RITA RAMOS

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Computer Science

Oct 2020-Oct 2024

University of Lisbon (Instituto Superior Técnico) and University of Copenhagen

Advisors: Bruno Martins and Desmond Elliott

- Research Interests: multilingual and multimodal machine learning, retrieval augmentation, LLMs

MSc in Computer Science

Sep 2016-Jun 2019

Instituto Superior Técnico

Specialization: Intelligent Systems

Average Grade 19/20

- Thesis: Grade 20/20, Journal submission (see [9] under Publications)

PGDip in Information Systems and Knowledge Management

Sep 2015 -Jun 2016

ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon

Average Grade 17/20

BSc in Computer Science

Sep 2012–Jun 2015

ISCTE – University Institute of Lisbon

Average Grade 17/20

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. GrammaMT: Improving Machine Translation with Grammar-Informed In-Context Learning Rita Ramos, Everlyn Asiko Chimoto, Maartje Ter Hoeve, Natalie Schluter *Under review*
- 2. Understanding Retrieval Robustness for Retrieval-augmented Image Captioning Wenyan Li, Jiaang Li, **Rita Ramos**, Raphael Tang, Desmond Elliott ACL 2024
- 3. PAELLA: Parameter-Efficient Lightweight Language-Agnostic Captioning Model R. Ramos, E. Bugliarello, B. Martins, D. Elliott NAACL Findings 2024
- 4. LMCAP: Few-shot Multilingual Image Captioning by Retrieval Augmented Language Model Prompting R. Ramos, B. Martins, D. Elliott ACL Findings 2023
- 5. SMALLCAP: Lightweight Image Captioning Prompted with Retrieval Augmentation
 - R. Ramos, B. Martins, D. Elliott, Y. Kementchedjhieva CVPR 2023
- 6. Retrieval-augmented Image Captioning
 - R. Ramos, D. Elliott, B. Martins EACL 2023
- 7. Retrieval Augmentation for Deep Neural Networks
 - R. Ramos, P. Pereira, H. Moniz, JP. Carvalho, B. Martins IJCNN 2021
- 8. Using neural encoder-decoder models with continuous outputs for remote sensing image captioning R. Ramos, B. Martins *IEEE Access 2022*
- 9. Evolving flocking in embodied agents based on local and global application of Reynolds' rules **R. Ramos**, SM. Oliveira, SM. Vieria, AL. Christensen *PLOS ONE 2019*
- 10. Evolving controllers for robots with multimodal locomotion
 - R. Ramos, M. Duarte, SM. Oliveira, AL. Christensen SAB 2016

EXPERIENCE

Research Intern at Apple

Mar 2024 –Oct 2024

Working on LLMs for low-resource languages with Natalie Schluter.

- Outcome: a paper submitted (see [1] under Publications)

Visiting Researcher at MBZUAI

Jan 2024 – Feb 2024

Collaborating with Prof. Yova Kementchedjhieva on multilingual image captioning.

AI Researcher at INESC-ID

Jul 2019 –Sep 2020

Led a research project on remote sensing image captioning supervised by Prof. Bruno Martins.

- Outcome: a journal publication (see [8] under Publications)

Data Scientist at advertio/Leadzai

Jul 2018 -Aug 2019

Created and developed the data science department at a startup of digital advertising.

AI Researcher of Biomachines Lab at Instituto de Telecomunicações

Sep 2015 -Mar 2016

Led a research project on evolutionary robotics under the supervision of Prof. Anders Christensen.

- Involved unsupervised machine learning using neural networks combined with genetic algorithms
- Outcome: a conference publication (see [10] under Publications)

TEACHING

• **Teaching Assistant** at Instituto Superior Técnico, University of Lisbon Deep Learning (AP-DEI) Winter 2021

- with Prof. André Martins and Prof. Mário Figueiredo

Invited Talks

• SmallCap: Lightweight Image Captioning Prompted with Retrieval Augmentation

Human Language Technology Lab (HLT) of INESC-ID Mila - Quebec AI Institute Portugal, 2023

Canada, 2023

• Retrieval-augmented Image Captioning

The Computer and Robot Vision Lab (VisLab) of Instituto Superior Técnico

Portugal, 2022

IT University of Copenhagen

Denmark, 2022

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Award of Admission in the Post-graduate Degree 2015
- Best Finalist of Computer Science Bachelor 2015
- Award of Academic Excellence 2014/2015
- Award of Academic Excellence 2012/2013

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATES

- Python, Pytorch, NumPy, Pandas, scikit-learn
- REST-CL: REtreat for Students in Computational Linguistics 2023
- Sequence Models in Coursera 2018
- Neural Networks and Deep Learning in Coursera 2018
- Sequence Models in Coursera 2018
- Lisbon Machine Learning School 2016