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## EDUCATION

### The University of Texas at Austin

Ph.D. in Computer Science, May 2024 (expected)  
Advisor: Greg Durrett  
Dissertation Committee: Greg Durrett, Ray Mooney, Eunsol Choi, Jonathan Berant

### Tsinghua University

B.Eng. in Software Engineering, June 2018  
Advisor: Shixia Liu

## PUBLICATIONS

(\*: equal contribution, †: research mentee)

**Xi Ye**, Qiaochu Chen, Isil Dillig, and Greg Durrett. 2023. Satisfiability-Aided Language Models Using Declarative Prompting. *Proceedings of the 37th Conference on Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*.

**Xi Ye** and Greg Durrett. 2023. Explanation Selection Using Unlabeled Data for Chain-of-Thought Prompting. *Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*.

**Xi Ye**, Srini Iyer, Asli Celikyilmaz, Ves Stoyanov, Greg Durrett, and Ramakanth Pasunuru. 2023. Complementary Explanations for Effective In-Context Learning. *Findings of the 61th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Findings of ACL)*.

Prasann Singhal<sup>†</sup>, Jiacheng Xu, **Xi Ye**, and Greg Durrett. 2023. EEL: Efficiently Encoding Lattices for Reranking. *Proceedings of the 61th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*.

Prasann Singhal<sup>\*†</sup>, Jarad Forristal<sup>\*†</sup>, **Xi Ye**, and Greg Durrett. 2023. Assessing Out-of-Domain Language Model Performance from Few Examples. *Proceedings of the 17th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*.

**Xi Ye** and Greg Durrett. 2022. The (Un)reliability of Explanations in Few-shot Prompting for Textual Reasoning. *Proceedings of the 36th Conference on Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*.

**Xi Ye** and Greg Durrett. 2022. Can Explanations Be Useful for Calibrating Black Box Models?. *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*.

**Xi Ye**, Semih Yavuz, Kazuma Hashimoto, Yingbo Zhou, and Caiming Xiong. 2022. RnG-KBQA: Generation Augmented Iterative Ranking for Knowledge Base Question Answering. *Proceedings of the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*.

Weikai Yang, **Xi Ye**, Xingxing Zhang, Lanxi Xiao, Jiazhi Xia, Zhongyuan Wang, Jun Zhu, Hanspeter Pfister, and Shixia Liu. 2022. Diagnosing Ensemble Few-Shot Classifiers. *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*.

**Xi Ye**, Rohan Nair<sup>†</sup>, and Greg Durrett. 2021. Connecting Attributions and QA Model Behavior on Realistic Counterfactuals. *Proceedings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*.

**Xi Ye**, Qiaochu Chen, Isil Dillig, and Greg Durrett. 2021. Optimal Neural Program Synthesis from Multimodal Specifications. *Findings of the 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods for Natural Language Processing (Findings of EMNLP)*.

**Xi Ye**, Qiaochu Chen, Isil Dillig, and Greg Durrett. 2020. Benchmarking Multimodal Regex Synthesis with Complex Structures. *Proceedings of the 58th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*.

**Xi Ye**, Qiaochu Chen, Xinyu Wang, Isil Dillig, and Greg Durrett. 2020. Sketch-Driven Regular Expression Generation from Natural Language and Examples. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL)*.

Qiaochu Chen, Xinyu Wang, **Xi Ye**, Greg Durrett, and Isil Dillig. 2020. Multi-Modal Synthesis of Regular Expressions. *Proceedings of the 43rd ACM SIGPLAN Conference on Programming Language Design and Implementation (PLDI)*.

Shouxing Xiang\*, **Xi Ye**\*, Jiazhi Xia, Jing Wu, Yang Chen, and Shixia Liu. 2019. Interactive Correction of Mislabeled Training Data. *Proceedings of the 2019 IEEE Conference on Visual Analytics Science and Technology (VAST)*.

PREPRINTS

Zayne Sprague<sup>†</sup>, **Xi Ye**, Kaj Bostrom, Swarat Chaudhuri, and Greg Durrett. 2023. *MUSR: Testing the Limits of Chain-of-Thought with Multistep Soft Reasoning*. ArXiv Preprint.

