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Work Experience

Research Intern at Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing Lab - TU Darmstadt Nov 2022 - Oct 2023

• Studied related work generation in InterText Group.

Research Engineer at ASELSAN Research Center NLP Team

June 2019 - Sep 2022

- Studied hate speech detection, misinformation detection in social media.
- Other research topics are interpretability of word embeddings, signal processing tools in NLP, gender bias.

EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D., Ubiquitous Knowledge Processing Lab TU Darmstadt, Computer Science. Advisor: Prof. Dr. Iryna Gurevych
- 2019 2021 M.Sc., Bilkent University, Electrical and Electronics Engineering. (GPA: 3.68/4.00)

 Advisor: Asst. Prof. Aykut Koç, Co-advisor: Prof. Haldun Ozaktas

 Thesis title: Disclosing Zipfian Regularities in Semantic Breadth of Words via Multimodal Gaussian Embeddings.
- 2014 2019 **B.S.**, Bilkent University, Electrical and Electronics Engineering. (GPA: 3.71/4.00)
- 2010 2014 **High School**, Suleyman Demirel Science High School. (GPA: 96.38/100)

Publications

Conference Proceedings

Cagri Toraman, Oguzhan Ozcelik, **Furkan Şahinuç**, and Fazli Can (2024). "MiDe22: An Annotated Multi-Event Tweet Dataset for Misinformation Detection". In: *Proceedings of the 2024 Joint International Conference on Computational Linguistics, Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-COLING 2024)*. Torino, Italia: ELRA and ICCL, pp. 11283–11295. URL: https://aclanthology.org/2024.lrec-main.986.

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- Cagri Toraman, Furkan Şahinuç, and Eyup Halit Yilmaz (2022b). "Large-Scale Hate Speech Detection with Cross-Domain Transfer". In: *Proceedings of the Language Resources and Evaluation Conference*. European Language Resources Association, pp. 2215–2225. URL: https://aclanthology.org/2022.lrec-1.238.
- Cagri Toraman, Oguzhan Ozcelik, **Furkan Şahinuç**, and Umitcan Sahin (2022). "ARC-NLP at CheckThat! 2022: Contradiction for Harmful Tweet Detection". In: *Working Notes of CLEF 2022* Conference and Labs of the Evaluation Forum. CLEF'2022. Bologna, Italy. URL: http://ceurws.org/Vol-3180/paper-59.pdf.
- Oguzhan Ozcelik, Eyup Halit Yilmaz, **Furkan Şahinuç**, and Cagri Toraman (2022). "Slot Filling for Voice Assistants". In: 2022 30th Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU), pp. 1–4. DOI: 10.1109/SIU55565.2022.9864737.
- Furkan Şahinuç and Cagri Toraman (2021). "Tweet Length Matters: A Comparative Analysis on Topic Detection in Microblogs". In: *Advances in Information Retrieval*. Cham: Springer International Publishing, pp. 471–478. DOI: 10.1007/978-3-030-72240-1_50.
- Furkan Şahinuç, Cagri Toraman, and Aykut Koç (2021). "Topic Detection based on Deep Learning Language Model in Turkish Microblogs". In: 2021 29th Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU), pp. 1–4. DOI: 10.1109/SIU53274.2021.9477781.
- Furkan Şahinuç, Veysel Yücesoy, and Aykut Koç (2020). "Intent Classification and Slot Filling for Turkish Dialogue Systems". In: 2020 28th Signal Processing and Communications Applications Conference (SIU), pp. 1–4. DOI: 10.1109/SIU49456.2020.9302308.

Journal Articles

- Cagri Toraman, Eyup Halit Yilmaz, **Furkan Şahinuç**, and Oguzhan Ozcelik (2023). "Impact of Tokenization on Language Models: An Analysis for Turkish". In: *ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing* 22.4. DOI: 10.1145/3578707.
- Cagri Toraman, Furkan Şahinuç, Eyup Halit Yilmaz, and Ibrahim Batuhan Akkaya (2022). "Understanding Social Engagements: A Comparative Analysis of User and Text Features in Twitter". In: Social Network Analysis and Mining 12.47. DOI: 10.1007/s13278-022-00872-1.
- Furkan Şahinuç and Aykut Koç (2022). "Fractional Fourier Transform Meets Transformer Encoder". In: *IEEE Signal Processing Letters* 29, pp. 2258–2262. DOI: 10.1109/LSP.2022.3217975.
- Furkan Şahinuç, Eyup Halit Yilmaz, Cagri Toraman, and Aykut Koç (2022). "The Effect of Gender Bias on Hate Speech Detection". In: Signal, Image and Video Processing. DOI: 10.1007/s11760-022-02368-z.
- L. Kerem Şenel, **Furkan Şahinuç**, Veysel Yücesoy, Hinrich Schütze, Tolga Çukur, and Aykut Koç (2022). "Learning Interpretable Word Embeddings via Bidirectional Alignment of Embedding Dimensions with Semantic Concepts". In: *Information Processing & Management* 59.3, p. 102925. DOI: 10.1016/j.ipm.2022.102925.
- Nurullah Sevim, **Furkan Şahinuç**, and Aykut Koç (2022). "Gender Bias in Legal Corpora and Debiasing It". In: *Natural Language Engineering* 29.2, pp. 449–482. DOI: 10.1017/S1351324922000122.

- Furkan Şahinuç and Aykut Koç (2021). "Zipfian Regularities in Non-point Word Representations". In: Information Processing & Management 58.3, p. 102493. DOI: 10.1016/j.ipm.2021.102493.
- L. Kerem Şenel, İhsan Utlu, **Furkan Şahinuç**, Haldun M. Ozaktas, and Aykut Koç (2020). "Imparting Interpretability to Word Embeddings while Preserving Semantic Structure". In: *Natural Language Engineering* 27.6, pp. 721–746. DOI: 10.1017/S1351324920000315.

Arxiv Preprints

Nurullah Sevim, Ege Ozan Özyedek, **Furkan Şahinuç**, and Aykut Koç (2022). Fast-FNet: Accelerating Transformer Encoder Models via Efficient Fourier Layers. URL: https://arxiv.org/abs/2209.12816.

SKILLS

Languages Turkish (Native), English (TOEFL: 96)

Coding Python (Experience in PyTorch and Huggingface libraries), C, C++, Java, MATLAB,

LTEX

Honors

Ranked 1st in Turkish Harmful Tweet Detection Competition at 2022 CheckThat! Lab on Fighting the COVID-19 Infodemic and Fake News Detection.

High Honor List ($\times 6$), Semester GPA > 3.5/4.0.

Honor List ($\times 2$), 3.0/4.0 < Semester GPA < 3.5/4.0.

Full Scholarship, Bilkent University along with B.S., M.Sc. education.

Ranked 59th among 2 million examinees in the nationwide university entrance examinations, Turkey, 2014.

Top Scoring Student, Suleyman Demirel Science High School, Afyonkarahisar, Turkey, 2014.

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