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EDUCATION

King's College London *London, UK*
PhD in Computer Science *Oct. 2023 - June 2027 (Expected)*
- Supervisors: Professor Yulan He, Professor Caroline Catmur, Dr. Jinhua Du
- Studentship: EPSRC iCASE jointly funded by UKRI, Huawei London Research Centre, King's College London
- Project: *"Character-Centric Narrative Understanding"*

University of Pennsylvania *Philadelphia, PA*
M.S.E in Data Science *Aug. 2021- May 2023*
- *Outstanding Research Award*
- *Best Thesis Runner-up Award*
- Main course modules: Machine Learning; Deep Learning; Computational Linguistics; Principles of Deep Learning, Advanced Computational Linguistics
- GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

University of California, Davis *Davis, CA*
B.S. in Statistics with Highest Honor (Statistical Data Science Track) *Sept. 2016 - Jun. 2020*
- *Highest Honor (Summa Cum Laude)*
- Honor's Thesis: *"Application of Curve Registration Methods on Analyzing Wearable Device Data."*
- Supervisor: Professor Jane-Ling Wang
- Major GPA: 3.94 / 4.00 (overall GPA: 3.84 / 4.00)

PUBLICATIONS

[9] Jiazheng Li, **Hainiu Xu,** Zhaoyue Sun, Yuxiang Zhou, David West, Cesare Aloisi, Yulan He
"Calibrating LLMs with Preference Optimization on Thought Trees for Generating Rationale in Science Question Scoring" (Findings of EMNLP2024)

[8] **Hainiu Xu**, Runcong Zhao, Lixing Zhu, Jinhua Du, Yulan He
"OpenToM : A Comprehensive Benchmark for Evaluating Theory-of-Mind Reasoning Capabilities of Large Language Models" (ACL2024)

[7] Xinyu Wang, **Hainiu Xu**, Lin Gui, Yulan He
"Towards Unified Task Embeddings Across Multiple Models: Bridging the Gap for Prompt-Based Large Language Models and Beyond" (Findings of ACL2024)

[6] Runcong Zhao*, Qinglin Zhu*, **Hainiu Xu**, Jiazheng Li, Yuxiang Zhou, Yulan He, Lin Gui
"Large Language Models Fall Short: Understanding Complex Relationships in Detective Narratives" (Findings of ACL2024)

[5] Liam Dugan, Alyssa Hwang, Filip Trhlík, Josh Magnus Ludan, Andrew Zhu, **Hainiu Xu**, Daphne Ippolito, Chris Callison-Burch
"RAID: A Shared Benchmark for Robust Evaluation of Machine-Generated Text Detectors" (ACL2024)

[4] Li Zhang, **Hainiu Xu**, Abhinav Kommula, Niket Tandon, Chris Callison-Burch
"OpenPI2.0: An Improved Dataset for Entity Tracking in Texts" (EACL2024)

[3] Li Zhang*, Liam Dugan*, **Hainiu Xu***, Chris Callison-burch (*equal contribution)
"Exploring the Curious Case of Code Prompts" (NLRSE Workshop, ACL2023)

[2] Li Zhang*, **Hainiu Xu*,** Yue Yang, Shuyan Zhou, Manni Arora, Weiqiu You, Chris Callison-Burch (*equal contribution)
"Entity Tracking with Multi-hop Reasoning in Procedural Texts" (Findings of EACL2023)

[1] Tianyi Zhang, Isaac Tham, Zhaoyi Hou, Jiaxuan Ren, Leon Zhou, **Hainiu Xu**, Li Zhang, Lara Martin, Rotem Dror, Sha Li, Heng Ji, Martha Palmer, Susan Windisch Brown, Reece Suchocki, Chris Callison-Burch
"Human-in-the-loop Schema Induction" (ACL2023, System Demonstration)

THESIS

[1] "Fine-grained AND Coarse-grained Causal Reasoning in Procedural Texts", Master's Thesis, University of Pennsylvania, [LINK]

[2] "Application of Curve Registration Methods on Analyzing Wearable Device Data.", Undergraduate Thesis, University of California-Davis, [LINK]

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

EPSRC-iCASE: Character-Centric Narrative Understanding   *London, UK*
UKRI, Huawei London Research Centre, King's College London
Supervisors: Prof. Yulan He, Prof. Caroline Catmur, Dr. Jinhua Du   *Oct. 2023 -*
- Develop Theory-of-Mind Reasoning benchmarks for LLMs.
- Construct euro-symbolic framework for enhancing LLMs' Theory-of-Mind reasoning capabilities.
- Investigate application of Theory-of-Mind reasoning in cognitive reappraisal.

