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Objective Putting unstructured information to good use remains a challenge, especially regarding scientific text. With every day comes thousands of newly published papers, which can lead to missed findings and, in turn, delayed progress. In order to aid researchers, my work involves understanding this information through text-based and graph-based machine learning methods in my thesis project: Moliere.

Education

Clemson University (Aug. 2016 - May 2020)

- Ph.D. in computer science. (GPA 4/4)
- Focus on machine learning, text mining, and literature-based discovery.
- Relevant Coursework: Design & Analysis of Algorithms, Advanced Data Structures, Data Mining, Distributed & Cluster Computing, Parallel Architecture, Network Science
- Member of the ACM and IEEE

Grove City College (Aug. 2012 - May 2016)

- BS in computer science, minor in mathematics.
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude (GPA 3.85/4).
- Top of class in computer science (in-major GPA 3.95/4).

Work Experience

Summer 2018, Ph.D. SWE Intern, Google

- Designed a graph-mining solution for identifying product attributes.
- Implemented solution at scale via Google-internal distributed systems.
- Performed comprehensive validation, ensuring classifier performance across product categories.

Summer 2017, Graduate Research Assistant - Los Alamos National Lab

- Developed high performance software in julia for non-negative matrix factorization.
- Extended MOLIERE to water resources research with the computational environmental science group (EES-16).

2015-2016, Programming Intern - Vigilant Cyber Systems, Inc.

- Developed a visualization library in Scala using ScalaFX.
- Independently managed time when working remotely.
- Balanced senior-level course work with development.

Summer 2015, Student Researcher - UC Berkeley & NERSC

- Designed and implemented a tool to quickly synchronize multi-petabyte General Parallel File Systems.
- Presented a poster at the ACM Student Poster Session at SC'15.
- Presented a work in progress paper at the Parallel Data Storage Workshop.

Summer 2014, Student Researcher - Grove City College

- Added distribution preferences to Data Stream Management Systems (DSMS).
- Simulated new DSMS features in Python.
- Studied modern DSMS through recent research papers.
- Presented a poster at the Grove City student poster session.

2012-2014, Programming Intern - Gravic Inc.

- Worked on a six person team developing tools for administering exams.
- Collaborated with corporate partners to design features which allowed our products to share data.
- Gained familiarity with project management while extending the Remark VB.NET code base.

Development Skills and Technologies

- C++
- SQL
- Linux
- Python
- C
- VIM
- Java
- Scala
- LaTeX
- Bash
- Julia
- Git

Peer-Reviewed Publications

MOLIERE: Automatic Biomedical Hypothesis Generation System

J Sybrandt, M Shtutman, I Safo
SIGKDD'17 (Acceptance Rate 8.8%)

Large-Scale Validation of Hypothesis Generation Systems via Candidate Ranking

J Sybrandt, M Shtutman, I Safo
IEEE BigData'18

Are Abstracts Enough for Hypothesis Generation?

J Sybrandt, A Carrabba, A Herzog, I Safo
IEEE BigData'18

Rapid Replication of Multi-Petabyte File Systems

J Sybrandt, J Hick
PDSW'15 Extended Abstract & SC'15 Student Poster Seccession

In-Submission Publications

A Tale of Two Embeddings: Embed Hypergraphs with Different Member and Community Structure

J Sybrandt, I Safo

Using Drive-by Health Monitoring to Detect Bridge Damage Considering Environmental and Operational Effects

W. Locke, J Sybrandt, I Safo, S Atamturktur

Research Interests

- Machine Learning
- Text Mining
- Hypothesis Generation
- Natural Language Understanding
- Graph Mining
- Artificial Intelligence

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2018, Guest Lecture: Applied Data Science
- Fall 2017 - Spring 2018, Project Manager: Seminar in Professional Issues II

Honors and Awards

- Member of Upsilon Pi Epsilon CS Honor Society.
- Recipient of the GAANN DAISE PhD. fellowship.
- Recipient of a KDD'17 travel award.
- Member of the Kappa Mu Epsilon National Mathematics Honor Society.
- Member of the Alpha Tau Mu chapter of Mortarboard.
- President of the Grove City Chapter of the ACM.