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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Language Processing; Vision-Language; Large Language Models

EDUCATION

University of Southern California, USA *2021 - Present*
PhD student in Department of Computer Science

National Taiwan University, Taiwan *2018 - 2020*
M.S. in Department of Computer Science and Information Engineering

National Tsing Hua University, Taiwan *2014 - 2018*
B.S. in Department of Computer Science Rank 2/41; GPA 4.14/4.3

Tsinghua University, China *Fall 2015*
Exchange Student in Department of Computer Science and Technology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Southern California California, USA
Research Assistant *2021 - Present*

- Advisors: Prof. Jesse Thomason and Prof. Robin Jia
- Stabilizing in-context learning by understanding the value of demonstrations [1]
- Continual learning for vision-language tasks [2]
- Localizing memorized data in LLMs [3]

Academia Sinica Taipei, Taiwan
Research Assistant *2020 - 2021*

- Advisor: Prof. Chi-Jen Lu
- Understanding pre-finetuning of language models [4]
- Compressing large image generators [7]

Amazon Alexa AI California, USA
Applied Scientist Intern *Spring 2020*

- Advisors: Dr. Yang Liu and Dr. Dilek Hakkani-Tür
- Improving common sense in pretrained language models [5, 6]

National Taiwan University Taipei, Taiwan
Research Assistant *2018 - 2020*

- Advisor: Prof. Yun-Nung (Vivian) Chen
- Probing contextualized word embeddings with multisense word definitions [8]
- Clinical notes diagnosis [9]

PUBLICATIONS

[1] **Ting-Yun Chang** and Robin Jia. *Data Curation Alone Can Stabilize In-context Learning.* ACL 2023.

[2] Tejas Srinivasan, **Ting-Yun Chang**, Leticia Leonor Pinto Alva, Georgios Chochlakis, Mohammad Rostami, and Jesse Thomason. *CLiMB: A Continual Learning Benchmark for Vision-and-Language Tasks.* NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks Track 2022.

[3] **Ting-Yun Chang**, Jesse Thomason, and Robin Jia. *Do Localization Methods Actually Localize Memorized Data in LLMs?* arXiv 2023.

[4] **Ting-Yun Chang** and Chi-Jen Lu. *Rethinking Why Intermediate-Task Fine-Tuning Works.* Findings of EMNLP 2021.

[5] **Ting-Yun Chang**, Yang Liu, Karthik Gopalakrishnan, Behnam Hedayatnia, Pei Zhou, and Dilek Hakkani-Tur. *Go Beyond Plain Fine-tuning: Improving Pretrained Models for Social Commonsense.* IEEE SLT 2021.

[6] **Ting-Yun Chang**, Yang Liu, Karthik Gopalakrishnan, Behnam Hedayatnia, Pei Zhou, and Dilek Hakkani-Tur. *Incorporating Commonsense Knowledge Graph in Pretrained Models for Social Commonsense Tasks.* DeeLIO Workshop at EMNLP 2020 (**best paper award**).

[7] **Ting-Yun Chang** and Chi-Jen Lu. *TinyGAN: Distilling BigGAN for Conditional Image Generation.* Asian Conference on Computer Vision 2020.

[8] **Ting-Yun Chang** and Yun-Nung Chen. *What Does This Word Mean? Explaining Contextualized Embeddings with Natural Language Definition.* EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019.

[9] Shang-Chi Tsai, **Ting-Yun Chang**, and Yun-Nung Chen. *Leveraging Hierarchical Category Knowledge for Data-Imbalanced Multi-Label Diagnostic Text Understanding.* LOUHI Workshop at EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant
USC CS 467: Introduction to Machine Learning (Spring 2023)
NTU CS: Applied Deep Learning (Spring 2019)
Guest Talk
USC CS 499: Natural Language Processing for Interactive AI (Fall 2022)

AWARDS & HONORS

Zhu Shun Yi He Qin Scholarship 2017
· Scholarships are awarded to the top two students in CS Dept. at National Tsing Hua University
NTHU CS Exchange Student Scholarship
Dean's List

PROGRAMMING

Languages: Python, C/C++, Java
Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, scikit-learn