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#### **EDUCATION**

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Master of Engineer, Electrical Engineering Xi'an University of Technology, Xi'an, China

Jun 2011 GPA: 3.81/4.00

Bachelor of Science, Electrical Engineering Xi'an University of Technology, Xi'an, China

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#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer
Twitter Inc., San Francisco, CA

Aug 2017 - Present

Research Assistant

Jan 2012 - Jul 2017

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Software Engineer

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Twitter Inc., San Francisco, CA

Software Engineer

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- 1. Wei Yang, Kuang Lu, **Peilin Yang**, and Jimmy Lin. Critically Examining the "Neural Hype": Weak Baselines and the Additivity of Effectiveness Gains from Neural Ranking Models. In Proceedings of the 42nd Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2019), July 2019, Paris, France.
- 2. Jimmy Lin and **Peilin Yang**. The Impact of Score Ties on Repeatability in Document Ranking. In Proceedings of the 42nd Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR 2019), July 2019, Paris, France.
- 3. Peilin Yang and Jimmy Lin. Reproducing and Generalizing Semantic Term Matching in Axiomatic Information Retrieval. In Proceedings of the 41th European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR 2019), April 2019, Cologne, Germany.
- 4. **Peilin Yang**, Hui Fang, and Jimmy Lin. Anserini: Reproducible Ranking Baselines Using Lucene. Journal of Data and Information Quality 10(4), Article 16 (October 2018).

- 5. Jimmy Lin, and **Peilin Yang**. Repeatability corner cases in document ranking: The impact of score ties. arXiv preprint arXiv:1807.05798 (2018).
- Peilin Yang, Srikanth Thiagarajan, and Jimmy Lin. Robust, Scalable, Real-Time Event Time Series Aggregation at Twitter. In Proceedings of the 2018 ACM SIGMOD International Conference on Management of Data (SIGMOD'2018), June 2018, Houston, Texas.
- 7. Kuang Lu, **Peilin Yang**, Hui Fang. Silent Day Detection in Real-Time Summarization Track. In Proceedings of the 26th Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2017), 2017.
- 8. Yue Wang, **Peilin Yang**, Hui Fang. Evaluating Axiomatic Retrieval Models in the Core Track. In Proceedings of the 26th Text REtrieval Conference (TREC'2017), 2017.
- 9. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. Towards Privacy-Preserving Evaluation for Information Retrieval Models Over Industry Data Sets. In In Proceedings of the 13th Asia Information Retrieval Societies Conference (AIRS'2017). Springer International Publishing, Jeju Island, South Korea, 210-221.
- 10. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. Can Short Queries Be Even Shorter? In Proceedings of the 2017 ACM International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR'2017). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 43-50.
- Peilin Yang, Hui Fang, and Jimmy Lin. 2017. Anserini: Enabling the Use of Lucene for Information Retrieval Research. In Proceedings of the 40th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR'2017). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 1253-1256.
- 12. Leif Azzopardi, Matt Crane, Hui Fang, Grant Ingersoll, Jimmy Lin, Yashar Moshfeghi, Harrisen Scells, Peilin Yang, and Guido Zuccon. 2017. The Lucene for Information Access and Retrieval Research (LIARR) Workshop at SIGIR 2017. In Proceedings of the 40th International ACM SIGIR Conference on Research and Development in Information Retrieval (SIGIR'2017). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 1429-1430.
- 13. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. A Reproducibility Study of Information Retrieval Models. In Proceedings of the 2016 ACM International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR'2016). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 77-86.
- 14. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. Estimating Retrieval Performance Bound for Single Term Queries. In Proceedings of the 2016 ACM International Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR'2016). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 237-240.
- 15. **Peilin Yang**, Hongning Wang, Hui Fang, and Dend Cai. Opinions matter: a general approach to user profile modeling for contextual suggestion. Inf. Retr. 18, 6 (December 2015), 586-610.
- 16. Peilin Yang, Hui Fang. Combining Opinion Profile Modeling with Complex Context Filtering for Contextual Suggestion. In Proceedings of the 24th Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2015), 2015.
- 17. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. Exploration of Opinion-aware Approach to Contextual Suggestion. In Proceedings of the 23rd Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2014), 2014.
- 18. Xitong Liu, **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. Entity Came to Rescue Leveraging Entities to Minimize Risks in Web Search. In Proceedings of the 23rd Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2014), 2014.
- 19. Hui Fang, Hao Wu, Peilin Yang, Chengxiang Zhai. VIRLab: A Web-based Virtual Lab for Learning and Studying Information Retrieval Models. In Proceedings of the 37th international ACM SIGIR conference on Research & development in information retrieval (SIGIR '2014). ACM, New York, NY, USA, 1249-1250.
- Xitong Liu, Peilin Yang and Hui Fang. EntEXPO: An Interactive Search System for Entity-Bearing Queries. In Proceedings of the 36th European Conference on IR Research on Advances in Information Retrieval - Volume 8416 (ECIR'2014), Vol. 8416. Springer-Verlag New York, Inc., New York, NY, USA, 784-788.
- Peilin Yang and Hui Fang. Opinion-based User Profile Modeling for Contextual Suggestions. In Proceedings of the 2013 Conference on the Theory of Information Retrieval (ICTIR '13). ACM, New York, NY, USA, Pages 18, 4 pages. 2013.