Yoonsang Lee\*<sup>†</sup>, Pranav Atreya\*<sup>†</sup>, **Xi Ye**, and Eunsol Choi. 2023. *Crafting In-context Examples according to LMs' Parametric Knowledge*. ArXiv Preprint.

RESEARCH  
EXPERIENCE

**The University of Texas at Austin**

Research Assistant at TAUR Lab  
Advisor: Greg Durrett

Aug. 2018 - present

**Google**

Research Intern at Cloud AI Research  
Mentor: Sercan Arik, Ruoxi Sun

May 2023 - Aug. 2023

**Meta**

Research Intern at Meta AI Research  
Mentor: Ramakanth Pasunuru

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

**Salesforce**

Research Intern at Salesforce Research  
Mentor: Semih Yavuz

June 2021 - Aug. 2021

**Tsinghua University**

Research Assistant at THUVis Lab

Aug. 2017 - June 2018

Advisor: Shixia Liu

**The University of Texas at Austin**

Visiting Student Researcher at CVC Lab

June 2017 - Sep. 2017

Advisor: Qixing Huang

PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICE

**Workshop co-organizer** (one of six): 2nd Workshop Natural Language Reasoning and Structured Explanations at ACL 2024 (to appear)

**Tutorial speaker** (one of seven): Tutorial on Explanation in the Era of Large Language Models at NAACL 2024 (to appear)

**Conference PC member (reviewer):**

ACL Rolling Review 2023, 2022; ACL 2023, 2022; EMNLP 2023, 2022; NAACL 2022; NeurIPS **2023 (top reviewers)**, 2022; ICML 2023; ICLR 2023; CONLL 2021, 2020

**Workshop PC member (reviewer):**

NLRSE 2023; TL4NLP 2022; SUKI 2022; NLP4Prog 2021

RESEARCH TALKS

*Steering Textual Reasoning with Explanations*

CHAI Group, University of Chicago

Nov. 2023

Yale NLP Lab, Yale University

Oct. 2023

*Effective Use of Explanations in Prompting*

Student Reading Group, University of Maryland

Mar. 2023

Meetup of MLNLP Community, Virtual

Mar. 2023

DM2Lab, University of Notre Dame

Mar. 2023

*The Unreliability of Explanations in Few-shot Prompting for Textual Reasoning*

AI4LIFE group, Harvard University

Nov. 2022

NeuLab, Carnegie Mellon University

July 2022

*Can Explanations Be Useful for Calibrating Black Box Models?*

60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics

May 2022

*RnG-KBQA: Generation Augmented Iterative Ranking for Knowledge Base Question Answering*

60th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics

May 2022

*Sketch-Driven Regular Expression Generation from Natural Language and Examples*

2020 Conference on Empirical Methods for Natural Language Processing

Nov. 2020

*Interactive Correction of Mislabeled Training Data*

2019 IEEE Conference on Visual Analytics Science and Technology

Oct. 2019

TEACHING  
EXPERIENCE

**CS378: Natural Language Processing (undergraduate)**

Teaching Assistant, UT Austin, Fall 2022

**CS388: Natural Language Processing (graduate)**

Teaching Assistant, UT Austin, Spring 2021

**CS429: Computer Architecture and Organization (undergraduate)**

Teaching Assistant, UT Austin, Spring 2019

Teaching Assistant, UT Austin, Fall 2018

DEPARTMENTAL  
SERVICE

**PhD Admissions**

Application Reader, UT Austin, 2022 cycle

**Master Admissions**

Application Reader, UT Austin, 2021 cycle

Application Reader, UT Austin, 2020 cycle

MENTORING  
EXPERIENCE

Shrey Pandit (M.S. 2025)

Oct. 2023 - present

Yoonsang Lee (B.S. 2024, visiting student)

Aug. 2023 - Nov. 2023

Pranav Atreya (B.S. 2023)

Dec. 2022 - Nov. 2023

Zayne Sprague (M.S. 2023)

June 2023 - Oct. 2023

Prasann Singhal (B.S. 2025)

Sep. 2021 - Dec. 2022

Jarad M. Forristal (B.S. 2022)

Sep. 2021 - June 2022

Rohan Nair (B.S. 2021)

Sep. 2020 - May 2021

REFERENCES

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