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## Education

2013 – 2017 **The University of Nottingham Ningbo, China**. BSc Hons Computer Science

Average mark 85 (British education system, 1%, 1/46, GPA: 4.0)

#### Honors and Awards

- 12/2016 **Best Student of the Year Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham*. For the best student in each department
- 12/2016 **President's Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham*. For excellent academic performance, 30000RMB, 1%
- 11/2016 **China National Scholarship**, *Ministry of Education of The People's Republic of China*. Highest scholarship in China; top 1% of all university students
- 11/2016 The 2016 ACM-ICPC Asia Regional Contest Bronze Award.
- 11/2016 **Dream Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham*. For innovative science and technology achievements, 1%
- 08/2016 **Best Project in Seals Competiton**, *Alibaba Group*. For the best project out of 12 projects
- 05/2016 **Best Group Project and Group Leader**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China*. For the best year 3 group project in School of Computer Science and the best group leader
- 03/2016 **UI Design Competition**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China*. Second award, 1%, Demo link
- 03/2016 **Outstanding Student**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China*. For innovative and excellent academic contribution, 1%
- 12/2015 **Provost's Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham*. For excellent academic performance, 15000RMB, 1.5%
- 12/2015 **2015 Ningbo Collegiate Programming Contest**, The Education Committee of Ningbo. Third award
- 05/2015 **Outstanding Director of Organization**, *The University of Nottingham Ningbo China*. For outstanding leadership in social activities, 1%
- 12/2014 **Dean's Scholarship**, *The University of Nottingham*. For good academic performance, 6000RMB, 10%

#### **Publications**

Fu X., Pan Y., Ch'ng, E., & Aickelin, Uwe., (under review). Learning to detect redundancies with word mover's distance based on distributed representations.

Towey D., **Pan Y.**, Qu Y., (under review). Reflections from Student-staff Collaboration to Develop an Open Educational Resource.

# Internship

05/2016 - **Taobao Team**, Alibaba Group, Algorithm Engineer.

- 09/2016 Automatic mobile-based speaker verification system development.
  - Implemented and compared several state-of-art approaches and models, such as GMM-UBM, I-vector and JFA to realize speaker verification tasks in practice.
  - Optimized and came up with original algorithms to improve the performance, including varient weighting scheme in models.
  - Set up a deep learning based speaker verification system.
  - Security Rebot design and development under the funding from GNome Magic Lab.
    - Set up a face detection and verification system.
    - Applied for the National Utility Model Patent.

## 05/2015 - Big Data and Visual Analytics Lab Internship, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China, 09/2015 Reserach assistant.

- o Configured and practiced a big data architecture (Hadoop and MPI) for social media data mining and novelty event detection.
- Collected health-related data from social media websites (Twitter, Weibo).
- Conducted data pre-processing and cleaning work.
- o Conducted data analysis, including keywords, sentiments, numerical analysis using machine learning technology.

## Skills

Basic Image Processing, HCI, Data Visualization, Python, Weka

Intermediate Web technique, MEAN stack, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Data Mining, R, Matlab, Database Management, C/C++, Java, Design Pattern, Software Engineering, Agile Development

## Research

# 09/2015 - **Redundancy Detection Based on Word Embedings**, *Undergraduate researcher*.

- Present Based on the statistics language model, applied LSI and incremental TF-IDF to realize real-time FSD.
  - Optimized FSD by applying SVD to solve polysemy and synonymy problems and reduce noise.
  - Proposed a novel redundant event filtering system based on the dense word embedding scheme (word2vec) incorporated with the distributed word mover's distance metric.
    - Optimized the process of calculating EMD.
    - Applied EMD in clustering (including K-means, hierarchical clustering and etc.) to realize highly accurate FSD.
  - Submitted for a reserach paper.

#### 05/2015 - **Twitter Sentiment Analysis**, Big Data and Visual Analytics Lab.

- 09/2015 Compared the difference in feature selection methods (Information gain, CHI and Document frequency).
  - Optimized the lexicon based sentiment analysis:
    - Optimized the algorithm by considering intensifying words, negation words, position and punctuations.
  - o Compared and optimized the supervised approach using machine learning classification algorithms.
    - Compared the difference in feature weight algorithms (Presence, TF and TF-IDF).
    - Compared the difference in classification by using different supervised algorithms (including Multinomial Naive Bayes, KNN, C4.5, SVM and etc.) under different feature selection methods and feature weight algorithms.
  - Classified sentiment using lexicon-based ensemble learning methods.
    - Generated features based on various lexicons.
    - Enhanced classification by using ensemble classifiers (including Boosting, Bagging and etc.).
  - o Proposed a multinomial NailLve Bayes classifier with several emoji-related features, which outperforms the top system in the task of Sentiment Analysis in Twitter in SemEval-2013 in terms of averaged F

#### 02/2016 - Data mining and visual analytics.

05/2016 • Data visualization using Gephi to explore small-world network.

