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Education University of Southern California

08/2022 - present

Ph.D in Computer Science

Advisors: Dani Yogatama, Willie Neiswanger

Carnegie Mellon University

08/2013 - 08/2019

B.S + M.S in Machine Learning

Magna Cum Laude

Publications

On Retrieval Augmentation and the Limitations of Language Model Training

Ting-Rui Chiang, Xinyan Velocity Yu, Joshua Robinson, <u>Ollie Liu</u>, Isabelle Lee, Dani Yogatama

https://arxiv.org/abs/2311.09615. Preprint

Interpretable Diffusion via Information Decomposition

Xianghao Kong*, <u>Ollie Liu</u>*, Han Li, Dani Yogatama, Greg Ver Steeg

https://arxiv.org/abs/2310.07972. Preprint

Approximating CKY with Transformers

Ghazal Khalighinejad, Ollie Liu, Sam Wiseman

https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.02386. Findings of EMNLP 2023

How Does GPT-2 Compute Greater-Than?: Interpreting Mathematical Abilities in a Pre-Trained Language Model

Michael Hanna, Ollie Liu, Alexandre Variengien https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.00586. NeurIPS 2023

★: equal contribution

Employment Experiences

Research Intern with Qi Liu 05/2023 - 07/2023

Reka AI

Research Resident on Mechanistic Interpretability 01/2023 - 02/2023

Redwood Research

Engineering Intern with Stan Peshterliev 05/2022 - 08/2022

Meta Reality Labs

Engineering Intern with Bryan McCann 02/2022 - 05/2022

You.com

Applied Science Intern with Mehdi Noori 07/2021 - 12/2021

Amazon Web Services

Work in Progress

Multi-Modal Decision Transformers

Ollie Liu, Willie Neiswanger, Dani Yogatama

Decision Making under Uncertainty with Foundation Models

Ollie Liu, Willie Neiswanger, Dani Yogatama

Evaluating Math Hallucinations in Large Language Models Harvey Fu, Deqing Fu, Ollie Liu, Dani Yogatama, Robin Jia

Tuning Soft Instructions with Forward Passes

Ollie Liu, Melody Xuan, Dani Yogatama

Honors and Awards Provost's Fellowship, University of Southern California, 2022 Data Science Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2019 Royal E. Cabell Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2019 Senior Leadership Recognition, Carnegie Mellon University, 2018

Teaching Experiences

Co-Instructor and TA, Machine Learning (Ph.D Elective), NU, Fall 2021 Co-Instructor and TA, Mathematical Statistics (Ph.D Core), NU, Fall 2020 TA, Introduction to Machine Learning (Master), CMU, 2 Semesters. TA, Principles of Computing (Undergraduate), CMU, 4 Semesters.

Relevant Courseworks Northwestern University: Linear and Nonlinear Programming, Combinatorial

Optimization, Stochastic Processes, Asset Pricing Theory

Carnegie Mellon University: Advanced Machine Learning, Theoretical

Statistics, Deep Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Scalable Learning Systems,

Convex Optimization, Continuous-Time Finance

Skills

Software: Python (JAX, PyTorch, Hugging Face), Linux, R, Language: Chinese (native), English (proficient, GRE V169+Q168)

Activities

Co-organizer of the USC AI Safety Group.

Student organizer of the Center for Optimization and Statistical Learning at

Northwestern University.