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## Education

University of Science and Technology of China

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science and Technology

Sep. 2019 – Jul. 2023

Hefei, China

## Experience

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

June 2023 – September 2023

Research Intern

Remote

- Produced an [ICLR 2024](#) submission, proposed an SMOE merging and compression framework, which leverages routing statistics as guidance, achieving impressive results of both memory- and parameter- efficiency.
- Won the 1st place of ACM/IEEE Quantum Computing for Drug Discovery Challenge (team *MIT-EPiQC-CMU-Duke*), developed a Pauli string grouping technique to reduce the number of required measurements.

University of Science and Technology of China

September 2022 – January 2023

Teaching Assistant

Hefei, China

- Undergrad course - CS1001A Computer Programming A (C Language).

University of Science and Technology of China

July 2021 – July 2021

Undergrad Intern

Hefei, China

- Got deeply involved in developing an advanced [NLP library](#) towards [multi-modal educational items](#).
- Won the [Silver Medal](#) (top 100/2000) in the Kaggle Feedback Prize - Evaluating Student Writing competition.

## Publications

Pingzhi Li, Zhenyu Zhang, Prateek Yadav, Yi-Lin Sung, Yu Cheng, Mohit Bansal, Tianlong Chen. **Merge, Then Compress: Demystify Efficient SMOE with Hints from Its Routing Policy.** *Submitted to ICLR 2024. arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.01334, 2023.*

## Open Source Projects

EduNLP | *Python, PyTorch*

June 2021

- An accessible and flexible library for advanced Natural Language Processing towards multi-modal educational items.
- Provide thoughtfully designed API for researchers, ranging from question item processing, tokenizer and model design, through to training on various tasks.
- Github repo: [github.com/bigdata-ustc/EduNLP](https://github.com/bigdata-ustc/EduNLP).

## Honors and Awards

1st Place of ACM/IEEE Quantum Computing for Drug Discovery Challenge

November, 2023

Outstanding Graduates Scholarship, USTC

June, 2023

Silver Medal in Kaggle Feedback Prize - Evaluating Student Writing

March, 2022

Outstanding Student Scholarship, USTC

November, 2020/21/22

## Skills

**Languages:** Mandarin (native), English (intermediate), German (elementary)

**Programming Languages:** Python, C/C++, Bash, SQL

**Deep Learning Frameworks:** PyTorch, HuggingFace Transformers, DeepSpeed, Jax/Flax