# Open-source Projects

01/2016 - QuickNote (a scientific note-taking app), team leader, scrum master, full-stack developer, Present http://quicknote.cc.

- Application description:
  - Based on MEAN stack and node-webkit technique.
  - Monitored and recorded users' activity data for data analysis and mining to find a scientific way of taking notes.
  - Based on machine learning and NLP algorithms to classify notes to build a university ranged but major or topic specific knowledge database.
  - Built a user-friendly notes and knowledge sharing environment to facilitate and manage innovation and organisational learning.
  - Supported a number of distinct features including powerful multimedia, darag and drop, cloud storage and sharing mechanism.
- Embraced and promoted the spirit of open-source.
- o Efficiently led the development team to complete a full cycle of the software engineering process.
- o Recognized at the provincial level as a Zhejiang Provincial Higher Education T&L Development Scheme
- Received a UNNC Teaching and Learning grant two years in a row in recognition of its importance in the development of pedagogy at UNNC.

## 05/2016 - **Yigong She (a voluntary worker platform)**, team leader, full-stack developer.

- Present Product description:
  - Based on LAMP stack technique
  - Offered two systems, one is for voluntary workers to register and arrange work and the other is for managers to manage the whole team.
  - Promoted charity to students in the university.

#### Portfolio

QucikNote, http://quicknote.org.

o Open-sourced project, under license CC BY-SA.

**Super Delivery (UI design)**, http://panatopos.com/SuperDelivery.

Won the second award in the university UI competition and highest mark in the HCI module.

**AngryBirds & Plants VS Zombies**, https://github.com/PAN001/AngryBirds-PlantsVSZombies.

A desktop game based on Cpp programming.

Interactive games developed with Python, https://github.com/PAN001/Interactive-Game-using-

• Integrated the learning process into designing Python-based games.

# Scores

GRE 326 (Verbal: 159, Quantitative: 167)

TOEFL 105 (Reading: 29, Listenning: 26, Speaking: 23, Writing: 27)

# Selected Courses at university

#### AE1DBS Database Systems, first class.

- o In-depth knowledge of the relational models of database systems.
- Able to effectively use MySQL and MongoDB for practical usage.

# AE1WPS Web Programming and Scripting, first class.

- In-depth knowledge of the network protocols, layers and models.
- Adept at designing static and dynamic websites and complete web applications using MEAN stack.
- Skilled in using scripts to conduct web crawler and information retrieval.

## AE2ADS Algorithms and Data Structures, first class.

- In-depth knowledge of common data structures and algorithms.
- Adept at applying knowledge into practical usage.

#### AE2SAD **Software Application Development**, first class.

- In-depth knowledge of modern interface paradigms and design patterns.
- Adept at designing and writing object-oriented programs and GUIs.

## AE2SEM **Software Engineering Methodologies**, first class.

- In-depth knowledge of modern software development strategy, change and conflict management.
- Skilled in agile development and productive teamwork.
- Skilled in software testing and quality assurance.

# Selected Completed online Courses

Johns Exploratory Data Analysis Verified certification URI **Hopkins** Duke Data Analysis and Statistical Inference Verified certification URL Stanford Mining Massive Datasets Certification URL Stanford Cryptography Certification URL

#### Presentation

09/2016 UNNC Teaching & Learning Conference, speaker, The University of Nottingham Ningbo China.

o Give a presentation on introduction to QuickNote and how it will be integrated into daily teaching and learning at the university.

# Organization

05/2014 - Student Society Center (SSC), The director of the secretariat department, The University of 05/2015 Nottingham Ningbo China.

- Organized and managed the secretariat department.
- Handled the public relations among the organization.
- Regulated and supervised more than 80 societies and organizations at campus.
- o Organized and directed several university level activities, including UNNC Open Day, Sports Festival, Art Month and etc.
- Took charge of editing and designing UNNC society books.
- Highly developed the capability of the operation and coordination.

#### 09/2014 - Learning Community Fora (LCF), LCF for Computer Science, The University of Nottingham.

- Present Liaised with all students and represented as students to raise their issues and requests to the academic faculty.
  - Supported the improvement of academic teaching and learning.
  - Obtained the ability of communication and negotiation.
  - Highly developed the sense of responsibility and integrity.