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Research Interest

Natural Language Understanding, Few-shot Learning, Self-supervised Learning

Work Experience

Facebook AI Research   *Menlo Park, CA, USA*

SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST   *Jan. 2021 - present*

- Research focusing on large-scale pre-training, few-shot learning and multilinguality

Salesforce Research   *Palo Alto, CA, USA*

SENIOR RESEARCH STAFF   *Jun. 2018 - Dec. 2020*

- Natural language understanding research focusing on semantic parsing, natural language interface and question answering

RESEARCH SCIENTIST   *Oct. 2017 - Jun. 2018*

- Natural language understanding research focusing on knowledge graph reasoning and question answering

Microsoft Research   *Redmond, WA, USA*

RESEARCH INTERN   *Jun. 2015 - Sep. 2015*

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence   *Seattle, WA, USA*

RESEARCH INTERN   *Jul. 2014 - Sep. 2014*

Conference Publications

FeTaQA: Free-form Table Question Answering

Linyong Nan, Chiachun Hsieh, Ziming Mao, Xi Victoria Lin, Neha Verma, Rui Zhang, Wojciech Kryściński, Nick Schoelkopf, Riley Kong, Xiangru Tang, Murori Mutuma, Ben Rosand, Isabel Trindade, Renusree Bandaru, Jacob Cunningham, Caiming Xiong, Dragomir Radev.   TACL 2021

GraPPa: Grammar-Augmented Pre-Training for Table Semantic Parsing

Tao Yu, Chien-Sheng Wu, Xi Victoria Lin, Bailin Wang, Yi Chern Tan, Xinyi Yang, Dragomir Radev, Richard Socher, Caiming Xiong   ICLR 2021

Learning to Synthesize Data for Semantic Parsing.

Bailin Wang, Wenpeng Yin, Xi Victoria Lin and Caiming Xiong.   NAACL 2021 short

DART: Open-Domain Structured Data Record to Text Generation

Linyong Nan, Dragomir Radev, Rui Zhang, Amrit Rau, Abhinand Sivaprasad, Chiachun Hsieh, Xiangru Tang, Aadit Vyas, Neha Verma, Pranav Krishna, Yangxiaokang Liu, Nadia Irwanto, Jessica Pan, Faiaz Rahman, Ahmad Zaidi, Mutethia Mutuma, Yasin Tarabar, Ankit Gupta, Tao Yu, Yi Chern Tan, Xi Victoria Lin, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher and Nazneen Fatema Rajani.   NAACL 2021

Bridging Textual and Tabular Data for Cross-Domain Text-to-SQL Semantic Parsing

Xi Victoria Lin, Richard Socher, Caiming Xiong   EMNLP Findings 2020

Photon: A Robust Cross-Domain Text-to-SQL System

Jichuan Zeng*, Xi Victoria Lin*, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher, Michael R. Lyu, Irwin King, Steven C.H. Hoi   ACL Demo 2020

Double-Hard Debias: Tailoring Word Embeddings for Gender Bias Mitigation

Tianlu Wang, Xi Victoria Lin, Nazeen Fatema Rajani, Bryan McCann, Vicente Ordonez and Caiming Xiong   ACL 2020

CoSQL: A Conversational Text-to-SQL Challenge Towards Cross-Domain Natural Language Interfaces to Databases

Tao Yu, Rui Zhang, Heyang Er, Suyi Li, Eric Xue, Bo Pang, Xi Victoria Lin, Yi Chern Tan, Tianze Shi, Zihan Li, Youxuan Jiang, Michihiro Yasunaga, Sungrok Shim, Tao Chen, Alexander Fabbri, Zifan Li, Luyao Chen, Yuwen Zhang, Shreya Dixit, Vincent Zhang, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher, Walter Lasecki and Dragomir Radev   EMNLP 2019

Editing-based SQL Query Generation for Cross-Domain Context-Dependent Questions

Rui Zhang, Tao Yu, Heyang Er, Sungrok Shim, Eric Xue, Xi Victoria Lin, Tianze Shi, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher and Dragomir Radev

EMNLP 2019

SParC: Cross-Domain Semantic Parsing in Context

Tao Yu, Rui Zhang, Michihiro Yasunaga, Yi Chern Tan, Xi Victoria Lin, Suyi Li, Heyang Er, Irene Li, Bo Pang, Tao Chen, Emily Ji, Shreya Dixit, David Proctor, Sungrok Shim, Jonathan Kraft, Vincent Zhang, Caiming Xiong, Richard Socher, Dragomir Radev

ACL 2019

Multi-Hop Knowledge Graph Reasoning with Reward Shaping

Xi Victoria Lin, Richard Socher and Caiming Xiong

EMNLP 2018

NL2Bash: A Corpus and Semantic Parser for Natural Language Interface to the Linux Operating System

Xi Victoria Lin, Chenglong Wang, Luke Zettlemoyer and Michael D. Ernst

LREC 2018

Compositional Learning of Embeddings for Relation Paths in Knowledge Bases and Text

Kristina Toutanova, Xi Victoria Lin, Scott Wen-tau Yih, Hoifung Poon and Chris Quirk

ACL 2016

Other Publications

Testing Cross-Database Semantic Parsers Using Canonical Utterances.

