# Hung-Chieh (Oscar) Fang

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## **Research Interest**

I am broadly interested in robust machine learning and robotics. Specifically, I aim to explore how to enable robots to learn and adapt in dynamic environments.

## **Education**

#### **National Taiwan University (NTU)**

Sept 2020 - Present

B.S. in Computer Science and Information Engineering (GPA: 4.01/4.3)

Taipei, Taiwan

- Academic Honors: Dean's List Award \* 1 (Top 5% of the department)
- Research Honors: Principal's Bachelor's Thesis Award, Undergraduate Research Award Honorable Mention
- **Selected Courses**: Machine Learning\*, Reinforcement Learning\*, Applied Deep Learning\*, Advanced Deep Learning\*, Information Theory and Coding Technique\*, Game Theory\*, Deep Learning for Human Language Processing\*
- **Teaching Assistant**: Machine Learning\*, Introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence (\* denotes graduate-level.)

#### **Selected Publications**

(\* indicates equal contribution; Google scholar: https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=MpGIrR0AAAAJ)

- [3] **Hung-Chieh Fang**, Po-Yi Lu, and Hsuan-Tien Lin. "Reducing Source-Private Bias in Extreme Universal Domain Adaptation". In *submission of ICLR*. [PDF]. 2024.
- [2] **Hung-Chieh Fang**\*, Nai-Xuan Ye\*, Yi-Jen Shih, Puyuan Peng, Hsuan-Fu Wang, Layne Berry, Hung-yi Lee, and David Harwath. "Integrating Self-supervised Speech Model with Pseudo Word-level Targets from Visually-grounded Speech Model". In *IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing* (*ICASSP*) *Workshop: Self-supervision in Audio, Speech and Beyond*. [PDF]. 2024.
- [1] **Hung-Chieh Fang**\*, Kuo-Han Hung\*, Chao-Wei Huang, and Yun-Nung Chen. "Open-Domain Conversational Question Answering with Historical Answers". In *The 2nd Asian Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (AACL)*. [PDF]. 2022.

#### Research Experience

## Summer Research Program, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

July 2024 – Present

Visiting Student, Advisor: Prof. Irwin King, Dr. Yifei Zhang

New Territories, Hong Kong

• Researching on federated unsupervised learning (ongoing).

#### Computational Learning Lab, NTU

Feb 2023 - Present

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Prof. Hsuan-Tien Lin

Taipei, Taiwan

- Researched on universal domain adaptation. [3]
  - Identified an unsolved sub-task, analyzing the limitations of classical partial domain alignment paradigms.
- Proposed using self-supervised loss to preserve intrinsic structure and improve robustness across scenarios.
- Awarded the best thesis in EECS college in 2024 NTU Bachelor's Thesis Award.

## Machine Intelligence & Understanding Lab, NTU

Mar 2022 - Sept 2024

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Prof. Yun-Nung (Vivian) Chen

Taipei, Taiwan

- Researched on open-domain conversational question answering. [1]
  - Proposed combining the signal from historical answers with the noise-reduction ability of knowledge distillation to improve information retrieval and question answering.
  - Awarded honorable mention in the 2022 NTU CSIE Undergraduate Research Exhibition.

# Speech Processing & Machine Learning Lab, NTU

Undergraduate Researcher, Advisor: Prof. Hung-yi Lee

Taipei, Taiwan

Sept 2022 - Sept 2023

- Researched on visually-grounded self-supervised learning on speech processing. [2]
  - Proposed using vision as a surrogate for paired transcripts to enrich the semantic information in self-supervised speech models.
- Collaborated with Speech, Audio, and Language Technologies (SALT) Lab from UT Austin.

# **Teaching Experience**

## EE5100: Introduction to Generative Artificial Intelligence, NTU

Jan 2024 – June 2024

**Teaching Assistant** 

Taipei, Taiwan

• Designed homework on the interpretability and explainability of large language models. [Link]

## CSIE5043: Machine Learning, NTU

Feb 2023 – June 2023

Teaching Assistant

Taipei, Taiwan

- Co-designed ML algorithm homework about *theory of generalization* and a final project about *ordinal ranking* problems for 250+ students.
- Held weekly TA hours to guide students on their assignments.

# **Work Experience**

MediaTek Research Jan 2023 – Mar 2023

Machine Learning Intern

Taipei, Taiwan

- Worked on personally identifiable information removal for large language models.
- Studied the best-arm identification problem in linear bandits.

**Cinnamon AI**July 2022 – Aug 2022

Deep Learning Intern

Taipei, Taiwan

• Developed a pipeline for meeting summarization with state-of-the-art deep learning models.

# **Selected Projects**

# Zero-shot Text Behavior Retrieval [Report]

• Proposed retrieving task-specific data for *imitation learning* from a large, unlabeled dataset using *text-based inputs* to achieve zero-shot generalization.

#### **Honors And Awards**

Dean's List Award, NTU CSIE Top 5% of the department.	2024
<b>Principal's Award</b> , <i>NTU Bachelor's Thesis Award</i> Top 2 theses among all graduates & the best thesis in the EECS College.	2024
<b>Honorable Mention,</b> <i>NTU CSIE Undergraduate Research Award</i> Top 6 research projects in the CSIE Department.	2022
Special Award, LINE FRESH Hackathon	2021

Top 5 out of 300+ teams.