# **RUOMENG DING**

Research Interest: Trustworthy AI, Foundation Models, and Reinforcement Learning

#### **EDUCATION**

## M.S. in Computer Science, Georgia Institute of Technology

Aug, 2022 - May, 2025 (Expected)

- GPA: 4.00/4.00, Specialization: Machine Learning.
- Both in Atlanta and Shenzhen Campus, pursuing a dual master's degree at Tianjin University. Expected to graduate with separate M.S. degrees from both institutions in May 2025.

## B. Eng. in Computer Science and Technology, Tianjin University

Aug, 2018 - May, 2022

• GPA: 3.75/4.00, Major Rank: 11/169 (6.5%). IELTs: 7.5.

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

# Research Intern, Microsoft Research

Advised by Dr. Minghua Ma and Dr. Ze Li

May, 2024 - Aug, 2024

Redmond, WA (Onsite)

- Focus on Large Language Model based Multi-Agents system for Incident Triage. (1 paper in progress)
- Responsible for methodology design, experiments, and paper writing. Present the work to both Microsoft Research and Azure teams.

## Research Assistant, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Mar, 2024 - Jul 2024

Advised by Dr. Tong Zhang, working with Rui Yang

Urbana, IL (Remote)

- Focus on enhancing the Reward Model's generalization ability against distribution shifts for Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF). (NeurIPS 2024, 2nd author)
- Responsible for literature review and RLHF experiments. Contribute to paper writing and code repository.

## Research Intern, Microsoft Research Asia

Nov, 2022 - Aug, 2023

Advised by Dr. Lu Wang and Dr. Chaoyun Zhang

Beijing, China (Hybrid)

- Focus on Boost LLM reasoning with domain knowledge via Monte Carlo Tree Search (MCTS). Responsible for methodology design, experiments, paper writing, and code open-sourcing. (ACL 2024, 1st author)
- Focus on Root Cause Analysis for large-scale microservices systems, leveraging RL and RLHF to detect the root causes of anomalies. The method related to the paper has been deployed in the M365 system. (KDD 2023, 3rd author; FSE 2023, 1st author)

#### Research Assistant, Tianjin University

Aug, 2021 - Aug, 2022

Advised by Dr. Minglai Shao and Dr. Wenjun Wang

Tianjin, China (Onsite)

- Work on Multi-label Out-of-Distribution detection on graphs. Co-advised by Dr. Xujiang Zhao and Dr. Chen Zhao. (UDM-AAAI 2022, 1st author)
- Work on dynamic community detection on graphs. Responsible for part of the experiments. (TCYB 2023)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. [ACL 2024] **R. Ding**, C. Zhang, L. Wang, Y. Xu, M. Ma, W. Zhang, S. Qin, S. Rajmohan, Q. Lin, and D. Zhang, "Everything of thoughts: Defying the law of penrose triangle for thought generation," in *Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2024 [paper] [code]
- 2. [NeurIPS 2024] R. Yang, **R. Ding**, Y. Lin, H. Zhang, and T. Zhang, "Regularizing hidden states enables learning generalizable reward model for LLMs," in *The Thirty-eighth Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2024 [paper] [code]

- 3. [FSE 2023] **R. Ding**, C. Zhang, L. Wang, Y. Xu, M. Ma, X. Wu, M. Zhang, Q. Chen, X. Gao, X. Gao, H. Fan, S. Rajmohan, Q. Lin, and D. Zhang, "Tracediag: Adaptive, interpretable, and efficient root cause analysis on large-scale microservice systems," in *Proceedings of the 31st ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE*), 2023 [paper] [slides]
- 4. [KDD 2023] L. Wang, C. Zhang, **R. Ding**, Y. Xu, Q. Chen, W. Zou, Q. Chen, M. Zhang, X. Gao, H. Fan, S. Rajmohan, Q. Lin, and D. Zhang, "Root cause analysis for microservice systems via hierarchical reinforcement learning from human feedback," in *Proceedings of the 29th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, 2023 [paper]
- 5. [UDM-AAAI 2023] **R. Ding**, X. Zhao, C. Zhao, and M. Shao, "Detecting multi-label out-of-distribution nodes on graphs," in *AAAI Workshop on Uncertainty Reasoning and Quantification in Decision Making*, 2023 [paper]
- 6. [VLDB 2023] Y. Chen, C. Zhang, M. Ma, Y. Liu, **R. Ding**, B. Li, S. He, S. Rajmohan, Q. Lin, and D. Zhang, "Imdiffusion: Imputed diffusion models for multivariate time series anomaly detection," in *Proceedings of the VLDB Endowment (VLDB)*, 2023 [paper]
- 7. [TCYB 2023] T. Li, W. Wang, P. Jiao, Y. Wang, **R. Ding**, H. Wu, L. Pan, and D. Jin, "Exploring temporal community structure via network embedding," in *IEEE Transactions on Cybernetics (TCYB)*, 2023 [paper]

#### HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2023	National Scholarship, TOP 1%, Tianjin University	Tianjin, China
2022	Merit Scholarship, TOP 5%, Georgia Institute of Technology (Shenzhen Campus)	Shenzhen, China
2020	People's Scholarship, TOP 1%, Tianjin University	Tianjin, China
2019	Merit Scholarship, TOP 5%, Tianjin University	Tianjin, China

#### **SERVICES**

- Reviewer, ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2024
- Reviewer, KDD Workshop on Uncertainty Reasoning and Quantification in Decision Making (UDM-KDD), 2023
- Reviewer, Journal of Information Processing and Management, 2023