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Research Interests

- Large Language Models [1]: Extending context window of LLMs without fine-tuning.
- Generative Models [4]: Developing a data generation solution for concept drift issue.
- **Domain Generalization** [7]: Model-agnostic frameworks for domain generalization.
- Fairness in Healthcare [11]: Fair machine learning algorithms for healthcare tasks.

Education

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Ph.D. in Computer Science (Advisors: Dr. Na Zou and Dr. Xia Hu)

Aug. 2021 - Expected May 2025

National Cheng Kung University

Tainan, Taiwan

Master of Science in Structures and Materials

Sep. 2013 - Jun. 2015

Publications

- [1] H. Jin, X. Han, J. Yang, Z. Jiang, Z. Liu, C.Y. Chang, H. Chen, and X. Hu, "LLM Maybe LongLM: Self-Extend LLM Context Window Without Tuning," The Forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'24)
- [2] G. Wang, Y.N. Chuang, F. Yang, M. Du, C.Y. Chang, et al., and X. Hu, "TVE: Learning Meta-attribution for Transferable Vision Explainer," The Forty-first International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'24)
- [3] Y.N. Chuang, T. Xing, C.Y. Chang, et al., and X. Hu, "Learning to Compress Prompt in Natural Language Formats," 2024 Annual Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL'24)
- [4] C.Y. Chang, Y.N. Chuang, Z. Jiang, K.H. Lai, A. Jiang, and N. Zou, "CODA: Temporal Domain Generalization via Concept Drift Simulator," arXiv (ICML'24 (submitted))
- [5] Y.N. Chuang, G. Wang, C.Y. Chang, et al., and X. Hu, "Large Language Models As Faithful Explainers," arXiv (ICML'24 (submitted))
- [6] H. Jin, X. Han, J. Yang, Z. Jiang, C.Y. Chang, and X. Hu, "GrowLength: Accelerating LLMs Pretraining by Progressively Growing Training Length," arXiv (ICML'24 (submitted))
- [7] C.Y. Chang, Y.N. Chuang, G. Wang, M. Du, and N. Zou, "DISPEL: Domain Generalization via Domain-Specific Liberating," arXiv'23 (ICML'24 (submitted))
- [8] Y. Wang, X. Han, C.Y. Chang, D. Zha, U. Braga-Neto, and X. Hu, "Auto-PINN: Understanding and Optimizing Physics-Informed Neural Architecture," Thirty-seventh Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'23 AI4Science)
- [9] Y.N. Chuang, G. Wang, C.Y. Chang, et al., and X. Hu "DiscoverPath: A Knowledge Refinement and Retrieval System for Interdisciplinarity on Biomedical Research," ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM'23 Demo)
- [10] C.Y. Chang, Y.N. Chuang, K.H. Lai, X. Han, X. Hu, N. Zou, "Towards Assumption-free Bias Mitigation," arXiv (IJCAI'24 (submitted))
- [11] C.Y. Chang, J. Yuan, S. Ding, Q. Tan, K. Zhang, X. Jiang, X. Hu, and N. Zou, "Towards Fair Patient-Trial Matching via Patient-Criterion Level Fairness Constraint," AMIA 2023 Annual Symposium (AMIA'23)
- [12] S. Ding, Q. Tan, C.Y. Chang, et al., and X. Hu, "Multi-Task Learning for Post-transplant Cause of Death Analysis: A Case Study on Liver Transplant," AMIA 2023 Annual Symposium (AMIA'23)

- [13] Y.N. Chuang, K.H. Lai, R. Tang, M. Du, C.Y. Chang, N. Zou, X. Hu, "Mitigating Relational Bias on Knowledge Graphs," arXiv (Preprint)
- [14] C.Y. Chang*, C.W. Lu*, and C.J. Wang, "A Multi-step-ahead Markov Conditional Forward Model with Cube Perturbations for Extreme Weather Forecasting," The 36th Annual AAAI Conference (AAAI'21)
- [15] C.Y. Chang, and et al., "Query Expansion with Semantic-based Ellipsis Reduction for Conversational IR," The Twenty-Ninth Text REtrieval Conference (TREC'20)

Experience

Visa Research

Research Intern

Foster City, CA

May. 2024 - Present

- Develop a retrieval-augmented generation (RAG) framework to mitigate knowledge conflicts in Large Language Models.
- Explore potential application scenarios of RAG for the current business.

Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Graduate Research Assistant

Aug. 2021 - Present

- Developed model-agnostic algorithms that focus on generalization issues in machine learning models.
- Developed fairness machine learning frameworks for healthcare tasks by task-specific regularizations.
- Proposed the efficient pre-training paradigm for large language models during pre-processing.

Academia Sinica

Taipei, Taiwan

Research Assistant

Oct. 2019 - Dec. 2020

- Developed a ranking algorithm for financial news recommender systems to reduce 41% of traders' daily reading time.
- Researched and published papers in time-series forecasting and large language model applications.
- Won the 2nd place award in an information retrieval competition via a T5-based coreference and reranking framework.

EZTABLE

Taipei, Taiwan

Backend Engineer

Jan. 2019 - Sep. 2019

- Designed/developed APIs for the website and mobile app deployed on cloud services, including AWS and GCP.
- Utilized CI/CD tools (Jenkins and Drone) for automatic testing and exporting reports.
- Improved cloud infrastructures that reduced 19.2% server loading and 23.8% cost.

Projects

Recommender System Algorithms | E.SUN Bank

Nov. 2019 - Dec. 2020

- Developed recommender system algorithms with the machine learning method.
- Fine-tuned BERT pre-trained models for leveraging given limited labeled data.
- Built and trained an RNN-based model to tackle a time-series problem.
- Designed data pre-processing and post-processing pipelines to enhance the efficiency of experiments.
- Led and organized the project members and communicated with E.SUN Bank partners.

TripChat [Link] | Side Project

Sep. 2018 - Nov. 2018

- Developed front-end part with JavaScript library React.
- Implemented RESTful APIs with Node.js and a real-time co-editing map with Socket.IO.
- Implemented Cache for low updated frequency data with Redis.
- Built the environment as a Docker Image and deployed on AWS EC2.

Awards and Honors

CIKM 2023 Best Demo Paper Honorable Mention [9]	Oct. 2023
AMIA 2023 Best Student Paper Finalist [12]	Oct. 2023
NSF Travel Award for Quality and Productivity Research Conference (QPRC) 2023	Jun. 2023
2 nd and 4 th Place Award, TREC CAsT, Text REtrieval Conference [15] [Link]	Oct. 2020
National Chen Kung University Scholarship Award (Top 10%)	2014, 2015

Invited Talks

KDD 2023 Machine Learning in Finance Tutorial – Algorithmic Fairness in Finance [Link] Aug. 2023

QPRC 2023 Short Course – Fair Machine Learning in Healthcare [Link]

Jun. 2023