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Research Interest: Language Model Interpretability, Computational Linguistics

EDUCATION

Department of Digital Humanities, Beijing Normal University Sep 2022 – Jun 2025
Computational Linguistics (Advised by [Renfen Hu](#)) GPA: 3.7/4

School of Mathematics and Statistics, Beijing Jiaotong University Sep 2018 – Jun 2022
Information and Computation Science GPA: 3.72/4

SELECTED COURSEWORK [U] denotes undergraduate courses, [G] denotes graduate courses.

- Mathematical Statistics ([U])
- Information Theory ([U])
- Theory & Algorithms for Optimization ([U])
- Foundations of Natural Language Processing ([G])
- Frontier of Cognitive Neuroscience in Linguistic Research ([G])
- Big Data Driven Artificial Intelligence ([G])
- Lexical Semantics ([G])

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Yupei, W.**, & Renfen, H., & Zhe, Z. (2024). [Beyond agreement: Diagnosing the rationale alignment of automated essay scoring methods based on linguistically-informed counterfactuals](#). In *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics: EMNLP 2024*.
2. **Yupei, W.**, & Renfen, H. (2021). [A Prompt-independent and Interpretable Automated Essay Scoring Method for Chinese Second Language Writing](#). In *Proceedings of the 20th Chinese National Conference on Computational Linguistics (CCL 2021 Oral)*.
3. Kaijie, M., & Ziliang, Q., & Renfen, H., & **Yupei, W.** (2024). [Construction and Application of Ancient Chinese Allusion Resources](#). In *Journal of Chinese Information Processing*, 38(11):27–34, 2024 (In Chinese).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Projects marked with * were completed collaboratively with peers and advisor; others were completed solely with advisor.

Interpretability of Neural Language Models in Automated Essay Scoring (AES) Mar 2023 – Present

- Investigated the decision-making processes of neural language models in AES by developing a counterfactual method that intervenes on linguistic elements in essays.
- Discovered that fine-tuned pre-trained models align better with human graders but focus primarily on sentence-level features, while LLMs demonstrate sensitivity to both sentence-level and overall essay structure. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#)

***Construction and Application of Ancient Chinese Allusion Resource Database** Oct 2022 – Mar 2024

- Developed a knowledge base of 23,000 allusions and an annotated corpus with over 30,000 entries.
- Designed two tasks—allusion detection and allusion recognition—with corresponding evaluation baselines.
- Used this resource to evaluate Chinese language capabilities in LLMs and to enhance Chinese language education. [\[paper\]](#) [\[resources\]](#)

Automated Essay Prompt Adherence Assessment via Semantic Matching Sep 2021 – Apr 2022

- Developed a semantic matching-based approach for essay prompt-adherence assessment using composite reference texts derived from prompts and exemplar essays.
- Integrated this method into the previous AES system to improve prompt adherence assessment and overall scoring accuracy. [\[Beijing Jiaotong University Outstanding Bachelor's Thesis Award\]](#)

Interpretable AES System Based on Linguistic Features Mar 2020 – Jun 2021

- Developed an AES model for Chinese L2 essays using ordinal logistic regression, incorporating 90 linguistic complexity features, 5 writing error features, and n-gram TF-IDF features.
- The model outperforms several LSTM-based neural models and enhances score interpretability with a prompt-independent feature set.
- Developed and open-sourced L2C-Rater, a tool for Chinese L2 AES. [\[paper\]](#) [\[code\]](#) [\[demo\]](#)

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Du Xiaoman Technology (Baidu Financial) | NLP Intern **Dec 2023 - Mar 2024**

- Reproduced experiments from research papers on LLM technologies, delivering weekly team presentations on pre-training, fine-tuning, and human preference learning algorithms.
- Participated in an LLM-driven game project, focusing on fine-tuning models to emulate specific animated and literary characters. Developed methods to assess knowledge boundaries and control model responses.

Cummins China | NLP Intern **Mar 2022 – Jun 2022**

- Developed a system allowing users to customize engineering datasets using natural language inputs.
- Created a domain-specific knowledge corpus from scratch and developed a hybrid retrieval algorithm combining rule-based methods and vector similarity.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Python Programming and Data Analysis | Undergraduate & Graduate **Spring & Fall 2023–2024**

- Responsible for 4 tutorial sessions each semester, providing supplementary explanations on machine learning and natural language processing theory and practice.
- Organized 5 competitions on Kaggle ([\[23S\]](#), [\[23F\]](#), [\[24S1\]](#), [\[24S2\]](#), [\[24F\]](#)) to help students learn from practice.

Natural Language Processing | Graduate **Spring 2024 & 2025**

- Awarded [2024 Outstanding Teaching Assistant for Graduate Courses](#) at Beijing Normal University.
- In 2024, I drafted [a basic manual on linear algebra](#), and based on this manual, conducted four supplementary classes totaling 12 hours. These classes introduced fundamental linear algebra knowledge required for NLP research from a geometric intuition perspective to students with no prior background.
- In 2025, I streamlined and condensed the course material into two focused sessions totaling 4.5 hours, covering the essentials of linear algebra, calculus, optimization, and information theory. [\[Lecture Notes\]](#)
- Conducted 4 tutorial sessions, demonstrating the code implementation of common NLP tasks. During this process, I maintained [a practical tutorial repository](#). This library covers model training and fine-tuning based on PyTorch and 🤖 Transformers, including models such as TextCNN, LSTM, BERT, T5, Qwen, and others, for tasks like text classification and machine translation, as well as asynchronous API calls for LLMs.

COMPETITIONS

Led a three-member team in both competitions as the team leader.

The Interdisciplinary Contest in Modeling (ICM) | [Finalist](#) **Feb 5 – 9, 2021**

- Developed an influence network and similarity model to assess artists' impact and music relationships.
- Identified "infectious" musical traits and tracked shifts in artistic influence, highlighting pivotal moments in music history.

Contemporary Undergrad Math Contest in Modeling (CUMCM) | [First Prize of Beijing Division](#) **Sep 10 – 13, 2020**

- Designed a quadratic programming model to optimize bank lending to SMEs by balancing profit and risk.
- Developed strategies for businesses with and without credit history, leveraging invoice data for risk evaluation.
- Accounted for strategy adaptations during unexpected events, such as pandemics.

SKILLS

- Python
- R
- PyTorch
- 🤖 Transformers
- CMD & Shell
- Git
- L^AT_EX