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# RESEARCH INTERESTS EDUCATION

Natural language processing, machine translation, generative models, text generation

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Ph.D candidate in Computer Science, Nanjing University 2018.9 - 2021.6 (expected) Supervisors: Dr. Shujian Huang and Dr. Jiajun Chen

Visiting research student, ILCC, University of Edinburgh 2019.9 - 2020.8 Supervisor: Dr. Alexandra Birch

M.S. in Computer Science, Nanjing University

Supervisors: Dr. Shujian Huang and Dr. Jiajun Chen

B.E. in Automobile Engineering, Hunan University 2012.9 - 2016.6 Supervisor: Dr. Xiaolin Song

#### **PUBLICATION**

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Hao Zhou, Shujian Huang, Lei Li, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen. 2020. *Mirror-Generative Neural Machine Translation*. In Proceedings of International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) (Accepted as *talk* with *full review scores*).

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Shujian Huang, Rongxiang Weng, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen. 2020. *Improving Self-Attention Networks with Sequential Relations*. IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio, Speech and Language Processing (TASLP).

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Xiang Yue, Shujian Huang, Jiajun Chen, Alexandra Birch. 2020. Towards Making the Most of Context in Neural Machine Translation. In Proceedings of the Twenty-Ninth International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI).

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Shujian Huang, Zhaopeng Tu, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen. 2019. Dynamic Past and Future for Neural Machine Translation. In Proceedings of the 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing and the 9th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing (EMNLP-IJCNLP).

**Zaixiang Zheng\***, Hao Zhou\*, Shujian Huang, Lili Mou, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen, Zhaopeng Tu. 2018. *Modeling Past and Future for Neural Machine Translation*. Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL). Volume 6.

Peng Wu, Shujian Huang, Rongxiang Weng, **Zaixiang Zheng**, Jianbing Zhang, Xiaohui Yan. Jiajun Chen. 2019. Learning Representation Mapping for Relation Detection in Knowledge Base Question Answering. In Proceedings of the 57th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL).

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Shujian Huang, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen. 2018. Controlling the Transition of Hidden States for Neural Machine Translation. In Proceedings of 14th China Workshop on Machine Translation (CWMT). Communications in Computer and Information Science. Volume 954.

Rongxiang Weng, Shujian Huang, **Zaixiang Zheng**, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen. 2017. Neural Machine Translation with Word Predictions. In Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).

Non-archival works/Preprints

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Shujian Huang, Jiajun Chen, Alexandra Birch. 2020. *Modeling Distinct Context for Non-Autoregressive Translation Models*. Under review at EMNLP 2020.

Xuhui Zhou, **Zaixiang Zheng**, Shujian Huang. 2020. *RPD: A Distance Function Between Word Embeddings*. In Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL): Student Research Workshop.

Zhen Cheng, **Zaixiang Zheng**, Xin-Yu Dai, Shujian Huang, Jiajun Chen. 2019. Multi-Perspective Inferrer: Reasoning Sentences Relationship from Holistic Perspective. arXiv preprint. arXiv:1911.03668.

**Zaixiang Zheng**, Shujian Huang, Zewei Sun, Rongxiang Weng, Xin-Yu Dai, Jiajun Chen. 2018. Learning to Discriminate Noises for Incorporating External Information in Neural Machine Translation. arXiv preprint. arXiv:1810.10317.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

# **NLP Research Intern**

ByteDance AI Lab. 2020.9 - present

Working with Dr. Hao Zhou and Dr. Lei Li on multilingual generative NMT and general-purpose text generation.

### **PROJECTS**

#### NJUNMT-pytorch

2018.4 - present

Homepage: https://github.com/whr94621/NJUNMT-pytorch

NJUNMT-pytorch is an pytorch-based toolkit for neural machine translation. NJUNMT-pytorch is highly research-oriented, containing several common baseline models such as RNMT and Transformer.

- one of the developers and contributors
- developed modules including dynamic-nmt, doc-nmt, mirror-nmt, nonautoregressive-nmt and relation-aware self-attention
- $\bullet$  developed training pipeline, distributed training, web server, bug fixes and version update

Patent-NMT 2018.8 - 2019.5

Patent-NMT is a project cooperated with Sunyu Inc., in which we provide a neural machine translation solution to international patent translation for Sunyu Inc.

- project leader (3 group members in total), coordinator and major developer
- developed core NMT models, web server, APIs and document.

### **SKILLS**

Natural Languages: Mandarin (native), English (IELTS 7.0)

Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, Java, Matlab, Shell

Operating System: Linux (two-year experiences as a part-time IT administrator in my

Tools/Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, Theano, Git, Flask

# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

### Conference program committee

ICLR 2021; ACL 2019, 2020; EMNLP 2020; AACL 2020; AAAI 2020; IJCAI 2020; INLG 2019; CCL 2019

### **Talks**

Latent variable models for neural machine translation.	Techbeat. 2020.10
Mirror-generative neural machine translation.	Bytedance AI Lab. 2020.5
Towards making the most of context in NMT.	AIS 2020. 2020.5
Recent advances in non-autoregressive NMT.	Samsung EU. 2020.6

# TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Tutor: Deep learning for NLP and Its Practice.NJUNLP Summer Camp. 2019.7TA: Elementary Programming.Nanjing U. 2018 FallTA: Advanced Programming.Nanjing U. 2017 Fall

# AWARDS

Guorui Scholarship for graduate student2019.10China Scholarship Council (CSC) Scholarship2019.6The First Class Scholarship for graduate student2018.10

# OTHERS

### Patents:

Shujian Huang, **Zaixiang Zheng**, Xinyu Dai, Jianbing Zhang, Cunyan Yin, Jiajun Chen. Neural machine translation method utilizing external information. CN20181058 1372.6.

Shujian Huang, **Zaixiang Zheng**, Xinyu Dai, Jianbing Zhang, Cunyan Yin, Jiajun Chen. Neural machine translation system utilizing external information and training method for translation system. CN201810582125.8.