Grace Fan

EDUCATION

Sept. 2020 - Present Northeastern University

PhD Candidate in COMPUTER SCIENCE PhD Advisor: Professor Renée J. Miller

Focus Areas: Data Discovery, Unionable Table Search, Data Integration

May 2020 Brown University

B.S. in COMPUTER SCIENCE Advisor: Professor Ugur Cetintemel

Publications

• Grace Fan. "Table Discovery in Data Lakes." VLDB 2024 PhD Workshop [Paper]

- Grace Fan, Roee Shraga, and Renée J. Miller. "Finding Support for Tabular LLM Outputs." TaDA @ VLDB 2024 [Paper]
- Grace Fan, Roee Shraga, and Renée J. Miller. "Gen-T: Table Reclamation in Data Lakes." ICDE 2024 [Paper]
- Grace Fan, Jin Wang, Yuliang Li, and Renée J. Miller. "Table Discovery in Data Lakes: State-of-the-art and Future Directions." (Tutorial) SIGMOD 2023 [Paper]
- Grace Fan, Jin Wang, Yuliang Li, Dan Zhang, and Renée J. Miller. "Semantics-aware Dataset Discovery from Data Lakes with Contextualized Column-based Representation Learning." VLDB 2023 [Paper]
- Aamod Khatiwada, Grace Fan, Roee Shraga, Zixuan Chen, Wolfgang Gatterbauer, Renée J. Miller, Mirek Riedewald: "SANTOS: Relationship-based Semantic Table Union Search." SIGMOD 2023 [Paper]
- Grace Fan, Wenfei Fan, Yuanhao Li, Ping Lu, Chao Tian, Jingren Zhou: "Extending Graph Patterns with Conditions." SIGMOD 2020 [Paper]
- Amir Ilkhechi, Andrew Crotty, Alex Galakatos, Yicong Mao, **Grace Fan**, Xiran Shi, Ugur Çetintemel: "DeepSqueeze: Deep Semantic Compression for Tabular Data." SIGMOD Conference 2020 [Paper]
- Stephen Ph. Alexander, Eamonn Kelly, Neil Marrion, John A. Peters, Helen E. Benson, Elena Faccenda, Adam J. Pawson, Joanna L. Sharman, Christopher Southan, Peter Buneman, William A. Catterall, John A. Cidlowski, Anthony P. Davenport, Doriano Fabbro, Grace Fan, John C. McGrath, Michael Spedding, Jamie A. Davies, "The Concise Guide to Pharmacology 2015/2016." by The British Journal of Pharmacology, Oct 2015
 PMID: 26650438
- Grace Fan, Wenfei Fan, Floris Geerts: "Detecting Errors in Numeric Attributes". WAIM 2014: 125-137. [Paper]

INTERNSHIPS

2023 Research Intern

Microsoft Research, Redmond, WA

Worked on using LLMs to facilitate data discovery,

supporting keyword search and returning relevant datasets.

2022 Research Intern

Megagon Labs, Mountain View, CA

Helped develop and experiment with different research methods for the problem of

finding unionable tables, later submitting the paper to VLDB 2023

2018 Systems Analyst Intern

Amazon Web Services, Herndon, VA

Helped customers troubleshoot Linux and Networking problems

Assisted customers with internal issues in AWS's services

Created a website to help the team handle customer cases more efficiently.

2017 Research Intern

Huawei, Beijing, China

Dealt with database systems and query evaluation

Researched various diagnostic approaches, specifically with the trace facility

2015 Research Intern

University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

Helped program a new version of "The Concise Guide to Pharmacology"

Compiled biomedical data and sorted them by various similarities.

Used Python to convert it into HTML that produced a PDF resource book

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021 Computer Science Department at Northeastern University

Teaching Assistant for Large-Scale Parallel Data Processing

Taught two lectures, held office hours, and led students in practice-problem sessions

2018 Computer Science Department at Brown University

Teaching Assistant for Computer Systems

Helped students understand concepts, plan out their code structure, and debug errors and segmentation faults.

Computer Languages

PYTHON, JAVA, SQL, C, C++, GO, SCALA, LATEX, REACT, HTML, JAVASCRIPT

Interests and Activities

Northeastern University Member of PhD Women group

Brown University Mentor in the Women in Computer Science group;

Member of the Women in Science and Engineering group