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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 09/2016 - Present **Tsinghua University**, Beijing, China.
- M.S. in Information and Communication Engineering, Department of Electronic Engineering.
 - Advised by Prof. [Zhijian Ou](#).
 - Research interests: dialogue systems, natural language processing, machine learning.
- 08/2012 - 07/2016 **Tsinghua University**, Beijing, China.
- B.S. in Mathematics and Physics, Department of Physics.
 - Major GPA: 91/100; Overall GPA: 91/100.
 - Recipient of the first-class scholarship.
 - Bachelor Thesis: *Inference and Learning Algorithms for State-space Models*.

Research Experience

- 09/2016 - Present **Speech Processing and Machine Intelligence Lab**, *Tsinghua University*, Beijing, China.
Advisor: Prof. [Zhijian Ou](#).
- Generalized traditional representations of dialogue states. Designed new tracking models for flexible information access. (Paper accepted in ICASSP 2018)
 - Built a Chinese multi-domain task-oriented dialogue system with enriched dialogue state tracking. Applied for a patent.(Patent code: JBP181115230BJ)
 - Studied zero-shot natural language understanding. Proposed new neural CRF models for open-ontology slot filling. (Paper submitted to ICASSP 2019)
 - Developing reliable customer service dialogue agents for China Mobile Research Institute. (Project code: MCM20170301)
- 06/2018 - 09/2018 **Dialogue Systems Group**, *University of Cambridge*, Cambridge, U.K.
Advisor: Dr. [Milica Gašić](#).
- Investigated the performance of different distributed representations and deep neural networks on a big mental health dataset. (Paper accepted in LOUHI 2018)
 - Built a psychotherapy-oriented chatbot. Proposed a new VAE model for controllable response generation. Obtained higher BLEU scores than Attention and CopyNet.
- 10/2014 - 07/2016 **Speech Processing and Machine Intelligence Lab**, *Tsinghua University*, Beijing, China
Advisor: Prof. [Zhijian Ou](#).
- Studied approximation methods for inference and learning in state-space models.
 - Proposed a new algorithm based on stochastic approximation and mixture sampling. Achieved better performance than Gibbs sampling, Forward-Backward, PMCMC.

Publications

- [1] Lina Maria Rojas-Barahona, Bo-Hsiang Tseng, **Yinpei Dai**, Clare Mansfield, Osman Ramadan, Stefan Ultes, Michael Crawford, and Milica Gašić. [Deep learning for language understanding of mental health concepts derived from cognitive behavioural therapy](#). In *Proceedings of the Ninth International Workshop on Health Text Mining and Information Analysis (LOUHI 2018)*, Brussels, Belgium, pages 44–54.
- [2] **Yinpei Dai**, Zhijian Ou, Dawei Ren, and Pengfei Yu. [Tracking of enriched dialog states for flexible conversational information access](#). In *2018 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2018)*, Calgary, Canada, pages 6139–6143.
- [3] **Yinpei Dai**, Yichi Zhang, Zhijian Ou, Yanmeng Wang, and Junlan Feng. [Elastic crfs for open-ontology slot filling](#). In *2019 IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech and Signal Processing, (ICASSP 2019)*. **Currently Under Review**.

Teaching Experience

Teaching assistant

- Fall 2016 30230783 *Probability and Stochastic Processes (2)*, THU.
- Spring 2017 30230742 *Probability and Stochastic Processes (1)*, THU.
- Fall 2017 30230672 *Computer Program Design (1)*, THU.
- Spring 2018 80230652 *Theory and Applications of Probabilistic Graphical Models*, THU.

Invited Talk

- 10/2014 **IVIP Group**, Tsinghua University, Beijing.
Gave a talk on advanced Markov Chain Monte Carlo algorithms.

Professional Service

- 01/2019 - Present **Reviewer**, *IEEE TRANSACTIONS* and *JOURNALS*.

Selected Honors

- 12/2014 **National Scholarship**, Tsinghua University.
First-class scholarship
- 12/2013 **Samsung Scholarship**, Tsinghua University.

Technical Skills

- Programming Python, C/C++, Shell, MySQL, Matlab, Java, HTML/CSS
- ML Libraries Tensorflow, Pytorch, Scikit-learn, Gensim
- NLP Libraries Spacy, NLTK, StanfordNLP, AllenNLP
- Web Framework Django, Scrappy