

YING SHEN

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EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University, School of Computer Science
M.S. in Intelligent Information Systems (expected), GPA: 3.8/4.0

Pittsburgh, PA
Sept 2017 - Present

Fudan University, School of Software
B.E. in Software Engineering, GPA: 3.68/4.0, Rank: 3/86, National Scholarship (top 1%)

Shanghai, China
Sept 2013 - July 2017

PUBLICATIONS

1. Efficient Low-rank Multimodal Fusion with Modality-Specific Factors

Zhun Liu*, **Ying Shen***, Varun Lakshminarasimhan, Paul Pu Liang, Amir Zadeh, and Louis-Philippe Morency. The 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2018), Oral (12.8% acceptance rate).

(* equal contribution.)

2. Dynamically Adjusting Word Representations Using Nonverbal Behaviours

Yansen Wang, **Ying Shen**, Zhun Liu, Paul Pu Liang, Amir Zadeh, and Louis-Philippe Morency. The Thirty-Third AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI 2019).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

MultiComp Laboratory, Carnegie Mellon University | *Research Assistant*

Advisor: Prof. Louis-Philippe Morency

Pittsburgh, PA
Sept 2017 - Present

• Compositional Face Representations

Nov 2018 - Present

- Proposed a deep generative framework for human faces by learning a representation that decomposes the structure of the human face into a set of hidden variables for different facial regions

Unsupervised Learning of Multimodal Representations

Feb 2018 - Present

- Proposed an unsupervised framework to learn multimodal representations that capture not only verbal syntax and semantics, but also contextual occurrence of nonverbal elements
- Extended the training objective of the Skip-Gram model to also capture the distributions of features extracted from visual and acoustic contexts
- Applied pre-trained multimodal embeddings to other multimodal tasks and showed improved performance

• Dynamically Adjusting Word Representations Using Nonverbal Behaviors (AAAI-19)

May 2018 - Sept 2018

- Proposed a neural framework to model the contextual meaning of words by considering the nonverbal aspects of human communication as a shift of the verbal representation
- Showed competitive performance for multimodal sentiment analysis and emotion recognition
- Visualized shifted word representations for understanding the impact of sub-word modeling and dynamic shifts on modeling word meaning

• Efficient Low-rank Multimodal Fusion with Modality-Specific Factors (ACL-18 Oral)

Oct 2017 - May 2018

- Proposed an efficient method to integrate multiple unimodal representations (e.g. verbal, visual and audio) into one compact multimodal representation
- Reduced the computational and model complexity typically present in previous tensor-based fusion approach
- Achieved competitive results on: multimodal sentiment analysis, speaker trait analysis, and emotion recognition

ArticuLab, Carnegie Mellon University | *Research Assistant*

Pittsburgh, PA

Advisor: Dr. Yoichi Matsuyama, Prof. Justine Cassell

July 2016 - Sept 2016

• **Automatic Generation of Word-level Prosody Markup Language**

July 2016 - Aug 2016

- Implemented a BiLSTM-based neural network for labeling sequential data and generating word-level prosodic labels, including break, pitch, tone, and rate of speech
- Applied a rule-based method to generate prosody based on the actual linguistic rules of human language

• **Natural Language Understanding Module of Socially Aware Robot Assistant (SARA)**

Aug 2016 - Sept 2016

- Designed speakers' intention schemes - namely, greetings and requests - and trained language understanding model to classify the intention using the Language Understanding Intelligent Service (LUIS), and achieved classification results (0.91 F1 score)

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

• **Improving Machine Translation Quality by Cross-lingual Natural Language Inference**

Nov 2018 - Present

- Proposed a new framework for end-to-end neural machine translation (NMT) by Cross-lingual Natural Language Inference
- Optimized our NMT system towards generating translations that score higher in both machine translation and natural language inference tasks by using minimum risk training

• **Low-resource Neural Machine Translation**

Oct 2018

- Implemented an NMT model for low-resource translation with Universal Lexical Representation
- Utilized back-translation to create additional pseudo-parallel data by translating monolingual data with a trained phrase-based statistical machine translation using Moses

• **Dependency Parsing with Deep Reinforcement Learning**

Feb 2018 - May 2018

- Trained a reinforcement learning agent using the Advantage Actor Critic (A2C) algorithm to perform non-greedy decoding with transition-based dependency parser by considering the future rewards
- Performed experiments on the English Penn Treebank (PTB) datasets and improved around 0.4% accuracy compared to the supervised neural dependency parser

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Carnegie Mellon University

Fall 2018

Course: 11-777, Advanced Multimodal Machine Learning | Instructor: Prof. Louis-Phillipe Morency

AWARDS AND HONORS

KLA-Tencor Excellent Student Scholarship, Fudan University (top 1%)

Oct 2016

EMC Excellent Student Scholarship, Computer Science Department, Fudan University (top 2%)

Apr 2016

National Scholarship (top 1%)

Oct 2015

iShamrock Software Competition 2015, 1st Runner-up

Mar 2015

Excellent Student in Computer Science School, Fudan University (top 1%)

Nov 2014

Fudan University Excellent Student Scholarship, First Prize (top 4%)

Oct 2014

SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Computer Languages
Frameworks and Tools
Languages
Interests

Java, Python, C++/C, MATLAB, SQL, HTML/CSS, JavaScript
PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Spring, Hibernate, WebGL, OpenCV, AWS, Hadoop, HBase
Mandarin Chinese (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Basic Conversational Proficiency)
Painting, Swimming, and Traveling