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RESEARCH INTERESTS EDUCATION Natural Language Processing and Understanding, Machine Learning

ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China

Sep 2015 - Present

M.Sc., Computer Science Adviser: Kewei Tu

Wuhan University of Technology, Wuhan, China

Sep 2011 - Jun 2015

B.E. (with honors), Software Engineering

Thesis: Curriculum Learning of Bayesian Network Structures

(Outstanding Bachelor Thesis Award)

Current Work

## Latent Vector Context-free Grammar

Aug 2016 - Present

- Investigated constituency parsing with latent annotations, aiming to learn a better parse
  tree given the sentence and obtain compact grammars.
- Developed a novel constituency parsing algorithm, in which grammar rule weights are represented by the mixture of Gaussians. Our approach can learn weighted grammars in EM (Expectation–Maximization) with gradient descent optimization techniques.

#### **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, Victoria W. Bi, Deng Cai, Xiaojiang Liu, Kewei Tu, Shuming Shi. Language Style Transfer from Non-Parallel Text with Arbitrary Styles. Submitted to ICLR 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.

#### EXPERIENCE

### Tencent AI Lab, Shenzhen, China

Jul 2017 - Oct 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 novel model for the practical language style transfer task in the context of chatbot. Paper submitted to ICLR 2018.

## SIST, ShanghaiTech University

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	
AND	HONORS

National Scholarships for Graduate Students (Awarded to top 5% students)	2017
Excellent Student, Shanghaitech University (Awarded to top 15% students)	2016
2nd place in the Sequence Prediction Challenge (SPICE), ICGI	2016
Meritorious Winner, The Mathematical Contest in Modeling (MCM)	2014
University Scholarships, Wuhan University of Technology	2011-2014

## Professional

Reviewer for the Neurocomputing Journal (2016, 2017)

SERVICE Volunteer at the ShanghaiTech Symposium on Information Science and Technology Jun 2016