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RESEARCH Interests Natural Language Understanding & Machine Learning (structured prediction, latent variable models, language generation)

EDUCATION University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland

Nov 2018 - Present

Sep 2015 - Jun 2018

Ph.D., ILCC; advised by Prof. Ivan Titov and Mirella Lapata

ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China

M.Sc., Computer Science; advised by Prof. Kewei Tu Thesis: Natural Language Parsing and Grammar Learning

Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China

Sep 2011 - Jun 2015

B.E. (with honors), Software Engineering

Thesis: Curriculum Learning of Bayesian Network Structures

CURRENT WORK

Broad-Coverage Semantic Parsing

• Investigate unsupervised approaches for (multilingual) semantic parsing; currently mainly focus on unsupervised semantic role labeling.

Latent Vector Context-free Grammars (LVeGs)

• Investigate continuous latent variable models for constituency parsing and part-of-speech tagging; study the representational power of LVeGs.

Publications

JOURNAL PAPERS

Yanpeng Zhao, Yetian Chen, Kewei Tu, and Jin Tian. Learning Bayesian Network Structures Under Incremental Construction Curricula. Neurocomputing 2017.

Conference Papers

Yanpeng Zhao, Liwen Zhang, Kewei Tu. Gaussian Mixture Latent Vector Grammars. In the 56th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2018), Melbourne, Australia, July 15-20, 2018.

Chen Zhu, Yanpeng Zhao, Shuaiyi Huang, Kewei Tu, and Yi Ma. **Structured Attentions for Visual Question Answering**. In the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV 2017), Venice, Italy, October 22-29, 2017.

Yanpeng Zhao, Shanbo Chu, Yang Zhou, and Kewei Tu. **Sequence Prediction Using Neural Network Classifiers**. *In the 13th International Conference on Grammatical Inference (ICGI 2016)*, Delft, The Netherlands, October 5-7, 2016.

Yanpeng Zhao, Yetian Chen, Kewei Tu, and Jin Tian. Curriculum Learning of Bayesian Network Structures. In the 7th Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML 2015), Hong Kong, China, November 20-22, 2015.

Yanpeng Zhao, Victoria W. Bi, Deng Cai, Xiaojiang Liu, Kewei Tu, Shuming Shi. Language Style Transfer from Non-Parallel Text with Arbitrary Styles. Technical report, 2018.

EXPERIENCE

Tencent AI Lab, Shenzhen, China

Jul 2017 - Nov 2017

Research Intern with Dr. Victoria W. Bi, Dr. Xiaojiang Liu, and Dr. Shuming Shi

- Investigated language style transfer with non-parallel text.
- Developed a neural network model for language style transfer from sentences with arbitrary unknown styles.

SIST, ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China

Sep 2015 - Jun 2016

Teaching Assistant with Prof. Hao Chen and Prof. Sören Schwertfeger

• Assisted instructors with lectures for CS100 (Programming Languages and Data Structures) and CS110 (Computer Architecture I).

| Awards | National Scholarships for Graduate Students (top 5%) | 2017 |
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| And Honors | 2nd place in the Sequence Prediction Challenge (SPICE), ICGI | 2016 |
| | Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis Award, Hubei Province (top 5%) | 2015 |
| | Meritorious Winner, The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (top 11%) | 2014 |
| | University Scholarships, Wuhan University of Technology | 2011-2014 |
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| Professional | Reviewer for the Neurocomputing Journal (2016, 2017) | |
| SERVICE | Volunteer at the ShanghaiTech Symposium on Information Science and Technology | Jun 2016 |