

# Bowen Jin

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Natural Language Processing · Graph Mining · Information Retrieval · Recommender System

My research interests lie in modeling unstructured data (e.g., text), structured data (e.g., table, graph) and their intersection. I strive to answer the following questions.

- What structured knowledge do pretrained language models encode?
- How to leverage external/internal structure information to better address NLP tasks?
- How to empower structure learning (e.g., graph learning, table learning) with the associated textual semantics signal?

## EDUCATION

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *2021.08 - Present*  
Ph.D. Student in Computer Science. Advisor: Prof. Jiawei Han  
GPA: 4.0/4.0.

Tsinghua University *2017.09 - 2021.07*  
B.S. in Electrical Engineering & Statistics. Advisor: Prof. Yong Li  
GPA: 3.9/4.0. Outstanding Graduates.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign *2021.08 - Present*  
· Research Assistant. Data Mining Group. Advisor: Prof. Jiawei Han  
· Project: Representation Learning on Text-rich Networks with Pretrained Language Models.

Microsoft Research *2022.05 - 2022.08*  
· Research Intern. Information and Data Science Group. Mentors: Dr. Chenyan Xiong and Alec Berntson  
· Project: Dense Retrieval for Heterogeneous Data.

Microsoft Research *2020.09 - 2021.03*  
· Research Intern. Social Computing Group. Mentors: Dr. Zheng Liu and Dr. Xing Xie  
· Project: Knowledge-empowered News Recommendation.

University of California Los Angeles *2020.07 - 2020.09*  
· Research Assistant. Data Mining Group. Mentor: Prof. Yizhou Sun  
· Project: Kernel-based Graph Pooling for Graph representation Learning.

Tsinghua University *2018.09 - 2020.07*  
· Research Assistant. Future Intelligence Lab. Advisor: Prof. Yong Li  
· Project: Recommendation with Graph Neural Networks (First-author paper in SIGIR'20)

University of Michigan *2019.07 - 2019.09*  
· Research Assistant. Michigan Institute for Data Science. Advisor: Prof. Ji Zhu  
· Project: Statistical Network Analysis

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

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Bowen Jin, Yu Zhang, Qi Zhu, and Jiawei Han.  
Heterformer: Transformer-based Deep Node Representation Learning on Heterogeneous Text-Rich Networks.  
preprint [arXiv:2205.10282](https://arxiv.org/abs/2205.10282), 2022

Bowen Jin, Yu Zhang, Yu Meng, and Jiawei Han.  
Edgeformers: Graph-Empowered Transformers for Representation Learning on Textual-Edge Networks.  
The 11th International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR 2023).

Bowen Jin, Chen Gao, Xiangnan He, Depeng Jin, and Yong Li.  
Multi-behavior Recommendation with Graph Convolutional Networks.  
The 43rd ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2020).

## AWARDS

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2021 Outstanding Graduates (Top 1% in THU)  
2021 “Star of Tomorrow” Award, Microsoft Research  
2020 China National Scholarship (Top 1% in THU)  
2019 China National Scholarship (Top 1% in THU)  
2019 Honorable Mention (top 15.35%), Mathematical Contest in Modeling  
2018 China National Scholarship (Top 1% in THU)  
2017 First Prize, National Olympiad in Mathematics in Provinces

## TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

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Skills	Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Language Modeling, Graph Mining, Weakly Supervised Learning, Unsupervised Learning, Information Retrieval
Programming Languages	Python, C/C++, MATLAB, R, Linux, Markdown, Shell, SQL
Machine Learning Packages	PyTorch, Keras, HuggingFace Transformers, Scikit-learn, PyTorch-Geometric, Deep Graph Library
Tools	Bash, L <sup>A</sup> T <sub>E</sub> X, Git