XIAOHAN ZOU

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EDUCATION

Boston UniversityBoston, MA, USAM.S. in Computer Science09/2021 – 01/2023Tongiji UniversityShanghai, ChinaB.Eng. in Software Engineering09/2016 – 07/2020

PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED MANUSCRIPTS

- Xiaohan Zou, Changqiao Wu, Lele Cheng, and Zhongyuan Wang. "Rethinking Fine-grained Semantic Alignment in Video-Text Retrieval", submitted to IJCAI 2022.
- Xiaohan Zou, Cheng Lin, Yinjia Zhang, and Qinpei Zhao. "To be an Artist: Automatic Generation on Food Image Aesthetic Captioning", ICTAI 2020. (Acceptance Rate: 25%, Oral Presentation) [Paper] [Code]
- Xiaohan Zou. "A Survey on Application of Knowledge Graph", CCEAI 2020. [Paper]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Kuaishou Technology, Beijing, China

07/2021 - Present

- 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 video-text retrieval method which is competitive when compared with the SOTA approaches with heavy model design by only altering the similarity function, submitted to IJCAI 2021
- o Developed a PyTorch library for video-text retrieval which is benefiting the group members' research work

PROJECTS

Product Description Generation, Champion of Deecamp 2021 Language Track 06/2021 - 08/2021

- Incorporated product attributes, personalized information and external knowledge to T5 pre-trained model using transformer and bidirectional attention to generate interesting and informative product descriptions
- o Built the frontend of a fancy cross-platform website for interacting with our model using Vue and uni-app

Food Image Aesthetic Captioning, Tongji University, Project Page

04/2020 - 06/2020

- Proposed a novel framework consisting of a single-attribute captioning module and an unsupervised text summarization module for generating aesthetic captions for food images, published in ICTAI 2020
- o Designed a data filtering strategy inspired by TF-IDF method for building a dataset for this new task
- o Designed two new evaluation criteria to assess the novelty and diversity of the generated captions
- Outperformed baselines and existed methods substantially in terms of diversity, novelty and coherence

Semi-Supervised Machine Translation, Peking University

07/2018 - 08/2018

- Utilized the structure duality to boost the learning of two dual tasks based on shared hidden space
- Designed two denoising auto-encoders consisting of encoders and decoders of two traditional Seq2Seq neural machine translators to make use of unpaired data
- o Outperformed strong baselines by 1.0 2.9 BLEU on IWSLT'15 and WMT'14 dataset

AWARDS AND HONORS

Bronze, China Collegiate Programming Contest (CCPC)

2018

Second Prize, China Mathematical Contest in Modeling (CUMCM)

2017, 2018

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, JavaScript/TypeScript, HTML/CSS, Java, C/C++, MATLAB **Tools and Frameworks:** Git, PyTorch, Keras, scikit-learn, Linux, Vue, React, Django, LATEX

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