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ABOUT ME

I am a forth-year Ph.D. candidate in the computer science department at the University of California, Santa Barbara. I am interested in understanding deep learning models, especially pre-trained large language models, using principled causality-based/probabilistic approaches.

EDUCATION

• University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB)

Santa Barbara, CA, US

09.2020 - present

Ph.D. in Computer Science (expected)

• GPA: 4.0/4.0

o Advisor: William Yang Wang

o Honors and Awards: Academic Excellence Fellowship (2020)

• The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

Hong Kong, China 09.2016 - 07.2020

o GPA: 3.7/4.3

Honors and Awards: Chern Class Talent Scholarship (2017 - 2020), University's Scholarship Scheme for Continuing Undergraduate Students (2017 - 2020), HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund - Reaching Out Award (2019 - 2020), Chern Class Achievement Scholarship (2020), The 15th Epsilon Fund Award (2020), Joseph Needham Merit Scholarship (2020)

• University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

B.Sc in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science

Los Angeles, CA, US

Term exchange in Mathematics (Non-degree)

o GPA: 3.9/4.0 (Dean's Honors List)

09.2019 - 12.2019

Publications

- Xinyi Wang, Lucas Caccia, Oleksiy Ostapenko, Xingdi Yuan, Alessandro Sordoni. *Guiding Language Model Reasoning with Planning Tokens*. Arxiv preprint 2023. [paper]
- Liangming Pan, Michael Saxon, Wenda Xu, Deepak Nathani, **Xinyi Wang**, William Yang Wang. Automatically Correcting Large Language Models: Surveying the landscape of diverse self-correction strategies. Arxiv preprint 2023. [paper]
- Liangming Pan, Alon Albalak, **Xinyi Wang**, William Yang Wang. Logic-LM: Empowering Large Language Models with Symbolic Solvers for Faithful Logical Reasoning. Findings of EMNLP 2023. [paper]
- Wenhu Chen, Ming Yin, Max Ku, Pan Lu, Yixin Wan, Xueguang Ma, Jianyu Xu, **Xinyi Wang**, Tony Xia. *TheoremQA: A Theorem-driven Question Answering dataset*. EMNLP 2023. [paper]
- Wanrong Zhu, **Xinyi Wang**, Yujie Lu, Tsu-Jui Fu, Xin Eric Wang, Miguel Eckstein, William Yang Wang. Collaborative Generative AI: Integrating GPT-k for Efficient Editing in Text-to-Image Generation. EMNLP 2023. [paper]
- Xinyi Wang, Wanrong Zhu, William Wang. Large Language Models Are Implicitly Topic Models: Explaining and Finding Good Demonstrations for In-Context Learning. NeurIPS 2023, poster. [paper]
- Wenhu Chen, Xueguang Ma, **Xinyi Wang**, William W. Cohen. *Program of Thoughts Prompting:*Disentangling Computation from Reasoning for Numerical Reasoning Tasks. Arxiv preprint 2022. [paper]
- Xinyi Wang, Michael Saxon, Jiachen Li, Hongyang Zhang, Kun Zhang, William Yang Wang. Causal Balancing for Domain Generalization. ICLR 2023, poster. [paper]

- Michael Saxon, **Xinyi Wang**, Wenda Xu, William Yang Wang. Relation Leakage in Elicited Natural Language Inference Datasets. EACL 2023. [paper]
- Wenhu Chen, **Xinyi Wang**, William Yang Wang. A Dataset for Answering Time-Sensitive Questions. NeurIPS 2021 Datasets and Benchmarks Track, poster. [paper]
- Xinyi Wang, Wenhu Chen, Michael Saxon, William Yang Wang. Counterfactual Maximum Likelihood Estimation for Training Deep Networks. NeurIPS 2021, poster. [paper]
- Michael Saxon, Sharon Levy, **Xinyi Wang**, Alon Albalak, William Yang Wang. *Modeling Discolsive Transparency in NLP Application Descriptions*. EMNLP 2021, oral. [paper]
- Xinyi Wang*, Haiqin Yang*, Liang Zhao, Yang Mo and Jianping Shen. RefBERT: Compressing BERT by Referencing to Pre-computed Representations. IJCNN 2021, oral. [paper]
- Xinyi Wang, Yi Yang. Neural Topic Model with Attention for Supervised Learning. AISTATS 2020, poster. [paper]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

• Research Intern at Microsoft Research

Santa Barbara, CA, US

Mentor: Alessandro Sordoni

06.2023 - 09.2023

o Topic: parameter efficient fine-tuning for improving the reasoning ability of large language models.

• Graduate Student Researcher at UCSB

Santa Barbara, CA, US

Mentor: William Yang Wang

09.2020 - present

• Topic: large language models interpretation.

• Assistant Algorithm Engineer at PingAn AI

ShenZhen, China

Mentor: Haiqin Yang

06.2020 - 09.2020

• Topic: retrieval augmented BERT distillation.

• Research Assistant at HKUST

Hong Kong, China

Mentor: Yi Yang

09.2018 - 09.2019

o Topic: word embedding with financial knowledge, supervised neural topic model with attention.

SERVICES

• 2021 Program Committee: NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks Track

• 2022 Program Committee: AAAI

• 2023 Program Committee: NeurIPS, AAAI, ICLR

 $^{^{1*}}$ denotes equal contribution.