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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Log Mining, NLP, CTR Prediction

- Log parsing and log compression
- Text semantic matching, text classification and word embedding
- Deep learning-based models and distillation models in CTR prediction

EDUCATION

Sun Yat-Sen University (SYSU), Guangzhou, China

2018 - Present

Postgraduate student in Computer Technology, expected June 2020

Supervisor: Prof. Zibin Zheng, Dean of Software Engineering Department

Sun Yat-Sen University (SYSU), Guangzhou, China

2014 - 2018

B.E. in Software Engineering

Overall GPA ranks top 1%, CET-6 score: 560

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK), HongKong, China

2019.07 – 2020.01 (Expected)

Research Assistant Supervisor: Prof. Michael R. Lyu

Huawei 2012 Lab, Shenzhen, China

2018.01 - 2018.08

Research Intern Mentor: Dr. Jieming Zhu

i Research Experience

==Log Mining==

Huawei Phone Duplicate Issues Detection

- To detect duplicate issue reports (including issue descriptions and logs) from Huawei phone users.
- I was responsible for log parsing, log matching and feature extraction.
- \bullet The system went online and achieved more than $80\,\%$ accuracy.

Log Parser Benchmark

- Implemented, reorganized, and tuned 13 state-of-the-art log parsing algorithms : IPLoM[KDD], LogSig[CIKM], LogMine[CIKM], MoLFI[ICPC], etc.
- We evaluated their accuracy, efficiency, and robustness on 16 datasets.
- The corresponding paper was **accepted** by ICSE-SEIP 2019.

Logzip

- We proposed logzip to optimize existing compressing tools for log compression.
- We conducted log parsing before compressing a log file to decrease its entropy, and the low-entropy files could be well compressed by existing tools.
- Logzip got \sim **4.56x** the compression ratio of gzip. The corresponding paper was submitted to ASE 2019.

==NLP==

Text Semantic Matching

- To compute the semantic similarity of two sentences.
- Investigated and implemented some deep learning-based algorithms: Decomposable Attention[ACL, Google], BIMPM[IJCAI], AF-DMN[IJCAI], etc.

• We proposed to build sentences as a graph and utilize information from adjacent nodes when inferring the similarity of two sentences, which slightly improved the accuracy of baseline models.

Text Classification [Graduation Project]

- To decide which Emoji to use in a sentence.
- We turned a classification problem into a matching problem by embedding labels (Emojis) to enrich the supervisory signal and improve model training.
- The work was rated as an excellent graduation project and similar work showed on ACL 2018.

Word2Matrix

- To learn multiple representations for each word from a large corpus to reduce words' ambiguity.
- We utilized attention mechanism to capture context of a word and represented each word as multiple vectors.
- Our model successfully distinguished some polysemous words like "apple", "doctor", etc.

==CTR Prediction==

Linkage Embedding for CTR

- Investigated and implemented CTR algorithms: FM, DeepFM[IJCAI, Huawei], Wide&Deep[Google], etc.
- Existing algorithms (FM, FFM, etc.) captured important feature combinations by crossing features, but they ignored the interactions within a field.
- We proposed Linkage Embedding to link the features within a field and improved state-of-the-art models with 1% AUC. The corresponding paper is submitted to RecSys 2019.

Distillation model

- Investigated and implemented neural network distillation strategies: Knowledge Distillation [Geoffrey E. Hinton], Rocket[Alibaba], etc.
- Deploying a new model in production required to go through a long and tedious process (maybe months) of online code modification and rigorous testing for model serving.
- We proposed to the use of knowledge distillation (KD) to unify the model serving for CTR prediction. We successfully obtain a unified and easy-to-deploy model that can surprisingly outperform state-of-the-art models. The corresponding paper is submitted to RecSys 2019.

♥ Honors and Awards

First Class Scholarship (Postgraduate)	2018
Mathematical Contest in Modeling, Meritorious Winner	2017
2 nd Prize in Public Governance Data Analysis Competition	2017
3 rd Prize in Guangdong Big Data Application Innovation Competition	2017
First Class Scholarship (Graduate)	2015

SKILLS

- Programming Languages/Frameworks: Python > C++ > Java | Pytorch == Keras > Tensorflow
- Open source projects: I am a contributor of logparser where we implemented most state-of-the-art log parsing algorithms and gained more than 150 stars.

PAPERLIST

- Jieming Zhu, Shilin He, Jinyang Liu, Pinjia He, Qi Xie, Zibin Zheng, Michael R. Lyu. Tools and Benchmarks for Automated Log Parsing. To appear in ICSE 2019.
- Jinyang Liu, Jieming Zhu, Liang Chen, Gang Wang, Zibin Zheng, Yuzhou Zhang. Unifying Model Serving for CTR Prediction with Knowledge Distillation. Submitted to **RecSys 2019**.
- <u>Jinyang Liu</u>, Jieming Zhu, Shilin He, Zibin Zheng, and Michael R. Lyu. Logzip: Optimizing System Log Compression with Inherent Structures. Submitted to **ASE 2019**.
- Haicheng Xu, Jieming Zhu, <u>Jinyang Liu</u>, Zibin Zheng and Wuhui Chen. Linkage Embedding: Boosting FM-based CTR Prediction Models by Sharing Feature Embeddings. Submitted to **RecSys 2019**.

REFEREES

- Prof. Zibin Zheng, Dean of Software Engineering Department, Sun Yat-Sen University, zhzibin@mail.sysu.edu.cn
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