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- My research interests are Information Retrieval, Dialogue systems and

Inverse Reinforcement Learning



Education

2016 - now **PhD Candidate, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands**

Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Maarten de Rijke

Co-Supervisor: Dr. Julia Kiseleva

Research Topic: Information Retrieval, Dialogue systems and Inverse Reinforce-

ment Learning

2013 - 2016 M.Sc. Computer Science, Xiamen University, China

Supervisor: Dr. Xiangrong Liu

Research Topic: Membrane Computing, Bioinformatics

GPA: 3.4/4.0

Thesis Title: Research on Some Mathematical Problems Based on Time-free P

Systems (9.2/10, Outstanding Master Thesis Title)

2009 - 2013 ■ B.Sc. Computer Science, Xiamen University, China

GPA: 3.6/4.0

Thesis Title: Parameterization of Triangular Meshes (graded 8.9/10, Outstanding

Bachelor Thesis Title)

Research Publications

- **Li**, **Z**., Kiseleva, J. & de Rijke, M. (2019a). Diagnosing and optimizing a task-oriented dialogue system with reward shaping. *to be appeared*.
- **Li**, **Z.**, Kiseleva, J. & de Rijke, M. (2019b). Dialogue generation: From imitation learning to inverse reinforcement learning. *AAAI 2019*.
- 3 Li, Z., Grotov, A., Kiseleva, J., de Rijke, M. & Oosterhuis, H. (2018). Optimizing interactive systems with data-driven objectives. arXiv preprint arXiv:1802.06306.
- 4 Li, Z. & de Rijke, M. (2017). The impact of linkage methods in hierarchical clustering for active learning to rank. SIGIR 2017, 941–944.
- Li, Z., Kiseleva, J., de Rijke, M. & Grotov, A. (2017). Towards learning reward functions from user interactions. *ICTIR* 2017, 289–292.

- Liu, X., Li, Z., Liu, J., Liu, L. & Zeng, X. (2015). Implementation of arithmetic operations with time-free spiking neural p systems. *IEEE transactions on nanobioscience*, 14(6), 617–624.
- Liu, X., Li, Z., Suo, J., Liu, J. & Min, X. (2015). A uniform solution to integer factorization using time-free spiking neural p system. *Neural Computing and Applications*, 26(5), 1241–1247.
- Eiu, X., Li, Z., Suo, J., Ju, Y., Liu, J. & Zeng, X. (2014). Solving multidimensional 0-1 knapsack problem with time-free tissue p systems. *Journal of Applied Mathematics*.

Internships

05/2019 - 08/2019 ■ Deep Learning Group, Microsoft Research AI, Redmond

Awards and Achievements

- National Scholarship for outstanding Postgraduate students, China
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Projects

- National Natural Science Foundation of China: Research on Complicated Molecular Logic Circuits based on Nucleic Acid System (Grant Nos. 61472333)

 Responsibility: Implementing the simulation of molecular circuit with seesaw gate
 - National Natural Science Foundation of China: Spiking neural P systems based on molecular technology (Grant Nos. 61202011)
 - **Responsibility:** Applying time-free P systems to solve mathematical problems, such as multidimensional o-1 Knapsack problem (MKP)

Teaching Experience

- TAing | Information Retrieval 1 (2018), University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
- Supervision Two Master theses (2018), University of Amsterdam, Netherlands
 - Title: Cyclists' Route Choice in Amsterdam: Finding Factors of Influence and Predicting Cyclists' Route ChoicE, with Chris Olberts
 - Title: How to measure a neighborhood: Exploring geo-spatial data enrichment and neighborhood embeddings for housing price prediction, with Guus Bobeldijk

Academic Activities

Reviewing Reviewer for TOIS and IPM

Sub-reviewer for ECIR'18, SIGIR'18, CIKM'18, NAACL'19 and SIGIR'19

Summer School 📕 European Summer School in Information Retrieval 2017, Barcelona, Spain

Skills

Tools & Technologies ☐ Numpy, Tensorflow, PyTorch

Coding Python, C, LATEX

Languages