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EDUCATION

University of Southern California
Ph.D. in Computer Science, Advisor: Muhao Chen

University of California, Los Angeles
M.S. in Computer Science, Advisor: Kai-Wei Chang

University of Toronto

B.AS. with Honors, Engineering Science (Robotics Major)

PUBLICATIONS

- DeAL: Decoding-time Alignment for Large Language Models
 James Y. Huang, Sailik Sengupta, Daniele Bonadiman, Yi-An Lai, Arshit Gupta, Nikolaos Pappas, Saab Mansour, Katrin Kirchoff, Dan Roth
 In Submission to ARR
- 3. MuirBench: A Comprehensive Benchmark for Robust Multi-image Understanding Fei Wang, Xingyu Fu, **James Y. Huang**, Zekun Li, Qin Liu, Xiaogeng Liu, Mingyu Derek Ma, Nan Xu, Wenxuan Zhou, Kai Zhang, Tianyi Lorena Yan, Wenjie Jacky Mo, Hsiang-Hui Liu, Pan Lu, Chunyuan Li, Chaowei Xiao, Kai-Wei Chang, Dan Roth, Sheng Zhang, Hoifung Poon, Muhao Chen *ICLR 2025*
- mDPO: Conditional Preference Optimization for Multimodal Large Language Models
 Fei Wang, Wenxuan Zhou, James Y. Huang, Nan Xu, Sheng Zhang, Hoifung Poon, Muhao Chen
 EMNLP 2024
- Contrastive Instruction Tuning
 Tianyi Yan, Fei Wang, James Y. Huang, Wenxuan Zhou, Fan Yin, Aram Galstyan, Wenpeng Yin, Muhao Chen ACL 2024 (Findings)
- 6. Bridging Continuous and Discrete Spaces: Interpretable Sentence Representation Learning via Compositional Operations

James Y. Huang, Wenlin Yao, Kaiqiang Song, Hongming Zhang, Muhao Chen, Dong Yu *EMNLP 2023 (Outstanding Paper Award)*

- 7. Robust Natural Language Understanding with Residual Attention Debiasing Fei Wang*, **James Y. Huang***, Tianyi Yan, Wenxuan Zhou, Muhao Chen *ACL 2023 (Findings)*
- 8. Parameter-Efficient Tuning with Special Token Adaptation Xiaocong Yang, **James Y. Huang**, Wenxuan Zhou, Muhao Chen *EACL 2023*
- Unified Semantic Typing with Meaningful Label Inference James Y. Huang, Bangzheng Li, Jiashu Xu, Muhao Chen NAACL 2022

10. Disentangling Semantics and Syntax in Sentence Embeddings with Pre-trained Language Models James Y. Huang, Kuan-Hao Huang, Kai-Wei Chang NAACL 2021

11. Robotic Immobilization of Motile Sperm

Zhuoran Zhang, Changsheng Dai, James Huang, Xian Wang, Jun Liu, Junyan Zhang, Sergey Moskovtsev, Clifford Librach, Keith Jarvi, Yu Sun ICRA 2018

12. Automated Non-Invasive Measurement of Sperm Motility and Morphology Parameters Changsheng Dai, Zhuoran Zhang, James Huang, Xian Wang, Wenlong Meng, Junyan Zhang, Sergey Moskovtsev, Clifford Librach, Keith Jarvi, Yu Sun ICRA 2018

EXPERIENCE

Adobe Research	05/2024 - 08/2024
Research Scientist Intern, Mentor: Xiang Chen, Tong Yu, Haoliang Wang	San Jose, CA
 Knowledge Conflict in Retrieval Augmented Generation 	
Amazon Web Services Al	05/2023 - 08/2023
Applied Scientist Intern, Mentor: Sailik Sengupta, Daniele Bonadiman, Yi-An Lai	Santa Clara, CA
 Decoding-time Alignment for Large Language Models 	
Tencent AI Lab	05/2022 - 08/2022
Research Scientist Intern, Mentor: Wenlin Yao, Kaiqiang Song, Hongming Zhang	Bellevue, WA
 Interpretable Sentence Representation Learning via Compositional Operations 	
University of California, Los Angeles	06/2020 - 01/2021
Research Assistant, Advisor: Kai-Wei Chang	Los Angeles, CA
 Disentangling Semantics and Syntax in Sentence Embeddings 	

AWARDS

Outstanding Paper Award, EMNLP, 2023

Excellence Award, University of Toronto, 2018

Undergraduate Student Research Award, NSERC Canada, 2017

SERVICES

Reviewer: ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, ICLR

SKILLS

Python, C/C++, Java, PyTorch, Matlab