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As a Ph.D. student in AI Group at School of Computing, University of Leeds. I'm supervised by Prof. Anthony Cohn and Prof. David Hogg. My research area is in Knowledge Representation and Reasoning, and Large Language Models. Specifically, ontologies, knowledge graphs, qualitative spatial reasoning, logical programming, prompt engineering, and foundation model evaluation.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computing, University of Leeds	2020.10 - Present
M.S. in Information and Communication Engineering, Shandong University	2017.10 - 2020.7
B.S. in Communication Engineering, Shandong University	2013.10 - 2017.7

PUBLICATION

F Li, et al. "Advancing Spatial Reasoning in Large Language Models: An In-Depth Evaluation and Enhancement Using the StepGame Benchmark." *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2024*

F Li, et al. "Reframing spatial reasoning evaluation in language models: A real-world simulation benchmark for qualitative reasoning." 32nd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI, Accepted), 2024

F Li, et al. "Ontology Knowledge-enhanced In-Context Learning for Action-Effect Prediction." *The Tenth Advances in Cognitive Systems Conference (ACS)*, 2022.

F Li, et al. "Exploring the GLIDE model for Human Action-effect Prediction." LREC-PVLAM workshop, 2022.

F Li, et al. "An improved clear cell renal cell carcinoma stage prediction model based on gene sets [J]." BMC bioinformatics, 2020.

F Li, et al. "Multi-scale stepwise training strategy of convolutional neural networks for diabetic retinopathy severity assessment." *International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN)*, 2019.

Alomari M, **F Li**, et al. "Online perceptual learning and natural language acquisition for autonomous robots[J]." *Artificial Intelligence*, 2022.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Enhancing LLMs' Logical Reasoning Capabilities through Hybrid Reasoning (University of Leeds & Microsoft) 2023.04 - Present

- Analysis and refinement of spatial reasoning benchmarks and datasets, including bAbI, StepGame, and SpartQA.
- Novel spatial reasoning benchmark creation with the realistic 3D simulation platform AI2Thor.
- Integration of logic-based reasoning techniques, such as answer set programming, with LLMs.
- · Development of prompting strategies, including chain-of-thought and tree-of-thought, to enhance spatial reasoning in LLMs.

Naive Physics Aware Language Model: What will Happen Next? (University of Leeds)

2020.10 - 2023.2

- Retrieval of knowledge from the OpenCyc-based knowledge base (KnowRob) and the ConceptNet knowledge graph.
- Learning of unseen knowledge through LLMs to infer information about concepts not defined in knowledge bases.
- Enhancement of LLMs' reasoning capabilities by incorporating external knowledge via in-context learning.
- Evaluation of the Diffusion model's ability to process both visual and textual inputs for image editing applications.

CHALLENGE EXPERIENCE

EPIC-KITCHENS-100 Action Anticipation Challenge, 2021

HONOR AND AWARD

Postgraduate Symposium, School of Computing, University of Leeds	Best Presentation
Excellent M.S. Thesis in Shandong University, China	Top 1%
National Scholarship and National Inspirational Scholarship, China	Top 1%
The 3rd award of National Undergraduate Student Mathematics Competition	Top 10%

ACTIVITIES

Teaching Assistant of Centre for Satellite Data in Environmental Science - Doctoral Training, University of Leeds	2022 - 2023
Teaching Assistant of Machine Learning (COMP5611M) and Artificial Intelligence(COMP5623M), University of Leeds	2020 - 2022

SKILLS

Technical proficiencies	Python, R, and Matlab for programming and data analysis; Deep learning model development using Py-
	Torch; Experience in logical reasoning programming with Prolog, Answer set programming.
Communication	English, Chinese (native speaker).