- 22. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. An Opinion-aware Approach to Contextual Suggestion. In Proceedings of the 22nd Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2013), 2013.
- 23. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. Evaluating the Effectiveness of Axiomatic Approaches in Web Track. In Proceedings of the 22nd Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2013), 2013.
- 24. **Peilin Yang** and Hui Fang. An exploration of ranking-based strategy for contextual suggestion. In Proceedings of the 21st Text REtreival Conference (TREC'2012), 2012.
- 25. Taifei Zhao, Xizheng Ke and **Peilin Yang**. Position and Velocity Aided Routing Protocol in Mobile Ad Hoc Networks. International Journal of Digital Content Technology and its Applications (JD-CTA'2010), 2010.
- Taifei Zhao, Xizheng Ke and Peilin Yang. Local-map-based candidate node-encircling pre-configuration cycles construction in survivable mesh networks. In First International Conference on Future Information Networks (ICFIN'2009), 2009.
- 27. **Peilin Yang**, Xizheng Ke and Taifei Zhao. Study of Ultraviolet Mobile Ad Hoc Network. In Symposium on Photonics and Optoelectronics (SOPO'2009), 2009.

### Services

## • Program Committee Member:

- ACM Special Interest Group on Information Retrieval Conference (SIGIR2018, SIGIR2019)
- ACM Special Interest Group on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (SIGKDD2018, SIGKDD2019)
- ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM2019)
- European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR2019)
- The Lucene for Information Access and Retrieval Research Workshop (LIARR2017)
- IEEE International Conference on Open Source System and Technologies (ICOSST2016, ICOSST2017),
- iCatse Symposium on Electrical Engineering (ISEE2017).
- Reviewer: European Conference on Information Retrieval (ECIR2018), Asia Information Retrieval Societies (AIRS2017), ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM2017)
- Editorial Board: Engineering Press.

#### Awards and Honors

- Graduate Fellow Award, University of Delaware, 2016
- Top 3 Performance on Contextual Suggestion track of the Text REtrieval Conference(TREC), 2015
- Top 1 Performance on Contextual Suggestion track of the Text REtrieval Conference(TREC), 2014
- Top 1 Performance on Web track of the Text REtrieval Conference(TREC), 2014
- Top 1 Performance on Contextual Suggestion track of the Text REtrieval Conference(TREC), 2013
- Top 2 Performance on Web track of the Text REtrieval Conference(TREC), 2013
- Top 3 Performance on Contextual Suggestion track of the Text REtrieval Conference(TREC), 2012