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Department of Computer Science and Technology

Tsinghua University, P.R. China

EDUCATION

Tsinghua University

B.S. in Computer Science

Fall 2016 - Fall 2020

Beijing, P.R. China

- GPA: 3.91/4.00 (Rank 1/158); admitted on basis of performance on national college admission exam (3/330,000)
- Awarded the *Elite Collegiate Award* by China Computer Federation (outstanding academic performance and research experience, 73 winners nationwide)
- Selected to *Spark Innovative Talent Cultivation Program* in Tsinghua University (Top 3%, on basis of outstanding research performance)
- Visiting student to Cornell University in 2019

PUBLICATION

1. **Zhengxiao Du**, Xiaowei Wang, Hongxia Yang, Jingren Zhou, and Jie Tang. "Sequential Scenario-Specific Meta Learner for Online Recommendation." *International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, p. 2895-2904, 2019.
2. Yifeng Zhao, Jie Tang, and **Zhengxiao Du**. "EFCNN: A Restricted Convolutional Neural Network for Expert Finding." *Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)*, p. 96-107, 2019.
3. **Zhengxiao Du**, Jie Tang, and Yuhui Ding. "POLAR: Attention-Based CNN for One-Shot Personalized Article Recommendation." *European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML/PKDD)*, p. 675-690, 2018.

Under Review:

1. Himank Yadav¹, **Zhengxiao Du**¹, Thorsten Joachims. "Learning Fair Ranking Policies from Biased Feedback." (Under review in *The Web Conference [WWW]* 2020.)
2. **Zhengxiao Du**, Chang Zhou, Ming Ding, Hongxia Yang, and Jie Tang. "CogGraph-KR: One-shot Relational Reasoning for Knowledge Graph Completion." (Under review in *WWW* 2020.)
3. **Zhengxiao Du**, Jie Tang and Yuhui Ding. "POLAR++: Active One-shot Personalized Article Recommendation." (Under Review in *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering [TKDE]*.)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Department of Computer Science, Cornell University

Research Assistant to Professor Thorsten Joachims

June 2019 - Sept 2019

Ithaca, USA

- Designed a learning-to-rank algorithm to learn the ranking policy from implicit feedback with fairness constraints and completed empirical evaluations. A first-author (equal contribution) paper is under review in *The Web Conference (WWW)* 2020.

Department of Computer Science and Technology, Tsinghua University

Research Assistant to Professor Jie Tang

June 2017 - June 2019

Beijing, China

- Proposed an attention-based Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) for related article recommendations, combined a one-shot function to provide personalized recommendations and completed empirical evaluations. A first-author paper was accepted by *ECML/PKDD* 2018.

¹Equal contribution

- Extended the previous CNN article recommender model with active learning to solve the cold-start problem in article recommendations and completed empirical experiments. A first-author paper is under review in TKDE.
- (*Collaborating with Alibaba*) Applied meta learning to solve scenario-aware recommendations in cold-start scenarios and completed empirical experiments. A first-author paper was accepted by KDD 2019.
- (*Collaborating with Alibaba*) Proposed a novel algorithm to infer new facts from existing knowledge graphs with explainable reasoning processes, especially on relation types with only a few training instances and completed empirical experiments. A first-author paper is under review in WWW 2020.
- Helped to run the experiment on one of the three datasets in the paper “EFCNN: A Restricted Convolutional Neural Network for Expert Finding”, which was accepted by PAKDD 2019.

SELECTED AWARDS AND HONORS

- Elite Collegiate Award by China Computer Federation (73 winners nationwide, only 4 in Tsinghua) 2019
- Award for Comprehensive Quality in Tsinghua University (Top 5%, outstanding academic performance and research experience) 2019
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- Hongqian Electronics Scholarship in Tsinghua University 2017
- Freshman Scholarship (Top 10%, awarded due to excellent performance on national college admission exam) 2016

PROFESSIONAL AND EXTRACURRICULAR EXPERIENCE

DAMO Academy, Alibaba Group

Intern

Sept 2018 - June 2019

Beijing, China

- Designed the algorithm of personalized purchase recommendations for customers in different scenarios in the Guess-What-You-Like section on Taobao App.

Student Association of Science and Technology, Tsinghua University

Committee Member

Sept 2017 - June 2018

Beijing, China

- Organized weekly meetings to share advancements in computer science
- Helped to organize several technology contests, including a quantitative trading contest with Jane Street and Student Curricular Academic and Technology Works Contest in Tsinghua University.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Interests

- Debate: Led the Computer Science Department’s debate team in the campus debate contest in Tsinghua University at 2018

Language Skills

- **TOEFL**: 111 (Reading 30; Listening 29; Speaking 22; Writing 30)
- **GRE**: 332 (Verbal 162; Quantitative 170)

Programming Skills

- **Languages** Python, Java, C++, C, JavaScript, MATLAB, Bash
- **Machine Learning** PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, scikit-learn