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## EDUCATION

### Stanford University

*Pursuing Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science*

Stanford, CA

*current*

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology

*Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (GPA 5.0/5.0)*

Cambridge, MA

*2009-2013*

## EXPERIENCE

### Messenger Team, Facebook

*Software Engineering Intern*

Menlo Park, CA

*2018*

- Proposed and implemented improvements on a neural shift-reduce model for parsing sentences into hierarchical intent-slot semantic representation.
- Analyzed common errors, and designed new top-down and bottom-up parsing algorithms to address the errors.

### Google Research, Google

*Software Engineering Intern*

Mountain View, CA

*2015*

- Developed deep learning models with TensorFlow for retrieving words that are paraphrases of the given definitions.
- Proposed and implemented negative sampling methods using linguistic resources to better distinguish closely related words from each other.
- Demonstrated how appropriate combinations of model choices and negative samplers improve the model accuracy.

### Speech and Dialog Research Group, Microsoft Research

*Research Intern*

Mountain View, CA

*2014*

- Bootstrapped classifiers for detecting knowledge base relations in spoken dialog queries in an unsupervised fashion.
- Mined queries from search engine query click logs and automatically label objects of relations using distant supervision from knowledge graphs.
- Inferred query patterns corresponding to each relation using the automatic labels and the nature of query click logs.

### Natural Language Processing Laboratory, Tokyo Institute of Technology

*Exchange Student*

Yokohama, Japan

*2013*

- Experimented on Tweet sentiment analysis using different classifiers and features.
- Applied structural correspondent learning to incorporate unlabeled data to the classifier.

### Spoken Language Systems Group, MIT Computer Science & Artificial Intelligence Lab

*Researcher, Intern*

Cambridge, MA

*2012*

- Designed web interfaces on Amazon Mechanical Turk to collect spoken sentences and their semantic labeling.
- Trained sequence tagging models by implementing features for conditional random fields, resulting in English and Chinese models for categorizing words in speech queries.
- Tested the models via speech-enabled mobile applications for movie, flight, and restaurant recommendation.

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

### Reinforcement Learning on Web Interfaces using Workflow-Guided Exploration

*E. Liu\*, K. Guu\*, P. Pasupat\*, T. Shi, P. Liang (\*equal contribution)*

ICLR

*2018*

- Designed and implemented a novel exploration algorithm for reinforcement learning agents, which reduces the amount of expert demonstrations needed by 100x.
- Improved and open-sourced the MiniWoB++ Web interface interaction benchmark for reinforcement learning.

### Compositional Semantic Parsing on Semi-Structured Tables

*P. Pasupat, P. Liang*

ACL

*2015*

### Inferring Logical Forms From Denotations

*P. Pasupat, P. Liang*

ACL

*2016*

### Macro Grammars and Holistic Triggering for Efficient Semantic Parsing

*Y. Zhang, P. Pasupat, P. Liang*

EMNLP

*2017*

- The three publications above propose machine learning models for answering complex natural language questions based on the information in a given Web table.
- Designed and implemented novel algorithms to flexibly handle lexical and syntactic mismatches, filter misleading solutions that sometimes give correct answers, and reuse parts of good solutions to speed up the model.

## AWARDS

- **International Olympiad in Informatics (IOI):** Gold Medal (2008)
- **International Mathematical Olympiad (IMO):** Gold Medal (2007), 2 Silver Medals (2006, 2005)

## SKILLS

- **Computer Languages:** Python (TensorFlow, PyTorch), Java, JavaScript
- **Languages:** Thai (native speaker), English (fluent), Japanese (intermediate), Chinese (beginner)