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Education

- **PhD. Student, Informatics**
  College of Information Sciences and Technology, Penn State University, 2019 – present
- **PhD. Student, Computer Science (transferred to PSU)**
  School of CIDSE, Arizona State University, 2017 – 2019
- **B.S., Electrical Engineering**
  Dept. Electrical Engineering, National Taiwan University, 2010 – 2014

Papers

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of the 26th International Conference on World Wide Web Companion. (**WWW 2017**), 3-7 April, 2017, Perth, Australia.

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[P.1] **Chieh-Yang Huang** and Lun-Wei Ku. (2016). GiveMeExample: Learning confusing words by example sentences. In the Demo Track of the Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining. (**ASONAM Demo 2016**), 18-21 August, 2016, San Francisco, USA.

Research Experience and Projects

- **Megagon Labs**, Mountain View, CA, USA, 06/2020 – 08/2020.
  Research Intern, Mentors: Dr. Jinfeng Li, Dr. Nikita Bhutani, Alexander Whedon, Dr. Yoshi Suhara, and Dr. Wang-Chiew Tan.
  Research Focuses: NLP, Deep Learning.

  – **Automatically Salient Facts Extraction**
  Reading reviews is an important way for people to gather information but a huge portion of reviews are subjective, long, and uninformative. In this task, we define salient facts to be sentences that contain unique, uncommon, and objective information toward an entity and propose several approaches to automatically extract salient facts from a large amount of reviews.

- **Penn State University**, State College, PA, USA, 01/2019 – present.
  Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Ting-Hao K. Huang.
  Research Focuses: Crowdsourcing, NLP, Deep Learning, HCI, Writing Support System.

  – **Forthcoming Semantic Frame Prediction**
  Automatic story plot generation can be hard. We propose a new intermediate representation to predict the story plots using semantic frames. Experiments suggest that compared to the existing works, our approach performs better on longer stories (more than 50 sentences).

  – **Mathify: Equation Generation for Novice Researchers**
  Writing equations is a way for researchers to communicate concepts without ambiguities but the conventions of writing equations are not clear for novices. This task aims at helping novices to write better equations by automatically generating equations using the foregoing paragraph.

  – **Heteroglossia: Modeling and Supporting Creative Writing**
  Heteroglossia aims at supporting creative writers by ideation. Creative writers can retrieve new ideas for their story drafts from Heteroglossia. We currently provide a "role-playing" strategy to stimulate crowd workers to generate ideas. A Mturk experiment and a deployment study have been conducted and the result shows that Heteroglossia can help creative writers in various aspects. [CHI 2020]

  – **Visual Story Post-Editing.**
  Editing plays an important role for humans. Needless to say, machines need post-editing. In this

task, we introduce the first Visual Story Telling Post-Editing dataset, VIST-Edit, and show that post-editing can improve the story quality. The result also suggests that new auto evaluation metrics are needed due to the low correlation between the human judgments and the existing auto metrics. [ACL 2019]

- **Learner-Like Agent.**
  We assume that learners will perform better when learning from good materials, and vice versa. Given this we build a model that mimics learner's behavior and utilize such behavior to select good materials automatically.
- **SlowJimmy.**
  Voice assistants have been researched for decays but have not yet been smart enough to handle tasks spanning in our day-to-day life. We introduce SlowJimmy, a crowd-powered system embedded on Amazon Echo devices. Unlike the previous text-based crowd-powered conversational system, the unbalanced requirements from workers (text) and users (voice) can cause severe problems. In this task, we deploy SlowJimmy and investigate the potential issues.
- **CaptionThis.**
  Image captioning system can only be applied on the whole image to generate the overview information. CaptionThis aims at exploring the possibility of a "navigable" image caption system, which may help visually impaired people have a better understanding of the image.

- **Arizona State University**, Tempe, AZ, USA, 05/2018 – 12/2018.
  Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Hanghang Tong.
  Research Focuses: Text Mining, Deep Learning.
  - **Geographic Information Prediction on Twitter**
    Geographic Information plays an important role on both marketing and event mining, but is usually blocked due to the privacy issues. This project introduces a deep learning architecture taking the attention mechanism, the subword feature, and the location hierarchy structure into account to predict the geographic information for a given post on Twitter.
    [Frontiers in Big Data.]

