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EDUCATION

National Taiwan University (NTU), Taipei, Taiwan

Sep 2017 - Jun 2021

B.S. in Electrical Engineering

- GPA: overall: 4.24/4.30, last 60 credits: 4.27/4.30, ranking: 6/261 (top 2%)
- **Honors:** 4 Dean's List Awards (top 5% students of the class)
- Related courses: Digital Speech Processing, Deep Learning for Human Language Processing, Algorithms,
 Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Optimization Algorithms

Experience

Undergraduate Researcher at Speech Processing Laboratory, NTU

Mar 2019 - Present

Advisor: Prof. Lin-shan Lee & Prof. Hung-yi Lee

- Lifelong Learning of End-to-end ASR [1]

Proposed data selection methods for lifelong learning of end-to-end ASR and achieved 29% WER reduction compared to the fine-tuning baseline when learning WSJ, LibriSpeech, and Switchboard sequentially.

- Non-autoregressive Code-switching ASR [2]

Proposed using Pinyin-based Mask-CTC and word embedding regularization methods to tackle the Mandarin-English code-switching ASR issue and achieved state-of-the-art performance on the SEAME corpus.

- End-to-end Whispered Speech Recognition [3]

Proposed frequency-weighted approaches and pseudo whisper pre-training methods, and successfully narrowed down the performance gap between whispered and normal speech recognition.

PUBLICATIONS († INDICATES EQUAL CONTRIBUTION)

- [1] **Heng-Jui Chang**, Hung-yi Lee, and Lin-shan Lee, "Towards lifelong learning of end-to-end ASR", under review (INTERSPEECH), 2021, [pdf].
- [2] Shun-Po Chuang[†], **Heng-Jui Chang**[†], Sung-Feng Huang, and Hung-yi Lee, "Non-autoregressive Mandarin-English code-switching speech recognition with Pinyin mask-CTC and word embedding regularization", *under review* (INTERSPEECH), 2021, [pdf].
- [3] **Heng-Jui Chang**, Alexander H. Liu, Hung-yi Lee, and Lin-shan Lee, "End-to-end whispered speech recognition with frequency-weighted approaches and pseudo whisper pre-training", *IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT)*, 2021, [pdf].

Selected Projects

End-to-end Automatic Speech Recognition in PyTorch [Github (850+ stars)]

Aug 2020

Open Sourced Project, Github

- Implemented time-synchronous CTC beam decoding algorithm in PyTorch and helped maintaining the project.

Are We Attracted to People Who Look Like Us? [Github]

Jun 2020

Course final project of Interactive Computer Graphics, NTU CSIE

- A psychological experiment using 2D face image metamorphosis implemented in NumPy and OpenCV.
- Let people rank morphed faces by attractiveness where one of the faces included their faces and the results corroborated the hypothesis with high confidence.

Deep Learning-Based Image Geometric Rectification [Demo]

Jan 2020

Course final project of Digital Image Processing, NTU EE

 Used a CNN-based autoencoder to estimate the displacement vector field and restore distorted images by self-supervised learning with synthesized images.

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TEACHING

• TA of Machine Learning (Mandarin & English Classes)

Spring 2021

Instructor: Prof. Hung-yi Lee, NTU EE

• TA of Linear Algebra

Fall 2020

Instructor: Prof. Hung-yi Lee, NTU EE

• TA of Deep Learning for Human Language Processing Special Project

Summer & Fall 2020

Instructor: Prof. Hung-yi Lee, NTU EE

• TA of Signals and Systems

Spring 2020

Instructor: Prof. Lin-shan Lee, NTU EE

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

• Irving T. Ho Memorial Scholarship, NTU EECS

2020

 \bullet Dean's List Award, NTU EE (4 times, top 5% students of the class)

2017-2020

• 6th Place, Taipei High School Academic Competition in Informatics (115 attendees)

2016

SKILLS

• **Programming:** C/C++, Python, MATLAB, Bash

• Deep Learning: Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow

 \bullet \mathbf{Speech} $\mathbf{Processing:}$ Kaldi, Fairseq, ESPnet, Flashlight

OS: Linux, Mac OSXOther: Git, LATEX

LANGUAGES

• English: proficient

• Mandarin: native

• Japanese: intermediate

Extracurricular Activities

Rifleman at The Republic of China Army, Taichung, Taiwan

Summer 2018 & Summer 2019

- Completed obligatory military service through two-staged regular service for university and college students.

Lecturer at NTU Balloon Design Club, Taipei, Taiwan

Jun 2018 - Jun 2019

- Designed balloon arts, taught members techniques, and held several events. [page] [photo]

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