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I am a fourth-year PhD student with a strong foundation in mathematics and linguistics, as well as expertise in machine learning and programming. My past projects have focused on noisy and resource-constrained learning, and analyzing behavior of language models in these settings. My current research interests include, but are not limited to, model explainability and interpretability, with the goal of improving the trustworthiness and reliability of AI systems.

EDUCATION

University of Vienna

10/2020 - 09/2025

Ph.D. in Computer Science advised by Benjamin Roth

Vienna, Austria

University of Munich (LMU), CIS

10/2018 - 09/2020

M.Sc. in Computational Linguistics (minor: Computer Science) Cum Laude

Munich, Germany

• GPA: 3,7 / 4,0. Thesis: "Bias Correction for Weak Supervision"

University of Potsdam

04/2016 - 09/2016

B.Sc. in Computational Linguistics, Visiting Student

Potsdam, Germany

• GPA: 3,8 / 4,0.

Saint Petersburg State University

09/2013 - 08/2017

B.Sc. in Computational Linguistics Cum Laude

Saint Petersburg, Russia

• GPA: 4,0 / 4,0. Thesis: "Topic Modeling based on Lemata and Lexical Constructions".

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Full DAAD Scholarship for Excellently Qualified Graduates (30.000 €) 10/2018 - 09/2020 DAAD; University of Munich. Ca. 650 applicants yearly, 20% acceptance rate.

Top-10 Outstanding Students Award (20.000 €)

09/2014 - 08/2017

Saint Petersburg State University

Scholarship for Outstanding Foreign Students (4.000 €)

04/2016 - 09/2016

University of Potsdam

Academic Experience University of Vienna

04/2021 - present

I conduct research as a member of the Data Mining and Machine Learning research group, supervise BSc/MSc theses, and teach Bachelor & Master courses.

Reviewer

09/2021 - present

ACL, EMNLP (2024: outstanding reviewer), NAACL, EACL, Coling, ECML, IEEE PAMI, etc.

Professional Experience

Invited

Talks & Research

Visits

Google Summer of Code

05/2021 - 08/2021

Intern @DeepPavlov

I implemented document-level relation extraction with automatic entity recognition and triplet extraction using Wikidata for English and Russian languages in DeepPavlov, an open-source conversational AI library. [GitHub Gist]

Center for Information and Language Processing (LMU Munich)

06/2019 - 12/2019

Student Research Assistant

I was working in Hinrich Schütze NLP research group on developing methods for learning high-quality embeddings for rare words considering not only a word's surface form, but also relevant contexts.

Deutsche Telekom

08/2017 - 09/2018

Regression Test Lead

 $Regression\ team\ management.\ Software\ Acceptance\ Testing,\ Functional,\ UI,\ Manual\ \&\ Automated\ Testing.\ High-and\ low-level\ test\ cases\ analysis\ \&\ planning,\ risk\ analysis.\ SQL,\ XML,\ XSLT,\ Jenkins,\ TestBench,\ Jira,\ Confluence,\ Agile.$

ABBYY

04/2015 - 09/2015

Research Intern

Institute for Linguistics

01/2014 - 01/2016

Research Assistant

I explored how the tradition of Russian dictionaries and scientific works have been establishing since the 18th century.

Lexicography Lab (Saint Petersburg State University)

10/2013 - 04/2016

Research Assistant

 $I\ participated\ in\ editing\ the\ regional\ dialects\ dictionaries.$

Germany, 04/2024

Invited Tutorial: "Weak Supervision for Information Extraction from Text" @ Department of Statistics.

University of Munich

University of Munich

Germany, 02/2024

Research Visit to the research group of Hinrich Schütze @ Center for Information and Language Processing.

Aalborg University (Copenhagen)

Denmark, 09/2023

Invited Tutorial: "Weak Supervision for Information Extraction from Text" @ Seminar "Machine Learning with Limited Data".

Technical University of Vienna

Austria, 01/2023

Invited Talk: "Weak Supervision: Possible Applications and Future Directions" @ NLP Seminar.

European Language Resource Coordination (ELRC)

Invited Presentation of Knodle framework @ ELRC Workshop.

Austria, 11/2021

Munich NLP Meetup

Germany, 07/2021

Invited Talk: "Knowledge-supervised Deep Learning" @ Knowledge Extraction & Knowledge-Supervised DL Meetup.

Germany, 05/2021

Invited Talk: "Knodle: Modular Weakly Supervised Learning with PyTorch" @ NLP and Semantic Reasoning Lab.

SELECTED Publications

Sedova A., Litschko R., Frassinelli D., Roth B., Plank B. (2024) To Know or Not To Know? Analyzing Self-Consistency of Large Language Models under Ambiguity (EMNLP'24 Findings).

