# **I-TSUN CHENG**

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## **EDUCATION**

# B.Eng. in Computer Science Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**Sept 2018 - June 2021** 

Top 10% of class, Graduating a year early, First Class Honors expected

Advanced Coursework: Fundamentals of Al, Machine Learning, Deep Learning in Computer Vision, Deep Learning in NLP, Big Data Mining and Management, Search Engines for Web and Enterprise Data, Human-Computer Interaction, Final Year Thesis

## **AWARDS**

- Top Writer in Artificial Intelligence, Medium
- Champion in the Dairy Farm Challenge and Top 9 Overall, Hackathon Asia 2020
- Champion, HKGCC LVMH Business Case Competition 2019
- Travel Grants for Hack the North 2019
- Pre-Incubation Funding, HK Science Park
- Top 6 Team, Exhibition Award, Student Team Award, Focus Area Award in Environment and Sustainability, HKUST Sino One Million Dollar Entrepreneurship Competition
- Travel Grants for NAACL 2019
- Dean's List (2019 Fall, 2020 Spring), HKUST
- Full University Entrance Scholarship, HKUST

# **SKILLS**

**Programming Languages**: Python, Java, C & C++, HTML & CSS, Javascript, VB, Arduino

Frameworks & Tools: Numpy, Pandas, Pytorch, Express, React, SQL, Git, Bash, LaTeX

Areas: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, NLP, Computer Vision, Data Science, Web Scraping, Full-Stack Web Development, Android App Development

# **PROJECTS**

Fake News Classification [report] [code] Conducted Performance Analysis of Different Word Embeddings (Word2Vec, GloVe, ELMo) and Transformers (BERT, ALBERT, DistilBERT) on Fake News Detection.

Fashion Generation for Trend Prediction & Style Inspiration [report] [code] Built a framework for generating high fashion clothing from scratch using Faster-RCNN and DCGAN, and evaluated the framework.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Playwright: Controllable Script Generation
  Submitted to top conference, waiting for results (co-first author)
- Learn Languages First and Then Convert: Towards Effective Simplified to Traditional Chinese Conversion
  NAACL SRW 2019, non-archival track

Pranav A, S.F. Hui, I-Tsun Cheng, Ishaan Batra and Chiu Yik Hei

 Myers-Briggs Personality Classification and Personality-Specific Language Generation Using Pre-trained Language Models

ArXiv preprint [paper] [code]

Sedrick Scott Keh, I-Tsun Cheng

## **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Technical Writer**

#### Medium

Jun 2020 - Ongoing

Hong Kong

- Wrote 12+ articles on Deep Learning & NLP to share my knowledge and experiences, most published in Towards Data Science (~500k followers)
- Gained a total of 85k+ views and appointed as Top Writer in Artificial Intelligence (top 50 most influential writer on Al across the platform)

#### Undergraduate Researcher

Center of AI Research, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

**■** Jan 2020 - Ongoing

Hong Kong

- Researched with a team of PhDs on controllable movie script generation and video retrieval methods (the only undergraduate in the lab), supervised by Prof. Pascale Fung
- Developed a novel framework for controllable script generation and submitted to AAAI 2020 (co-first author)
- Currently working on my bachelor thesis: Automatic Movie Generation: Controllable Synopsis Generation and Video Retrieval

#### Co-Founder & CTO

#### **Refibre**

Feb 2019 - Ongoing

Hong Kong

- Led the tech team and developed prototypes of our online ecommerce platform using ReactJS and Shopify
- Competed in entrepreneurship competition, seed funding rounds, and university grants and secured \$260k+ HKD of funding

# Machine Learning Intern

#### Dayta Al

Dec 2018 - Feb 2019

Hong Kong

- Scraped over 100K articles from 5+ online HK news sources
- Assisted in building a news paraphrasing NLP system using best-performing tokenization methods and neural networks