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EDUCATION

Tsinghua University, Undergraduate

Sep 2020 – Present

B.Eng. in Computer Science and Technology

- **Accumulate GPA: 3.90 / 4.00.**
- Selected Courses of **A & A+**: Linear Algebra, Discrete Mathematics, Foundation of Object-Oriented Programming, Software Engineering, Computer Architecture, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Artificial Neural Networks, Writing and Communication.
- Member of **THU Natural Language Processing Group**, advised by **Prof. Zhiyuan Liu**.



PUBLICATIONS & PATENTS & TALKS

Publications:

- [1] **Cheng Qian**, Chenyan Xiong, Zhenghao Liu, Zhiyuan Liu. [Toolink: Linking Toolkit Creation and Using through Chain-of-Solving on Open-Source Model](#). ArXiv 2023.10.
- [2] **Cheng Qian**, Xinran Zhao, Sherry Tongshuang Wu. [“Merge Conflicts!” Exploring the Impacts of External Distractors to Parametric Knowledge Graphs](#). ArXiv 2023.9. Citation: 2.
- [3] **Cheng Qian**, Chi Han, Yi R. Fung, Yujia Qin, Zhiyuan Liu, Heng Ji. [CREATOR: Tool Creation for Disentangling Abstract and Concrete Reasonings of Large Language Models](#). Findings of EMNLP 2023. Citation: 9.
- [4] Yujia Qin, Shengding Hu, Yankai Lin, ... **Cheng Qian**, ..., Maosong Sun. [Tool Learning with Foundation Models](#). ArXiv 2023.4. Citation: 48.
- [5] **Cheng Qian***, Yujia Qin*, Xu Han, Yankai Lin, Huadong Wang, Ruobing Xie, Zhiyuan Liu, Maosong Sun, Jie Zhou. [Recyclable Tuning for Continual Pre-training](#). Findings of ACL 2023. Citation: 1.
- [6] **Cheng Qian***, Yujia Qin*, Jing Yi*, Weize Chen, Yankai Lin, Xu Han, Zhiyuan Liu, Maosong Sun, Jie Zhou. [Exploring Mode Connectivity for Pretrained Language Models](#). EMNLP 2022. Citation: 7.

* indicates equal contributions.

Patents:

- Name: Training Method, Device, Medium, and Program Product for Predictive Model. Type: Invention. Inventors: Zhiyuan Liu, Maosong Sun, **Cheng Qian** (Technical Lead), Yujia Qin, Yankai Lin, Ruobing Xie, Jie Zhou, Tsinghua University & Tencent Inc. Internal Ref. Num: 2022090418.

Talks:

- Tool Learning and Tool Creation of LLM, invited talk at SenseTime Smart City Group, 2023.6.



RESEARCH & PROJECTS

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Aug 2021 – Present

- THUNLP, Tsinghua University, Advisor: **Prof. Zhiyuan Liu**
- Main Projects: Tool learning and tool use with foundation models; LLM-driven AI agent (XAgent); LLM lifelong pre-training and knowledge acquisition; LLM knowledge interpretability through mode connectivity.

Visiting Student

Jun 2023 – Sep 2023

- WInE Lab, Carnegie Mellon University, Advisor: **Prof. Sherry Tongshuang Wu**
- Main Projects: External and parametric knowledge conflicts; Interpretability of LLM behaviors.

Visiting Student

Mar 2023 – Jun 2023

- Blender Lab, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Advisor: **Prof. Heng Ji**
- Main Projects: LLM's tool creation ability; CREATOR framework.

Visiting Student

Mar 2023 – Jun 2023

- Chenyan's Research Group, Carnegie Mellon University, Advisor: **Prof. Chenyan Xiong**
- Main Projects: Open-source model adaptation of tool use ability; Toolink framework.

Student Intern

Jul 2021 – Aug 2021

- Beijing-Shanghai Summer Intern Program, VMware, Advisor: **Dr. Yingji Sun**
- Main Projects: Product software development.



ACADEMIC INTERESTS

- Tool learning and tool creation of LLM.
- LLM-driven AI agent, embodied AI.
- Instruction tuning and prompt tuning of LLM.
- Pre-training and parameter-efficient tuning of LLM.



SELECTED AWARDS & HONORS

- Comprehensive Excellence Scholarship, highest scholarship in Dept. of CST, **1 / 180**. 2021, 2023
- Volunteering & Social Survey Excellence Scholarship, Dept. of CST, **1 / 180**. 2022
- SenseTime Scholarship for Innovative AI Talent, **top 30 in China**. 2023
- Awards of Excellent Student Cadre, Tsinghua University. 2021
- Five-Star (Highest Honor) Volunteer, Tsinghua University. 2022
- Second Prize in National Undergraduate Physics Competition, Beijing Physics Society. 2022
- Third Prize in THU Challenge Cup Academic Competition, Tsinghua University. 2022
- Honorable Mention in 2023 Mathematical Contest in Modeling 2023



EXTRA-CURRICULUM SERVICES & EXPERIENCES

- Reviewer, COLING 2022. 2022
- Olympic Family Assistant of IBSF President Ivo Ferriano and HRH Prince Jigyel Ugyen Wangchuck (Bhutan), 2022 Beijing Winter Olympics. 2022
- Member of Student Union and Student Association of Science and Technology. 2021-2023
- Member of Tsinghua Orienteering Team (Sport, Professional). 2020-2023
- Mentor of Tsinghua Summer School (Beijing). 2022



SKILLS

English Skills

- TOEFL (Best) 115/120 (Reading 30, Listening 30, Speaking 26, Writing 29).
- GRE Verbal Reasoning 162/170, Quantitative Reasoning 170/170, Analytical Writing 4/6.

Technical Skills

- Proficient in C/C++, Python (PyTorch), LaTeX, Linux, Java, React.
- Familiar with various neural networks and state-of-the-art deep learning techniques.