Heather Lent, Semih Yavuz, Tao Yu, Tong Niu, Yingbo Zhou, Dragomir Radev, Xi Victoria Lin.

Eval4NLP 2021

NeurIPS 2020 NLC2CMD Competition: Translating Natural Language to Bash Commands.

Mayank Agarwal, Tathagata Chakraborti, Quchen Fu, David Gros, Xi Victoria Lin, Jaron Maene, Kartik Talamadupula, Zhongwei Teng, Jules White.

NeurIPS 2020
Competition Track

ColloQL: Robust Text-to-SQL Over Search Queries

Karthik Radhakrishnan, Arvind Srikantan, Xi Victoria Lin

Intex-Sempar 2020

Program Synthesis from Natural Language Using Recurrent Neural Networks

Xi Victoria Lin, Chenglong Wang, Deric Pang, Kevin Vu, Luke Zettlemoyer, Michael D. Ernst

UWCSE-TR 2017

Multi-label Learning with Posterior Regularization

Xi Victoria Lin, Sameer Singh, Luheng He, Ben Taskar, and Luke Zettlemoyer

NeurIPS-MLNLP 2014

Fine-grained Named Entity Classification in Machine Reading

Xi Victoria Lin

Oxford Thesis 2011

Patents

Multi-hop knowledge graph reasoning with reward shaping

Xi Victoria Lin, Richard Socher, Caiming Xiong

US Patent App. 16/051,309

Talks

The Age of Data Conversation: Talk to Your Structured Data (invited talk)

Knowledge ConneXions 2020

Creating The Future Of AI: How Salesforce Research Advances AI For CRM (co-speaker)

Dreamforce 2019

Technical Writing

Talk to Your Data: One Model, Any Relational Database.

Einstein.ai 2020

Software

Photon v1.1: https://naturalsql.com/

Salesforce, 2020

Photon is a deep learning based cross-domain natural language interface to databases that focuses on factual look-up questions. It allows end users to query a number of relational DBs in natural language, including DBs it has never been trained on.

Tellina v1.0: http://tellina.rocks/

UWCSE, 2017

Tellina is an end-user scripting assistant that can be queried via natural language. It translates a natural language sentence typed by the user into a piece of short, executable script.

Education

University of Washington   *Seattle, WA, USA*
PH.D. GRADUATED AS M.SC. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE   *Aug. 2017*

University of Pennsylvania   *Philadelphia, PA, USA*
PH.D. GRADUATED AS M.SC. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE   *May. 2013*

University of Oxford   *Oxford, UK*
M.SC. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE   *Sep. 2011*

The Hong Kong Polytechnic University   *Kowloon, HK*
B.ENG. IN ELECTRONIC AND INFORMATION ENGINEERING   *Aug. 2010*

Xi'an Jiaotong University   *Xi'an, Shaanxi, CN*
SPECIAL CLASS FOR THE GIFTED YOUNG   *Jan. 2008*

Honors & Awards

2014	**Travel Award**, NIPS Women in Machine Learning Workshop	*Montreal, Québec, CA*
2011	**Doctoral Fellowship**, University of Pennsylvania	*Philadelphia, PA, USA*
2010	**Best Academic Performance Award**, Department of Electronic and Information Engineering, HKPU	*Kowloon, HK*
2010	**Scholarship**, Hong Kong SAR Goverment	*Kowloon, HK*
2009	**Scholarship**, Hong Kong Polytechnic University Post-Entry	*Kowloon, HK*
2009	**Scholarship**, Hong Kong & Kowloon Electrical Appliances Merchants Association	*Kowloon, HK*
2009	**Student Travel Award**, Apple Worldwide Developers Conference	*San Francisco, CA, USA*

Service

CO-CHAIR

System Demonstration Track   NAACL 2021

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

1st Workshop on Interactive and Executable Semantic Parsing (Intex-Sempar)   EMNLP 2020
Competition for Automatic Translation of English to Bash (NLC2CMD)   NeurIPS 2020

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

2020	ACL, EMNLP, AACL, ACL-NLI
2019	ICML, ACL, NAACL
2018	ACL, EMNLP, COLING, CoNLL
2017	ACL, EMNLP
2016	EMNLP
2015	EMNLP

Teaching

CIS 520: Machine Learning   *University of Pennsylvania*
TEACHING ASSISTANT   *Sep. 2012 - Dec. 2012*
- Making exam problems; answering Piazza questions; holding office hours; grading

Programming Skills

Languages	Python, Java, C++, Matlab, R, Lua, JavaScript, HTML, CSS
Deep Learning	Pytorch, Tensorflow
Web	Django