

# Jiawei Tang (Research Portfolio)

## Education

- High School **American School of Doha**, Qatar.  
GPA: 4.2 SAT: 1570 (Math: 800; EBRW: 770) TOEFL: 120
- Pre-college **University of California, Berkeley**, USA.  
Scholars • Data 8: Foundations of Data Science. Units: 4.0. Year: 2021. Grade: **A+**.

## Research Experiences

### — **Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**, USA (2022/06-08)

**Mentor** Professor Samuel Madden

**Project** Use deep learning models to solve the problem of entity resolution. Entity resolution is the task of deciding whether two data records refer to the same real-world object. It has diversified application domains such as banking, insurance, e-commerce, health care, and many others. For example, an e-commerce company wants to know if two products from different suppliers are the same so they can be displayed on the same product page; two banks sharing data need to identify and reconcile common customers.

**Contributions** I was responsible for system design, implementation, and testing for two tasks: determining the accuracy of foundation models for entity resolution and designing a deep-learning model for generic entity resolution.

**Publication** **First author** of paper “Generic Entity Resolution Models” accepted by Table Representation Learning Workshop @ NeurIPS 2022, where NeurIPS is one of the most prestigious and competitive international conferences in machine learning and computational neuroscience.

### — **Qatar Computing Research Institute**, Qatar (2021/06-08)

**Mentor** Dr. Mourad Ouzzani

**Project** Build an end-to-end data visualization system that acts as a virtual assistant to allow novices to create visualizations through either natural language or speech.

**Contributions** Designed and implemented two main components: Speech-to-Text which is based on Google Cloud Speech-to-Text Rest API, and Text-to-VIS, which uses an end-to-end neural machine translation model.

**Publication** **First author** of paper “Sevi: Speech-to-Visualization through Neural Machine Translation” accepted by ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data, where SIGMOD is a leading international forum for database researchers. I presented and demonstrated this work in SIGMOD 2022 @Philadelphia.

### — **Tsinghua University**, China (2020/06-08)

**Mentor** Professor Guoliang Li

**Project** Construct a benchmark of (natural language, data visualization) pairs and use this benchmark to train a deep learning model that translate a natural language query into a data visualization.

**Contributions** Used Python toolkits to clean and annotate data. Used PyTorch and Transformer models to train a deep learning model to support the translation from natural language queries to data visualizations.

**Publication** **Co-author** of paper “Natural Language to Visualization by Neural Machine Translation” accepted by IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics 2021, a top journal for data visualization.