Research Assistant: Procedural Reasoning   *Philadelphia, PA*
University of Pennsylvania, PennNLP
Supervisor: Prof. Chris Callison-Burch   *May. 2022 - Sept. 2023*
- Investigated methods for decomposing compound questions for procedural reasoning tasks under a few-shot setting.
- Conducted template-based question decomposition using GPT3 and T5.
- Created a metric for evaluating decomposition results for procedural reasoning tasks.
- Conducted image synthesis using procedural instructions with DALL·E-mini and CLIP.
- Investigated methods for composing logical relationship between multi-hop questions and corresponding zero-hop premises.
- Conducted error analysis on SOTA models in entity state tracking.
- Wrote conference paper as co-first author.

Independent Research: Visual-Guided Procedure Generation   *Philadelphia, PA*
University of Pennsylvania, PennNLP
Supervisor: Prof. Chris Callison-Burch   *May. 2022 - May. 2023*
- Built Crawler to gather parallel procedural data that contain texts and images.
- Investigated methods for goal inference based on the sequence of images.
- Investigated step-generation based on activity goal and semantics from images.

Honor's Thesis: Curve Registration on Wearable Device Data *Davis, CA*
UC Davis, Department of Statistics
Supervisor: Professor Jane-Ling Wang. *Jun. 2019 - Jun. 2020*
• Applied various time warping algorithms to functional data collected from wearable devices.
• Wrote a comprehensive literature review for the major warping methods.
• Compared time warping methods for wearable device data.
• Measured the effectiveness of warping methods with functional principal component analysis results on thewearable device data.

Research Training Group (RTG) Project: Analysis of Wearable Device Data *Davis, CA*
UC Davis Department of Statistics, National Science Foundation (NSF)
Supervisor: Professor Jane-Ling Wang *Dec. 2018 - Jun. 2019*
• Studied theories of functional data analysis including smoothing, clustering, and functional principal componentanalysis.
• Conducted exploratory functional data analysis with wearable device data.
• Extracted user activity patterns using functional principal component analysis.

WORK EXPERIENCE

AI Engineer Intern *Beijing. China*
Schlumberger BGC
Supervisors: Dr. Ping Zhang, Dr. Qing Liu, Dr. Peng Jin *Sept. 2020 - May. 2021*
• Conducted text mining on drilling reports written in Chinese.
• Conducted fine-tuning on Chinese word vectors for the oil and gas industry.
• Studied the behaviour of fine-tuning algorithms under a small-sample fine-tuning setting.
• Conducted a comprehensive evaluation of the performance of state-of-the-art language models (BERT, ALBERT,ELECTRA, etc.) on representing words from drilling reports.
• Built mono-lingual and multi-lingual classification models for classifying Chinese drilling reports.
• Deployed the classification model as a web application using Flask.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant *Philadelphia, PA*
University of Pennsylvania, CIS522 Deep Learning
Instructors: Prof. Lyle Unger, Prof. Konrad Kording Jan. 2023 - May 2023
Give weekly lectures
Prepare lecture slides and tutorial solutions
Mentor course projects
Grade assignments and course projects

Teaching Assistant *Philadelphia, PA*
University of Pennsylvania, CIS530 Computational Linguistics
Instructor: Prof. Mark Yatskar *Aug. 2022 - Jan. 2023*
• Manage Piazza (course online QA platform)
• Make weekly quizzes
• Hold office hours
• Grade homework
• Mentor course projects

Tutor *Davis, CA*
UC Davis: Academic Assistant and Tutoring Center *Sep. 2018 - Dec. 2018*
• Making interactive questions regarding the material and making up example questions.

• Provided individual tutoring for peers from STA 131A: Introduction to Probability Theory.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

UC Davis Symphony Orchestra   *Davis, CA*
Clarinet   *Jan.2018 - Jun. 2020*
• Rehearsed and performed in numerous concerts at the Mondavi Centre.
• Performed as the principal clarinet in various concerts.

UC Davis University Concert Band   *Davis, CA*
Principal Clarinet   *Jun. 2016 - Dec. 2018*
• Rehearsed and performed in numerous concerts at the Mondavi Centre.
• Led the clarinet section rehearsal.

UC Davis Chamber Music– Clarinet Trio   *Davis, CA*
Principal Clarinet   *Jan. 2019 - Mar. 2019*
• Rehearsed and performed in numerous concerts at the Pizter Centre.
• Conducted and directed the rehearsal of the chamber music group.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Language: Fluent in Mandarin and English (GRE: 329 (Verbal Reasoning: 161, Quantitative Reasoning: 168))
Programming Languages: Python, R, C, MATLAB, Bash
Machine Learning Libraries: PyTorch, Huggingface Transformers, Numpy, Scikit-Learn, HyperOpt