

## **Applied Math Ph.D. Seminar**

## The progress of modern dialogue system: generative, retrieval, task-oriented

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**Abstract:** In this talk, we will introduce our research on generative, retrieval and task-oriented dialogue system respectively. In generative dialogue system, we propose a new dialog pre-training framework called DialogVED, which introduces continuous latent variables into the encoder-decoder pre-training framework to increase the relevance and diversity of responses. We pre-train DialogVED on largescale dialogue corpus, achieving SOTA results on multiple downstream tasks. In retrieval-based dialogue system, we propose a fine-to-coarse distillation model based on contextual matching for coarse-grained response selection in open-domain conversations. Extensive experimental results on two self-constructed datasets show that the proposed methods achieve a significant improvement over all evaluation metrics compared with traditional baseline methods. In task-oriented dialogue system, we propose a diagnosis-oriented dialogue system framework, and introduce a large-scale medical dialogue corpus DialoIMC with multi-level finegrained annotations. We establish three evaluation tracks on DialoIMC and report a set of benchmark results for each track, which shows the usability of the dataset and sets a baseline for future studies.