

Lila BOUALILI

PH.D. IN NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING AND INFORMATION RETRIEVAL

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Education

IRIT Laboratory, University of Paul Sabatier

Toulouse, France

PH.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

2019 - 2022

- Thesis Topic: Deep Learning for Information retrieval
- Advisors: Jose G.Moreno, Mohand Boughanem
- Area of study: Deep Learning, Information Retrieval, and Natural Language Processing

Higher National School of Computer Science (ESI)

Algiers, Algeria

MASTER'S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

2018 - 2019

- Thesis Topic: Real Time Tweet Summarization
- Advisors: Lynda Said Lhadj, Mohand Boughanem
- Area of study: Deep Learning, Information Retrieval, and Natural Language Processing

Higher National School of Computer Science (ESI)

Algiers, Algeria

ENGINEERING DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING (VALEDICTORIAN)

2014 - 2019

- Majored in Information Systems & Software

Experience

Mindflow

Paris, France

NLP RESEARCHER

oct. 2023 - present

- Working on no-code solutions exploiting Generative AI agents for hyper-automation and task orchestration for Cybersecurity.

LIG, University of Grenoble Alps

Grenoble, France

POSTDOC RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

dec. 2022 - sept. 2023

- Enhancing the systematic compositional generalization capabilities of sequence-to-sequence models by integrating structural (syntactic) information into the decoding process via hyperbolic representations of dependency trees.

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Algiers, Algeria

ENGINEER INTERNSHIP

Jun. 2017 - Sep. 2017

- Participated in the design and configuration of a micro-service architecture

Teaching Activities

University of Paul Sabatier

Toulouse, France

IN FRENCH.

2019 - 2021

- Data Structures and Fundamental Algorithms (Semester I)
- Database Programming and administration (Semester II)

Research Internships

Max Planck Institute for Informatics (MPI)

Saarbrücken, Germany

A STUDY OF TERM-TOPIC EMBEDDINGS

Jun. 2021 - Feb. 2022

- Advisor: Andrew Yates
- Investigating the distillation of Transformer produced contextualized representations into more explicit and principled contextualization process based on aggregating a finite set of static term-topic embeddings representing the different contextual topics of tokens.

Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse (IRIT)

Toulouse, France

RESEARCH ON MICROBLOG RETRIEVAL AND SUMMARIZATION

Dec. 2018 - Jul. 2019

- Advisor: Mohand Boughanem
- Development of a tweet summarization approach based on Deep Learning Models. Manipulation of various state-of-the-art Models for both tweet representation and relevance estimation of tweets with respect to users' interests.

Publications

- Lila Boualili
Deep learning for information retrieval: studying relevant signals for ad hoc search based on transformer models
Thesis, Université Paul Sabatier-Toulouse III
- Lila Boualili and Andrew Yates
A Study of Term-Topic Embeddings for Ranking
Advances in Information Retrieval: 45th European Conference on Information Retrieval, ECIR 2023, Dublin, Ireland, April 2–6, 2023, Proceedings, Part II
- Lila Boualili, Jose G. Moreno, and Mohand Boughanem
Highlighting Exact Matching via Marking Strategies for Ad hoc Document Ranking with Pretrained Contextualized Language Models
Information Retrieval Journal 25 (4), 414-460
- Lila Boualili, Jose G. Moreno, and Mohand Boughanem
MarkedBERT: Integrating Traditional IR Cues in Pre-trained Language Models for Passage Retrieval
Proceedings of the 43rd International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR '20), X'ian, China, July 25-30, 2020.
- Lila Boualili, Lynda Said Lhadj, and Mohand Boughanem
Retrospective Tweet Summarization: Investigating Neural Approaches for Tweet Retrieval
Proceedings of the Joint Conference of the Information Retrieval Communities in Europe (CIRCLE 2020), Samatan, Gers, France, July 6-9, 2020.

Scholarships

2020	SIGIR Student Travel Grant , attend SIGIR'20 virtual conference	<i>X'ian, China</i>
2019	CIMI Excellency Doctoral scholarship , three years PhD full scholarship	<i>Toulouse, France</i>
2019	IRIT Travel Support Scholarship , Attend ESSIR'19 Summer School	<i>Milan, Italy</i>
2019	IRIT Internship Support Scholarship , Six months Research Internship	<i>Toulouse, France</i>

Skills

Programming	Python, C, JAVA, TypeScript and PL/SQL
Libraries	Pytorch, TensorFlow, Sickit-learn, Transformers, Sentence-Transformers, Langchain, OpenAI, fairseq
Database	Oracle and MySQL
Operating Systems	Microsoft Windows, Linux and other UNIX variants
Agile Methodologies	Scrum and Kanban
Languages	French (native), English (professional), Arabic (professional), Kabyle (native)

Hobbies

Photography, Hiking, Reading, Drawing