Kougia V., Sedova A., Stephan A., Roth B. (2024) Analysing zero-shot temporal relation extraction on clinical notes using temporal consistency. BioNLP Workshop @ The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL'24).

Xia Y., Sedova A., Araujo PHL, Kougia V., Nußbaumer L., Roth B. (2024). Exploring prompts to elicit memorization in masked language model-based named entity recognition. ArXiV preprint.

Sedova A., Roth B. (2023). ULF: Unsupervised Labeling Function Correction using Cross-Validation for Weak Supervision. The 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP'23).

Sedova A., Zellinger L., Roth B. (2023). Learning with Noisy Labels by Adaptive Gradient-Based Outlier Removal. European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML PKDD'23).

Sedova A., Roth B. (2023). ACTC: Active Threshold Calibration for Cold-Start Knowledge Graph Completion. The 61st Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL'23).

Sedova A., Stephan A., Speranskaya M., Roth B. (2021). Knodle: Modular Weakly Supervised Learning with PyTorch. Workshop on Representation Learning for NLP (RepL4NLP) @ The 59th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL'21).

Mitrofanova O., Sedova A. (2017). Topic Modelling in Parallel and Comparable Fiction Texts (the case study of English and Russian prose). XIX International Conference "Internet and Modern Society" (IMS'17).

Sedova A., Mitrofanova O. (2017). Topic Modelling of Russian Texts based on Lemmata and Lexical Constructions. "Information Technology and Computational Linguistics" (ITCL'17).

Teaching EXPERIENCE

In the Data Analysis Project, I lead students working on semester projects (e.g., proposing topics, drafting proposals, supplying literature, designing experiments, preparing possible follow-up works, etc.).

Winter Term 2024/2025

- Database Systems (MSc).
 Open-Source Large Language Models (MSc).

- Deep Learning for Natural Language Processing (MSc). Data Analysis Project (MSc): (1) Multilingual Parser for Under-resourced Languages; (2) Language Similarity by Multilingual Parsing Performance.
- Introduction to programming (BSc).

Winter Term 2023/2024

- Capabilities and Limitations of language-based AI models (MSc). Introduction to programming (BSc). Data Analysis Project (MSc): (1) A blessing or a curse? Analysis of scholarly citations, (2) Crossmetric evaluation of fairness optimization.

Summer Term 2023

• Data Analysis Project (MSc): (1) Recent Approaches to Authorship Attribution; (2) Authorship Attribution Dataset based on the Reddit Threads; (3) Counterfactual Reasoning with KG & Box Embeddings; (4) Prompt-based Temporal Relation Extraction.

Winter Term 2022/2023

- Computational Linguistics (MSc) Data Analysis Project (MSc): (1) Weak Supervision in Medical Domain; (2) Incomplete Schema Clustering for the Relation Extraction.

Summer Term 2022

- Topics in Deep Learning and Natural Language Processing (MSc)
- Scientific Data Management (MSc)

Winter Term 2021/2022

- Text Mining for Non-Computer Scientists on the Example of Discourse Analysis (MSc) Data Analysis Project (MSc): (1) Extraction of Structured Information using Weak Supervision; (2) Wiener Diarium: Finding Toponyms in Obituaries; (3) Automatic Identifying Civilians Killed by Police.

Non-Degree Studies

Advanced Language Processing School (ALPS'22)

01/2022

ALPS is co-organized by LIG (Univ. Grenoble Alpes), Naver Labs Europe, and Cohere, and consists of a week-long series of NLP lectures, seminars, student projects, etc. 50 participants were selected on a competitive basis.

Oxford Machine Learning Summer School (OxML'21)

07/2021 - 08/2021

OxML is co-organized by AI for Global Goals, CIFAR and the University of Oxford and includes tracks on representation learning, NLP, statistical ML, and ML in healthcare. 400 participants selected on a competitive basis; 6.5% acceptance rate.

Summer School in Informational Retrieval (RussIR'17)

08/2017

The program covered various topics in information retrieval and cognate disciplines focusing on deep learning applied to texts documents, conversational data, images, and video. 91 students were selected on a competitive basis.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python (excellent) / C#, R, SQL, Bash (familiar with).
- Toolkits: PyTorch, HuggingFace, TensorFlow, Keras, Conda, Pandas, Matplotlib, SciPy, Spacy, NLTK, Sklearn, OpenCV.
- Others: HTML/XML, UNIX, Jupyter Notebook, Slurm, Git, GitHub, GitHub Actions.

LANGUAGES

English (fluent; IELTS - 7.5), German (fluent; TestDaF - C1), French (conversational), Latin & Ancient Greek (with dictionary), Russian (native).