- **Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica**, Taipei, Taiwan, 04/2015 – 06/2017.
  Research Assistant, Advisor: Dr. Lun-Wei Ku.
  Research Focuses: Computer-Assisted Language Learning, Deep Learning, Computer-Mediated Communication, Emotion Detection, Sentiment Analysis.
  - **GiveMeExample: Learning Synonyms by Example Sentences**
    GiveMeExample aims to suggest critical example sentences for language learner to clarify the confusion of synonym. Three main components, the sentence difficulty assessment built by a regression model, the word-sentence fitness estimator built by GMM and BiLSTM, and the heuristic clarification scoring function are introduced to solve this problem. Several websites are built for collecting data and holding evaluation tests.
    GiveMeExample is available here: `http://givemeexample.com`.
    [BEA 2019] [WWW 2017] [COLING Demo 2016] [ASONAM Demo 2016]
  - **EmotionPush: Color-Based Emotion Cues for Messaging Applications**
    EmotionPush provides a machine-learning-powered system that automatically conveys users' emotions in messages by color-based emotion cues to bridge the limitation of text-based chatting system in expressing rich emotion.
    [AAAI Spring Symposia 2017]

  - **MoodSwipe: A Keyboard for Sentence Suggestion According to Emotions.**
    MoodSwipe is a mobile phone keyboard that suggests text messages according to the user-specified emotion. We aim to create a convenient user interface to enjoy the technology of emotion classification and text suggestion, and at the same time to collect labeled data automatically. Two emotion classifier models, CNN and LSTM, and two sentence suggestion models, BM25 and similarity of sentence embedding, are built for MoodSwipe.
    [EMNLP Demo 2017]
  - **Response Time Prediction**
    This project aims to predict the response time of a given message sending on the instance message system. This task could be viewed as a measurement of the dialog generation system. A deep learning model integrating conversation and some user-specific information is proposed.
    [GLOBECOM 2018]

- **Communication & Multimedia Lab, National Taiwan University**, Taipei, Taiwan, 09/2013 – 06/2014.
  Undergraduate Intern Student, Advisor: Dr. Yung-Yu Chuang.
  Research Focuses: Digital Image Processing, Machine Learning.

  - **Light Field Image Multi-Label Assignment using Graph Cut.**
    The depth information is a unique feature of light field images. In this project, we aim to integrate the depth information into the multi-label assignment problem without calculating the depth explicitly. A light field image is then treated as a four dimensional image and a revised four dimensional graph cut algorithm is applied to solve this problem.
  - **Shape-Preserving As-Projective-As-Possible (APAP) Image Stitching.**
    APAP algorithm usually causes a distortion when stitching many images. Therefore, we aim to solve this problem by introducing an energy function containing deformation term, line preserving term, and APAP term on the mesh warping algorithm.

- **Speech Processing Lab, National Taiwan University**, Taipei, Taiwan, 09/2012 – 06/2014.
  Undergraduate Intern Student, Advisor: Dr. Lin-Shan Lee.
  Research Focuses: Speech Processing, Machine Learning.

  - **A Dialogue Game Framework with Personalized Training Using Reinforcement Learning.**
    This project aims to help language learners practice speaking through a dialogue game framework. A reinforcement learning agent is proposed to select the path of the dialogue tree in order to maximize the learning efficiency. To improve the pronunciation scoring system, we further integrated phonological features to a neural network model.

Activity and Leadership Experience

- **Director, Senior Yearbook Editor**
  Dept. Electrical Engineering, Taipei, Taiwan, 09/2013 – 06/2014

  - Familiar with Photoshop, Illustrator, and graphic design skills.
  - Leaded a team of ten people to edit the yearbook.

- **Director, Department of Art and Design**
  Electrical Engineering Student Association, Taipei, Taiwan, 09/2012 – 06/2013

  - Leaded a ten-person team to do graphic design and build installed artworks.
  - Supported activities such as Electrical Engineering Night, Christmas Prom, Freshmen Orientation Camp, Electrical Engineering Camp and so on.

References

- **Lun-Wei Ku**
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