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SKILLS

Programming: Python, R, SQL, Batch Scripting

Packages: NumPy, Pandas, Tidyverse, NLTK, Keras, PyTorch, TensorFlow

Data Science: A/B testing, Hadoop, Kaggle

Data Visualization: Tableau, Matplotlib, Seaborn, ggplot2, plotly

Machine Learning: GLM, Random Forest, SVM, PCA, CNN

EDUCATION

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, MD

M.Sc.Degree Biomedical Engineering / Biomedical Data Science: Expected May, 2020 **GPA:** 3.7

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY, Liaoning, CHINA

B.Eng. Degree in Biomedical Engineering: August, 2018 **GPA:** 3.9

SELECTED PROJECTS

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Baltimore, MD

REINFORCEMENT LEARNING: Super Mario Bros (NES)

Mar – Apr, 2020

Developed AI that Learns to Play Super Mario Bros Using Deep Q-Network (DQN) in TensorFlow

Demo: https://github.com/LuchaoQi/Reinforcement_Learning

- Built a reinforcement learning environment using OPENAI GYM and emulated NES using Nes-Py.
- Designed a convolutional neural network (CNN) model with 5 hidden layers as an agent in TensorFlow.
- Trained the agent using deep Q-learning and reduced training time by 20% using Adam optimizer.
- Completed various levels of Super Mario Bros successfully without “death,” achieving twice the speed of averaged human players.

NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING: Amazon Rating Prediction

Jun – Aug 2019

Use of Machine Learning to Detect Fake or Abusive Amazon Product Reviews

Demo: <https://www.kaggle.com/luchaoqi/making-predictions-over-amazon-recommendation-data>

- Extracted Amazon Food Review data from Kaggle; cleaned data using PANDAS, NUMPY and DFPLY.
- Tokenized unstructured text of user reviews using NLTK for feature construction.
- Converted text to vector using bag-of-words model (unigram/bigram) with scikit-learn.
- Predicted customer ratings using logistic regression with 0.94 AUC.
- Improved bad review detection by 3% to find abusive entities (sellers & reviewers) via random forest.

INVESTIGATION OF YELP user funnels, Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)

Jan – Mar 2019

Developed Yelp User & Restaurant Performance Analysis Through SQL

Demo: https://github.com/LuchaoQi/Yelp_Data_Set_SQL

- Programmed a web crawler to scrape / parse unstructured data from Yelp using Xpaths & BeautifulSoup.
- Created a database using MySQL Workbench and imported ~10 GB data file into the database.
- Visualized geographic distribution of restaurants that achieved average ratings using Tableau.
- Created metrics (bracket retention, DAU/MAU) to measure customer engagement; suggested methods to improve upon KPIs via A/B testing.

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WORK EXPERIENCE

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Data Science Lab, Baltimore, MD

Data Science Research Assistant

Nov 2019 – Jan 2020

Association Analysis Between Lifestyle Patterns & Body Mass Index (BMI)

- Used DPLYR and TIDYVERSE to clean data from National Health & Nutrition Examination Survey.
- Captured main variation data patterns and used principal component analysis (PCA) to dimensionality reduce data.
- Trained a generalized linear model (GLM) to predict user BMI with 46.07 mean squared error (MSE).
- Reduced prediction error by 13% using nested ANOVA (F-tests) on principal component groupings through 10-fold cross validation.
- Identified statistically significant ($p\text{-value} < 0.5$) associations between BMI, age, race and physical activity level to encourage multiple healthy behaviors

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, Bloomberg School of Public Health

Data Analyst Intern

Summer, 2019

Survival Analysis of Accelerometer Time-Series Data

- Wrangled time-series data for 32971 subjects & built a pipeline to front-end dashboard using MySQL.
- Explored user distribution on Hadoop with MapReduce to maximize data value.
- Constructed a spectral-based convolutional neural network (CNN) on subjects using Keras to predict mortality with 71% accuracy.
- Improved mortality prediction accuracy to 86.45% using regularized logistic regression.
- Hosted R shiny website comparing PCA, k-means, UMAP, t-SNE and visualizing clustering results using ggplot2 and plotly. (demo: https://luchaoqi.github.io/Shiny_clustering/#1)

SIAT, PAUL C. LAUTERBUR LAB, Shenzhen, CHINA

Senior Researcher

Nov 2016 – Jan 2017

EMG Signal Pattern Recognition for Hand Gestures Using Spectral Analysis

- Designed, constructed and assembled EMG data acquisition system for recognition of arm activities.
- Converted time domain data of 200 gestures into frequency domain using Fast Fourier Transform to help denoise signal.
- Classified different hand movements using support vector machines (SVMs) with 82% accuracy.
- Improved accuracy by 3% in training a neural network, providing insight for medical rehabilitation systems.

PUBLICATIONS

Qi L, Zhang Q, Tan Y, et al. Non-contact High-frequency Ultrasound Microbeam Stimulation: A Novel Finding and Potential Causes of Cell Responses. *IEEE Trans Biomed Eng* 2019.

Qi L, Zhang Q, Lam KH, et al. Calcium fluorescence response of human breast cancer cells by 50-MHz ultrasound microbeam stimulation. Presented at 2017 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS), 6-9 Sept. 2017.