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EDUCATION

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China 09/2018 – present
B.S. in Mathematics and Physics, GPA: 3.67/4

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant in THUNLP Group 09/2020 – present

Supervisor: Prof. Zhiyuan Liu, Tsinghua University

Project I: Investigate the influence of training time in Information-Theoretic Probing with MDL paper (Ongoing project)

Objective: Investigate how training time can affect the performance of the Minimum Description Length(MDL)

Achievement:

- Considered the missing factor of training time that might question the validness of the MDL metric in this paper.

Project II: Pretrained language models(PLMs) for data-to-text generation

Objective: Investigate the impact of large PLMs in data-to-text generation.

Achievement:

- Demonstrated that PLMs such as BART achieved the state-of-the-art result on DocRED dataset without explicitly encoding the graph structure.
- Applied PLMs on the Open Domain Event Text Generation(ODETG) task, and achieved better performance than the baseline. Demonstrated that PLMs is able to generate more informative text than the traditional encoder-retriever-decoder framework on this ODETG task.

Project III: Network representation learning under multi-source heterogeneous data(Tencent Marketing Solution Project)

Objective: Combine the user data and multi-dimensional features, and use the machine learning algorithm to establish an end-to-end model which is able to recommend the ads to the right users automatically.

Achievement:

- Designed and implemented a base model that combines a feature converter and the Heterogeneous Graph Transformer(HGT, the SOTA model on heterogeneous graph representation learning).
- Pretrained the model on the training data, and fine-tuned the model on the downstream task(link prediction), obtained a better performance than the baseline(HGT).

Undergraduate Research Assistant in Institute for Advanced Study (IASTU) 04/2019 – 09/2019

Supervisor: Prof. Xuening Bai, Tsinghua University

Project I: Numerical method for the electron magnetohydrodynamics(EMHD) equations(an Open Problem)

Objective: Design an effective numerical approach for the EMHD equations.

Achievement:

- Designed an effective numerical algorithm under the Constrained Transport(CT) framework to capture the evolution of hall drift mode in the EMHD equations in 2 and 3 dimensions.

COURSE PROJECTS

Tsinghua - Tsinghua, Beijing

Artificial Neural Networks: **Exploration on the pre-trained representation of BERT and the selection of its significant subspace**

- Conducted the experiment in Information-Theoretic Probing with MDL paper by replacing ELMo with BERT, and justified the conclusions obtained in this paper successfully.
- Proposed an effective and simple method which selects the significant subspace of pre-trained representation based on gradients.

Big Data in Experimental Physics: **Classification of the types of OGLE Cepheids**

- Obtained a simple and effective way using an external package to classify the types of OGLE Cepheids in a data-contest hosted on crowdAI.

Programming Fundamentals: **Simulation of temperature based on heat transfer**

- Simulated the evolution of temperature based on heat transfer in three dimensional space with boundary conditions, and visualized the distribution of temperature using C language.

SELECTED HONORS & AWARDS

1. Successful Participant, The Mathematical Contest in Modeling(MCM), 2020
2. Tsinghua Alumni-1997 Scholarship, Tsinghua University, 2019
3. The First Prize, Chinese Physics Olympiad, 2017
4. The First Prize, Chinese Physics Olympiad, 2016

SKILLS

1. **Programming Languages & Tools:** Python, C/C++, Bash, Mathematica, MATLAB, R, Git, L^AT_EX, PyTorch, TensorFlow
2. **Language:** Chinese, Japanese(native), English(TOFEL: 99)
3. **Sports:** Tennis