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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Human-in-the-loop machine learning (Active Learning), Deep Learning, Explainable Artificial Intelligence for NLP. Data Integration and Exchange.

EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz, USA 2012-2017
Advisers: Balder ten Cate, Phokion Kolaitis, and Wang-Chiew Tan
Ph.D. in Computer Science

Beihang University, CHINA 2007-2010
Master in Software Engineering

Chongqing University, CHINA 2003-2007
Bachelor in Software Engineering

ACADEMIC AND WORK EXPERIENCE

IBM Research 2017 - present
Software Designer and Research Scientist *San Jose, CA*

· Part of the Scalable Knowledge Intelligence Group at IBM Almaden Research Center. My work focuses on human-in-the-loop machine learning for entity understanding.

Main ongoing projects

- **Explainability for Natural Language Processing**
  - Building a recommendation system for XAI for NLP (still ongoing).
  - Two Research Publications (ACM IUI'2020 demo, AACL'2020 tutorial)
- **Named Entity Normalization**
  - Built **PARTNER**, A Human-in-the-loop system for Entity Name Understanding with Deep Learning.
    - Designed and implemented both the front-end interface and the back-end learning algorithm (BiLSTM-CRF and BERT-CRF models).
    - One research publication (AAAI'20 demo)
  - Built **LUSTRE**, an active learning-based system for explainable entity name structure parsing.
    - Designed and implemented both the front-end interface and the back-end learning algorithm.
    - Two research publications (ICDE'18 demo, COLING'18)
  - Numeric entities normalization that requires complex reasoning.
- **Entity Resolution with Human-in-the-loop Machine Learning**;
  - Built **SystemER**, an active learning-based system for explainable entity resolution.
    - Designed and implemented both the front-end interface and back-end learning algorithm.
    - Four Research Publications (VLDB'19 demo, DSMM@SIGMOD'19, CIKM'19 tutorial, CIKM'17)
  - Low-resource Deep Entity Resolution with Transfer and Active Learning.
    - Designed a low-resource framework with active learning and transfer learning for neural entity resolution.
    - One Research Publication (ACL'19).

University of California Santa Cruz 2012 - 2016
Teaching Assistant & Graduate Student Researcher *Santa Cruz*

IBM Research Summer 2015, Summer 2013
Summer intern *San Jose*

Nanyang Technological University 2010 - 2011
Project Officer *Singapore*

· I worked with Prof. James Cheng (now at The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)) on a project that compares row-store database systems and column-store database systems.

PUBLICATIONS

DBLP Profile: `https://dblp.uni-trier.de/pers/hd/q/Qian_0002:Kun`

(*Authors are ordered alphabetically if (1) it is a technical tutorial, and (2) the work was done with my Ph.D. adviser where we adopted the convention in theory community)

1. Eno Oduor, **Kun Qian**, Yunyao Li, Lucian Popa
   XAIT: An Interactive Website for Explainable AI for Text.
   (**IUI 2020**) The 25th International Conference on Intelligent User Interfaces. To appear in March 2020.

2. Shipi Dhanorkar, Yunyao Li, Lucian Popa, **Kun Qian***, Christine T Wolf, and Anbang Xu.
   Explainability for Natural Language Processing.
   (AACL-IJCNLP 2020) The 1st Conference of the Asia-Pacific Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics. To appear in December 2020.
   - Summer intern project that I mentored.

3. **Kun Qian**, Poornima Chozhiyath Raman, Yunyao Li, and Lucian Popa.
   PARTNER: Human-in-the-loop Entity Name Understanding with Deep Learning.
   (**AAAI-2020**) The 34th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (demo).

4. Sairam Gurajada, Lucian Popa, **Kun Qian***, and Prithviraj Sen.
   Learning based Human-in-the-loop Methods for Entity Resolution. Tutorial.
   (**CIKM'19**) 28th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management.

5. **Kun Qian**, Douglas Burdick, Sairam Gurajada, and Lucian Popa.
   Learning Explainable Entity Resolution Algorithms for Small Business Data using SystemER.
   (**DSMM'19@SIGMOD'19**) Data Science for Macro-modeling with Financial and Economic Datasets .

6. **Kun Qian**, Lucian Popa, and Prithviraj Sen.
   SystemER: A Human-in-the-loop System for Explainable Entity Resolution.
   (**VLDB-2019**) The 45th International Conference on Very Large Data Bases.

7. Jungo Kasai, **Kun Qian**, Sairam Gurajada, Yunyao Li, Lucian Popa.
   Low-resource Deep Entity Resolution with Transfer and Active Learning.
   (**ACL-2019**) The 57th Annual Meeting of The Association for Computational Linguitics.
   - Summer intern project that I mentored.

8. Phokion G. Kolaitis, Lucian Popa, and **Kun Qian***.
   Knowledge Refinement via Rule Selection.
   (**AAAI-2019**) The 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence .
   - Oral and poster presentation. Acceptance rate: 16.2%.

9. Nikita Bhutani, **Kun Qian**, Yunyao Li, H.V. Jagadish, Mauricio A. Hernandez, Mitesh Vasa.
   Exploiting Structure in Representation of Named Entities using Active Learning.
   (**COLING 2018**) The 27th International Conference on Computational Linguistics, pp. 687-699.
   - Summer intern project that I mentored.
   - Also included in "**IBM Research AI Selected Publications 2018**".

