YUFEI LI

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Education

University of California, Riverside — Riverside, CA
Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Advisor: Cong Liu. GPA: 4.0 — *Sep 2022 – Jun 2025 (Expected)*

University of California, San Diego — San Diego, CA
M.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering — *Sep 2018 – Jun 2020*

Xi'an Jiaotong University (XJTU) — Xi'an, China
B.S. in Mechanical Engineering — *Sep 2014 – Jun 2018*

Research Area

Natural Language Processing, Uncertainty Quantification, Efficient LLM Training & Inference

Work & Research Experience

University of California, Riverside — Riverside, CA
Graduate Student Researcher — *Sep 2022 – Present*

NEC Laboratories America, Inc. — Princeton, NJ
Natural Language Processing & Data Mining Research Intern — *May 2022 – Aug 2022*

- Annotated fields (named entities) in log messages, and leveraged BART for prompt-based field extraction.
- Defined hierarchical relations between log components and configured dynamic attributed graphs.
- Detected anomalies in log messages using a GNN-based encoder enhanced with temporal-attentive transformers.

NEC Laboratories America, Inc. — Princeton, NJ
Natural Language Processing Research Intern — *May 2021 – Aug 2021*

- Annotated name entities and relations using regular expression rules in CVE corpus for distant supervision.
- Incorporated pre-trained GPT-2 into a sequence labeling framework for information extraction (IE).
- Proposed a bootstrap training strategy for denoising distant labels and selecting high-quality instances.

University of Texas at Dallas — Dallas, TX
Research Assistant — *Aug 2020 – May 2022*

SeekTruth Scientific & Technical Corporation — Beijing, China
Machine Learning Research Intern — *Jul 2019 – Sep 2019*

- Built a joint key point and pose recognition model for character identification tasks.
- Developed an adaptive discrimination definition mode from Caffe to TensorFlow.
- Designed a lightweight CNN to calibrate video frame orientations in real-time for online streaming.

Selected Publications

Yufei Li, Zexin Li, Wei Yang, Cong Liu. RT-LM: Uncertainty-Aware Resource Management for Real-Time Inference of Language Models. *IEEE Real-Time Systems Symposium (RTSS) 2023.*

Zexin Li, Aritra Samanta, **Yufei Li**, Andrea Soltoggio, Hyoseung Kim, Cong Liu. R^3: On-device Real-Time Deep Reinforcement Learning for Autonomous Robotics. *IEEE Real-Time Systems Symposium (RTSS) 2023.*

Shahab Nikkhoo, Zexin Li, Aritra Samanta, **Yufei Li**, Cong Liu. PIMbot: Policy and Incentive Manipulation for Multi-Robot Reinforcement Learning in Social Dilemmas. *IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS) 2023.*

Yufei Li, Xiao Yu, Yanchi Liu, Haifeng Chen, Cong Liu. Uncertainty-Aware Bootstrap Learning for Joint Extraction on Distantly-Supervised Data. *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2023.*

Yufei Li, Zexin Li, Yingfan Gao, Cong Liu. White-Box Multi-Objective Adversarial Attack on Dialogue Generation. *Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2023.*

Shuyang Li, **Yufei Li**, Jianmo Ni, Julian McAuley. SHARE: a System for Hierarchical Assistive Recipe Editing. *Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2022.*

Ke Chen*, **Yufei Li***, Yingfeng Chen., Changjie Fan, Zhipeng Hu, Wei Yang. GLIB: Towards Automated Test Oracle for Graphically-Rich Applications. *ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE) 2021.*

Projects

Assessing the Reusability of Pre-trained Code Embeddings | *GitHub*

- Developed a cost-efficient offline framework to assess the generalizability of embeddings in code analysis tasks.
- Evaluated the generalizability of existing pre-trained embeddings leveraging semantic metamorphic relationships.

Rethink Negative Sampling in Bayesian Personalized Ranking | *GitHub*

- Identified a limitation of popularity-based sampling due to non-uniform negative sampling bias.
- Rectified this bias by creating tailored negative sampling distributions, enhancing Bayesian personalized ranking (BPR) performance.

Automatic Delivery Vehicle Design | *GitHub*

- Simulated a project integrating the Courier and TSP challenges for autonomous delivery vehicle design.
- Formulated a path planning algorithm by incorporating the A* heuristic rules with genetic evolution principles.

Honors & Awards

VEX Robotics International Competitions Louisville, KY

Team Leader & Programmer *Sep 2016 – Jun 2017*

- Excellent Award and Runner-Up at the VEX Robotics World Championship (RECF) 2017.
- Excellent Award and Runner-Up at the VEX Robotics Asia Open 2016.
- First-class Award at the VEX Robotics China Open 2016.

National Encouragement Scholarship Xi'an, China

Recipient (Top 10 out of 300+ candidates from XJTU) *Sep 2014 – Jun 2017*

Skills

Programming: Python, C, C++, Java, MATLAB, MySQL, Bash, HTML, Markdown

Machine Learning: PyTorch, PyTorch-lightning, TensorFlow, Keras, Scikit-learn

Miscellaneous: LaTeX, Git, Ansys, SolidWorks, AutoCAD, Adobe Photoshop

Program Committee & Reviewer

ACL Rolling Review, EMNLP, KDD, CIKM, RTSS, ICSE, ESEC/FSE, ASE