval**

[Xiaohan Zou](#), Changqiao Wu, Lele Cheng, Zhongyuan Wang

Preprint, 2022

P2 **Efficient Meta-Learning for Continual Learning with Taylor Expansion Approximation**

[Xiaohan Zou](#), Tong Lin

International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), 2022 (Oral)

P3 **To be an Artist: Automatic Generation on Food Image Aesthetic Captioning**

[Xiaohan Zou](#), Cheng Lin, Yinja Zhang, Qinpei Zhao

International Conference on Tools with Artificial Intelligence (ICTAI), 2020 (Oral)

P4 **A Survey on Application of Knowledge Graph**

[Xiaohan Zou](#)

International Conference on Control Engineering and Artificial Intelligence (CCEAI), 2020

Professional Experience

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

07/2021 - 04/2022

Kuaishou Technology

Beijing, China

- Devised a new model-agnostic formulation for fine-grained cross-modal semantic alignment and subsumed the recent popular works into the proposed scheme
- Proposed a fine-grained video-text retrieval method that achieves better or on-par performance against the SoTA approaches with heavy model design by only altering the similarity function (see [P1](#))
- Developed a PyTorch library for video-text retrieval which is benefiting the group members' research work

Software Engineer Intern

10/2020 - 06/2021

China Electronics Technology Group Corporation

Chongqing, China

Major contribution: Involved in building a security visualization system for Sanxingdui using Vue and Cesium

Game Engineer Intern

10/2019 - 05/2020

Banana Interactive

Shanghai, China

Major contribution: Developed and maintained 3 H5 games using JavaScript and Affinity Designer

Research Experience

Meta-Learning for Continual Learning

08/2020 - 01/2022

Peking University (Advisor: Prof. [Tong Lin](#))

Beijing, China

- Designed an efficient method for parameter importance estimation via Taylor expansion
- Proposed a fast meta-learning algorithm for continual learning problems, which expresses the gradient of meta-update in closed-form instead of using Hessian information, **published in IJCNN 2022** (see [P2](#))
- Outperformed SoTA methods while optimizing much more efficient in experiments on popular benchmarks

Personalized Product Description Generation

06/2021 - 08/2021

- Incorporated user information to T5 pre-trained language model using bidirectional attention to generate personalized descriptions for target users
- Designed a transformer to make use of the external knowledge extracted from a structural knowledge graph for providing informative product descriptions
- Won the champion of the language track in Deecamp 2021

Food Image Aesthetic Captioning

03/2020 - 06/2020

Tongji University (Advisor: Prof. [Qinpei Zhao](#))

Shanghai, China

- Proposed a novel framework consisting of a single-attribute captioning module and an unsupervised text summarization module to generate aesthetic captions for food images, **published in ICTAI 2020** (see [P3](#))
- Designed a data filtering strategy inspired by TF-IDF method for building a [dataset](#) for this new task
- Introduced two new evaluation criteria to assess the novelty and diversity of the generated captions
- Outperformed baselines and existing methods substantially in terms of diversity, novelty, and coherence

Fault Diagnosis for Microservice Architectures

09/2018 - 01/2019

Tongji University (Advisor: Prof. Qingfeng Du)

Shanghai, China

- Represented the microservices of a cloud platform and the causal relationships between them by a Bayesian network against the observed performance metrics dynamically using PC algorithm
- Identified the culprit microservices when an anomaly occurred using random walk
- Outperformed traditional approaches, without knowing the calling graph

Semi-Supervised Machine Translation

07/2018 - 08/2018

Peking University (Advisor: Prof. [Tong Lin](#))

Beijing, China

- Proposed a dual learning framework based on shared hidden space to utilize the structure duality to boost the learning of two dual tasks and better regularize the model
- Designed two denoising auto-encoders consisting of encoders and decoders of two traditional Seq2Seq neural machine translators to make use of unpaired data
- Outperformed strong baselines by 1.0 - 2.9 BLEU on IWSLT'15 (English-Vietnamese) and WMT'14 (English-German), the improvement is more obvious when labeled data is little

Awards and Honors

Champion of Language Track , Deecamp	2021
Bronze , China Collegiate Programming Contest (CCPC)	2018
Finalist , ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) Asia Regional	2018
Second Prize , Tongji University Programming Contest	2017, 2018
Second Prize , China Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM)	2017, 2018
Second Prize , East China Normal University Programming Contest	2017

Core Courses

Machine Learning: Machine Learning, Image and Video Computing, Computational Tools for Data Science

Mathematics: Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Calculus, Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics

Skills

Programming Languages: Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, Java, C/C++

Tools and Frameworks: Git, PyTorch, Keras, scikit-learn, NumPy, Linux, Vue, React, Django, \LaTeX

Languages: Chinese (native), English (proficient, TOEFL: 106, GRE: 322)