HAORAN ZHANG

Aspiring Researcher Who Digs Into Data and Teaches Machines

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EDUCATION

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (UIUC)

Aug 2019 - Present

Master of Science, Information Management

Changsha University of Science & Technology (CSUST)

₩ Jul 2014 - Jun 2018

Bachelor of Science, Computer Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

BLENDER Lab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Aug 2019 - Present

RA in Information Extraction (NLP), Supervised by Dr. Heng Ji

Changsha University of Science & Technology RA in Relation Extraction (NLP), Supervised by Dr. Daojian Zeng

University of California, Los Angeles

₩ Sep 2016 - Jun 2017

RA in Semantic Segmentation (CV), Supervised by Yajia Yang

PAPERS AND MANUSCRIPTS

(* refers to equal contributions)

EMNLP'20-Findings Minimize Exposure Bias of Seq2Seq Models in Joint Entity and Relation Extraction. Haoran Zhang*, Qianying Liu*, Aysa Xuemo Fan, Heng Ji, Daojian Zeng, Fei

Cheng, Daisuke Kawahara and Sadao Kurohashi. Retrieved from here.

AAAI'20

CopyMTL: Copy Mechanism for Joint Extraction of Entities and Relations with Multi-Task Learning. Daojian Zeng*, Haoran Zhang*, Qianying Liu. Retrieved from here.

Preprint'20

COVID-19 Literature Knowledge Graph Construction and Drug Repurposing Report Generation. Qingyun Wang, Manling Li, Xuan Wang, Nikolaus Parulian, Guangxing Han, Jiawei Ma, Jingxuan Tu, Ying Lin, <u>Haoran Zhang</u>, Weili Liu, Aabhas Chauhan, Yingjun Guan, Bangzheng Li, Ruisong Li, Xiangchen Song, Heng Ji, Jiawei Han, Shih-Fu Chang, James Pustejovsky, David Liem, Ahmed Elsayed, Martha Palmer, Jasmine Rah, Cynthia Schneider, Boyan Onyshkevych. Retrieved from here.

PROJECTS

Sequence-to-Unordered-Multi-Tree for Joint Extraction of Relations and Entities EMNLP'20-Findings

- Formulated the output sequence to unordered-multi-tree structure to minimize the model bias of the Seq2Seq model in relation extraction.
- Designed AB-Test to disentangle model bias from data bias.
- Implemented a toolkit containing [5 Models × 2 Datasets] to be open-sourced.

Sequence-to-Sequence for Joint Extraction of Relations and Entities AAAI'20

- Figured out a linear algebra bug causing underfitting of training set in an ACL2018 paper.
- Based on theoretical analysis, added only one more non-linear layer to fix the bug.
- Yielded 14 and 31 (F1) absolute improvement over baseline on NYT and WebNLG dataset respectively.

COVID-19 Knowledge Graph

Preprint'20

• Built COVID-KG by information extraction.

- Generated drug repurposing report based on COVID-KG automatically.
- Released the KG and visualization tools to help medical research.

Censorship in China

Course Paper for IS543

- Thoroughly analyzed how censorship was designed, implemented, and developed in China.
- Indicated the roles of the government, netizens and tech-companies in the era of censorship.

Controlled Sequence-to-Sequence for Paraphrase Generation Undergraduate Research

- Using keywords and the source sentence to generate controlled paraphrase.
- generating diverse paraphrases with respect to different keyword sequences.

SKILLS

Programming Python, Haskell, C++.
Writting Python, Haskell, C++.

ETFX, Markdown, HTML.

Data cleaning, data exploration, data visualization.

Al Deep learning, natural language processing, computer vision.

COMMUNITY

- Gained 360 stars for open-sourced projects on GitHub.
- Co-founded the first machine learning lab in CSUST.
- Led a session in NLP seminar at iSchool, UIUC.

AWARDS

Best Thesis Award, CSUST

₩ Jun 2018

• Dean's Scholarship for 2015-2017 Academic Years, CSUST

2015 - 2017

• College Scientific Research Reward, CSUST

∰ Apr 2016

• Scholarship for Academic Competition Excellence, CSUST