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Education

•Institute of Computing Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences (ICT/CAS) *Beijing, China*
M.E. Candidate in Computer Science and Technology -GPA: 3.83/4.0 Sep. 2021 - present

•University of International Business and Economics *Beijing, China*
B.E. in Data Science and Big Data Technology -GPA: 3.74/4.0 (Rank:2/147) Sep. 2017 - Jun. 2021

Research Interests

- Machine Translation & Multilingual Representation Learning
- Large Language Modeling & Reliable Language Generation

Publications

•Enhancing Neural Machine Translation with Semantic Units
Langlin Huang, Shuhao Gu, Zhuocheng Zhang, Yang Feng
EMNLP findings, 2023. [Paper][Code]

•BayLing: Bridging Cross-lingual Alignment and Instruction Following through Interactive Translation for Large Language Models
Shaolei Zhang, Qingkai Fang, Zhuocheng Zhang, Zhengrui Ma, Yan Zhou, **Langlin Huang**, Mengyu Bu, Shangtong Gui, Yunji Chen, Xilin Chen, Yang Feng
Preprint edition on arXiv. Jun. 2023 [Paper] [Code]

•Automatic Construction of a Depression-Domain Lexicon Based on Microblogs: Text Mining Study
Genghao Li, Bing Li, **Langlin Huang**, Sibing Hou
JMIR medical informatics, 2020, Vol 8. Jun. 2020 [Paper]

Projects

•BayLing: On the Multi-lingual Ability & Multi-turn Interaction of Large Language Models *Apr. 2023 - Jun. 2023*
Exploited the language-aligning potential of translation data for improving the **multi-lingual ability of LLMs**;
Constructed interactive translation data and leveraged it to enhance LLM's instruction following ability.
- **Contributions**: Sifted high-quality translation data with statistical and model-based metrics.
  Found the few high-quality translation data magic, efficiently endowing LLaMA with new language capability.
- **Achievement**: Released BayLing, a multilingual & interactive LLM finetuned with a few data based on LLaMA.
- **Project link**: https://github.com/ictnlp/BayLing/tree/main

•Learning & Leveraging Semantic Units Representation for Neural Machine Translation *Oct. 2022 - Jun. 2023*
Aggregated tokens that combine to form a holistic semantics, yielding a compact sentence representation;
Improved translation performance by leveraging the compact and the original sentence representations.
- **Contributions**: Proposed a model-free approach to efficiently extract phrases from large corpus.
  Proposed an approach to aggregate multiple tokens into a single one, with minimum semantics loss.
- **Achievement**: Significantly improved translation performance by 1.4 BLEU on En-De task over baseline system and outperformed other related works.
- **Paper Link**: https://aclanthology.org/2023.findings-emnlp.149/

•CVAE-based Label Smoothing for Neural Machine Translation *Feb. 2022 - Aug. 2022*
Proposed a flexible label smoothing for training language models and translation models.
- **Contributions**: Proposed to replace uniform distributions with predicted real label distributions in label-smoothed cross-entropy loss.
  Proposed to predict real label distribution with a Conditional Variational Auto Encoder(CVAE) module by foreseeing the ground truth word.
- **Achievement**: Significantly improved translation performance by 1.2 BLEU on En-Ro and Zh-En translation tasks.
- **Patent Link**: http://epub.cnipa.gov.cn/patent/CN115455993A

•Chinese-Thai Translation System *May. 2022 - Jul. 2022*
Developed strong Chinese-Thai bidirectional machine translation systems.
- **Contributions**: Proposed a strategy to modify pre-trained language model mBART, without hurting performance.
  Crawled external in-domain texts and augmented training data via back-translation.
- **Achievement**: Won the **Championship** in the 18th China Conference on Machine Translation(CCMT) Zh-Th track.
- **Technical Report link**: http://sc.cipsc.org.cn/mt/conference/2022/papers/test_paper/60/60_Paper.pdf

•Automatic Construction of a Depression-Domain Lexicon Based on Microblogs *Jun. 2019 - Jun. 2020*
Constructed a depression-domain lexicon, starting from few seed words, by analyzing Weibo texts.
- **Contributions**: Crawled a large amount of depression domain texts from microblog (Sina Weibo).
  Leveraged word2vec and label propagation algorithm to enlarge depression lexicon iteratively.
- **Achievement**: Proposed a depression domain lexicon with more than 500 words, helping significantly improve online depression detection.
- **Paper link**: https://medinform.jmir.org/2020/6/e17650

Technical Skills

Master:Python, Pytorch, C, C++, Pandas, Data Analysis & Visualization
Proficient:JAVA, R, Shell, LaTeX, Web Scraper