Chuyan Zhou

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Education

Institute of Science Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan 2026.9 – 2028.9 (expected)

Master Degree in Artificial Intelligence, School of Computing
Advised by Prof. Naoaki Okazaki

University of California, Berkeley, California, USA 2024.8 – 2025.1

GLOBE Program in Computer Science major, College of Engineering
Overall GPA 4.0/4.0

ShanghaiTech University, Shanghai, China 2022.9 – 2026.7

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science
Advised by Prof. Kewei Tu
Overall GPA 3.85/4.0, ranked 3/162 (top 2%), *Major GPA* 4.0/4.0

Experience

Okazaki Laboratory, Inst. of Science Tokyo, *Research Assistant* 2026.9 – Present

Some of my research interests for the time being:

1. Diffusion LLMs: their architecture, the forward-denoising (inference) process, their agentic RL training
2. Agentic RL and other agentic training paradigms
3. Recursive Self-improvement of LLMs

Tu Laboratory, VDI Center, ShanghaiTech, *Research Intern* 2023.10 – 2026.7

School of Info. Sci. & Tech., ShanghaiTech, *Head Teaching Assistant* 2025.2 – 2025.7

Research

Publication

1. T. Huang, Y. Zhao, **C. Zhou**, and K. Tu, "GiLT: Augmenting Transformer Language Models with Dependency Graphs," in *Proceedings of the 64th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, 2026. `link`.

Thesis

1. **C. Zhou**, "First Order Logic-Based Process Reward for Large Language Model Reinforcement Finetuning," B.Eng. thesis, School of Information Science and Technology, ShanghaiTech University, 2026.

Honors and Awards

Scholarships and Academic Awards

- ***Monbukagakusho Honors Scholarship***, JASSO 2026.10 – 2027.3
- ***Distinguished Alumni Award***, ShanghaiTech University 2026.7
- ***Outstanding Student Award & Scholarship***, ShanghaiTech University 2025.5

Competition Awards

- ***Gold Medal*** (Public 10/3543), ARC Prize 2026 ARC-AGI-2, Kaggle; `writeup` 2026.11
- ***Silver Medal*** (22/744), Bengali.AI Speech Recognition Challenge, Kaggle; `writeup` 2023.10