

Yu Chen | Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Ph.D in Computer Science
GPA: 3.89/4.0

Troy, NY
AUG. 2015 - AUG. 2020 (EXPECTED)

The University of Michigan-Dearborn

Exchange student in Computer & Information Science

Dearborn, MI
SEP. 2014 - DEC. 2014

The University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

B.Eng. in Telecommunications Engineering
GPA: 3.98/4.0

Chengdu, China
SEP. 2011 - JUL. 2015

Research & Work Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, RPI

Advisor: Dr. [Mohammed J. Zaki](#)

Troy, NY
MAY. 2017 - PRESENT

AI Research Intern, IBM Research

Manager: Dr. [Lazaros Polymenakos](#)

Designed and implemented a knowledge-based and task-oriented conversational recommendation system.

Yorktown Heights, NY
MAY. 2018 - AUG. 2018

Graduate Teaching Assistant, RPI

Troy, NY
AUG. 2015 - MAY. 2017

Research Interests

His research interests lie at the intersection of Machine Learning (Deep Learning), Data Mining, and Natural Language Processing, with a particular emphasis on the fast-growing field of Graph Neural Networks and their applications in various domains. His thesis topic is on designing and developing novel deep learning approaches for question answering and generation from structured and unstructured data.

Projects

Personalized Search and Recommendation for Health Empowerment

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Advisor: Dr. [Mohammed J. Zaki](#)

Designed and developed a novel knowledge-based Q&A system for personalized food search and recommendation.

Troy, NY
MAY. 2017 - PRESENT

Graph Learning for Graph Neural Networks

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mentor: Dr. [Lingfei Wu](#)

Designed and developed a novel iterative deep graph learning method for graph neural networks.

Troy, NY
JUN. 2019 - SEP. 2019

Natural Question Generation

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mentor: Dr. [Lingfei Wu](#)

Designed and developed a reinforcement learning based graph-to-sequence model for natural question generation.

Troy, NY
MAR. 2019 - MAY. 2019

Conversational Machine Comprehension

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Mentor: Dr. [Lingfei Wu](#)

Designed and developed a system for conversational machine comprehension via recurrent graph neural networks.

Troy, NY
DEC. 2018 - FEB. 2019

Comparative Text Analytics via Topic Modelling in Banking

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Advisor: Dr. [Mohammed J. Zaki](#)

Designed and developed a novel topic modelling approach to predict bank failures using a large set of SEC filings.

Troy, NY
FEB. 2017 - JUL. 2017

Text Analytics via Topic Modelling and Text Representation

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Advisor: Dr. [Mohammed J. Zaki](#)

Troy, NY
AUG. 2016 - FEB. 2017

Designed and developed a novel autoencoder-based system for text analytics via competitive learning.

Unsupervised Cluster Labeling

Troy, NY

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Advisor: Dr. [Heng Ji](#)

OCT. 2016 - DEC. 2016

Designed and developed a novel unsupervised algorithm for automatic cluster labeling.

Honors & Awards

Student Travel Award of SIGKDD 2017

ACM SIGKDD

JUL. 2017

The First-Class People's Scholarship

The University of Electronic Science and Technology of China

2012 - 2013 & 2013 - 2014

National Scholarship

Ministry of Education of China, Top 1.6 %

2011 - 2012

Skills

Research: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Data Mining

Programming: PYTHON = C/C++ > MATLAB > R = JAVASCRIPT = PHP

Software: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, Linux, MacOS, Database, Git

Publications

Preprints.....

1. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, Iterative Deep Graph Learning for Graph Neural Networks. Under review.
2. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, GraphFlow: Exploiting Conversation Flow with Graph Neural Networks for Conversational Machine Comprehension. Under review.

Conference Publications.....

1. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, Reinforcement Learning Based Graph-to-Sequence Model for Natural Question Generation. In *Proceedings of the 8th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2020)*, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Apr 26-30, 2020.
2. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, Deep Iterative and Adaptive Learning for Graph Neural Networks. In *AAAI 2020 Workshop on Deep Learning on Graphs: Methodologies and Applications (AAAI DLGMA 2020)*, New York, NY, Feb 7-12, 2020.
3. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, Natural Question Generation with Reinforcement Learning Based Graph-to-Sequence Model. In *NeurIPS 2019 workshop on Graph Representation Learning (NeurIPS GRL 2019)*, Vancouver, BC, Canada, Dec 8-14, 2019.
4. Steven Haussmann, **Yu Chen**, Oshani Seneviratne, Nidhi Rastogi, James Codella, Ching-Hua Chen, Deborah McGuinness, Mohammed J. Zaki, FoodKG Enabled Q&A Application. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2019)*, Auckland, New Zealand, Oct 26-30, 2019.
5. Steven Haussmann, Oshani Seneviratne, **Yu Chen**, Yarden Ne'eman, James Codella, Ching-Hua Chen, Deborah L. McGuinness and Mohammed J. Zaki, FoodKG: A Semantics-Driven Knowledge Graph for Food Recommendation. In *Proceedings of the 18th International Semantic Web Conference (ISWC 2019)*, Auckland, New Zealand, Oct 26-30, 2019.
6. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, GraphFlow: Exploiting Conversation Flow with Graph Neural Networks for Conversational Machine Comprehension. In *ICML 2019 Workshop on Learning and Reasoning with Graph-Structured Representations (ICML LRG 2019)*, Long Beach, CA, June 9-15, 2019.
7. **Yu Chen**, Lingfei Wu and Mohammed J. Zaki, Bidirectional Attentive Memory Networks for Question Answering over Knowledge Bases. In *Proceedings of the 2019 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL-HLT 2019)*, Minneapolis, MN, June 2-7, 2019. Long Oral Paper.
8. **Yu Chen**, Rhaad M. Rabbani, Aparna Gupta and Mohammed J. Zaki, Comparative Text Analytics via Topic Modeling in Banking. In *Proceedings of the 2017 IEEE Symposium Series on Computational Intelligence (IEEE SSCI 2017)*, Hawaii, USA, Nov 27-Dec 1, 2017.
9. **Yu Chen** and Mohammed J. Zaki, KATE: K-competitive Autoencoder for Text. In *Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (ACM SIGKDD 2017)*, Halifax, NS, Canada, Aug 13-17, 2017. Full Oral Paper. Acceptance rate=8.6% (64 out of 748).
10. **Yu Chen**, Hao Chen and Jie Shen, Fast Voxel-based Surface Propagation Method for Outlier Removal. In *Proceedings of the 13th International CAD Conference (CAD 2016)*, Vancouver, BC, Canada, June 27-29, 2016.

Journal Publications.....

1. Hao Chen, **Yu Chen**, Xu Zhang, Baiyuan Li, Xiaoqiang Liu, Xuefei Shi and Jie Shen, A Fast Voxel-based Method for Outlier Removal in Laser Measurement. In *International Journal of Precision Engineering and Manufacturing (IJPEM)*, 2019.

Patents

1. Lingfei Wu, **Yu Chen**, Mohammed J. Zaki, Method and System for Iterative Deep Graph Learning for Graph Neural Networks. To be filed.
2. Lingfei Wu, **Yu Chen**, Mohammed J. Zaki, Method and System for Natural Question Generation via Reinforcement Learning Based Graph-to-Sequence Model. Filed, Jan 2020.
3. Lingfei Wu, **Yu Chen**, Mohammed J. Zaki, Method and System for Conversational Machine Reading Comprehension via Graph Neural Networks. Filed, Aug 2019.