10. Balder ten Cate, Phokion Kolaitis, **Kun Qian***, and Wang-Chiew Tan.
    Active Learning of GAV Schema Mapppings.
    (PODS'18) The 37th ACM SIGMOD-SIGACT-SIGAI Symposium on Principles of Database Systems.

11. **Kun Qian**, Nikita Bhutani, Yunyao Li, H.V. Jagadish, Mauricio Hernandez.
    LUSTRE: An Interactive System for Entity Structured Representation and Variant Generation.
    (**ICDE 2018**) 34th IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering. Paris, France. 2018, pp 1613-1616.

12. **Kun Qian**, Lucian Popa, Prithviraj Sen.
    Active Learning for Large-Scale Entity Resolution.
    (**CIKM 2017**) 26th ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management.

13. **Kun Qian**.
    Discovering Information Specifications from Data Examples. UCSC PhD dissertation. 2017

14. Balder ten Cate, Phokion G. Kolaitis, **Kun Qian***, and Wang-Chiew Tan.
Approximation Algorithms for Schema-Mapping Discovery from Data Examples.
(**ACM TODS**) ACM Transactions on Database Systems . Vol. 42, Issue 2, pp 12:1–12:41. 2017.

15. Balder ten Cate, Phokion G. Kolaitis, **Kun Qian***, and Wang-Chiew Tan.
Approximation Algorithms for Schema-Mapping Discovery from Data Examples.
(**AMW 2015**) Alberto Mendelzon International Workshop on Foundations of Data Management 2015.

Patents

16. Jungo Kasai, **Kun Qian**, Sairam Gurajada, Yunyao Li, and Lucian Popa.
Low-resource Deep Entity Resolution with Transfer Learning. (filed, under review)
17. **Kun Qian**, Lucian Popa, Prithraj Sen, and Min Li.
bf *Learning Models For Entity Resolution Using Active Learning. Filed, under review.*
18. Nikita Bhutani, Mauricio Hernandez, Yunyao Li, Min Li, and **Kun Qian**.
Entity Structured Representation and Variant Generation. (filed, under review)

Publications before 2015

19. Xiaoping Du, Huamei Sun, **Kun Qian**, Yun Li, Liaotao Lu
A Prediction Model for Vehicle Sideslip Angle Based on Neural Network. IEEE ICIFE. 2010
20. Weiguo Li, Hanjie Zhang, Xiaoping Du, **Kun Qian**, Cuiying Li
Data Analysis of Roadway Attributes through Partial Least Squares Regression. IEEE ICIFE. 2010
21. **Kun Qian**, Sachio Hirokawa, Kenji Ejima, Xiaoping Du
A Fast Associative Mining System Based on Search Engine and Concept Graph for Large-Scale Financial Report Texts. IEEE ICIFE. 2010
22. **Kun Qian**, Xiaoping Du, Weiguo Li, Huamei Sun, Cuiying Li, Dezao Hou
Data Analysis of Roadway Attributes' Influences upon Speed of Small Car on Mountain Highway through Clustering Algorithm. IEEE ICIFE. 2010
23. Weiguo Li, Cuiying Li, Xiaoping Du, **Kun Qian**, Hanjie Zhang, and Dezao Hou
A Traffic Flow Prediction Model based on Ordered Logistic Regression. International Conference on Digital Content, Multimedia Technology and its Applications (IDC). 2010, pages 213-216
24. Xiaoping Du, Lelai Deng, **Kun Qian**. *Current Market Top Business Scopes TrendA Concurrent Text and Time Series Active Learning Study of NASDAQ and NYSE Stocks from 2012 to 2017.* Applied Sciences. 2018; 8(5):751

INVITED TALKS

October 2019	"Low-resource Deep Entity Resolution with Transfer and Active Learning". UCSC, California.
Feb 2019	"Human-in-the-loop Entity Resolution for Knowledge Curation". Stanford University, California.
April 2018	"Active Learning for Large-Scale Entity Resolution". Telecom ParisTech. Paris, France
November 2017	"Active Learning for Large-Scale Entity Resolution". Chongqing University. Chongqing, China

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

Journal Referee	ACM TODS (2018, 2019), IEEE TKDE (2019)
Conference PC	ACL 2020, IJCAI 2020, ICDE 2020 (industry), AAAI 2020 IEEE BigData 2019, WebDB 2018
External Reviewers	CIKM 2018, CIKM 2017, KDD 2017, AAAI 2017, ADAMA 2017
Membership	AAAI

AWARDS

- IBM Class-A Research Accomplishment 2017
- UC Regents Fellowship
- Exceptional Mater Student - Beihang University
- Japan JASSO scholarship
- Exceptional Undergraduate Student - Chongqing University

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Programming	Python, Java
Web	Angular, Angular Material, Django, HTML5, Javascript, CSS, W3.CSS, AngularJS, AngularJS Material
Distributed Computing	MapReduce, Spark, IBM Infosphere Streams
Deep learning	Pytorch, Pytorch-Transformers