Xiangfeng Zhu

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 ${\it Research Cloud Computing, Distributed Systems, Systems for ML/Big Data, Federated Learning,}$

Interests Video Analytics

EDUCATION University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Expected: Dec 2020

B.S., Computer Science
• GPA: 3.76/4.00

University of California, Santa Cruz Sep. 2016 - June. 2018

B.S., Computer ScienceGPA: 3.94/4.00

RESEARCH Research Assistant Dec. 2018 - Now

EXPERIENCE Software System Lab, University of Michigan Advisor: Prof. Mosharaf Chowdhury

Sol: Fast Distributed Computation Over Slow Networks

• Co-Developed a general-purpose execution engine, Sol, that can adapt to diverse network conditions on top of Apache Spark.

• Improved SQL, machine learning, and streaming jobs by 4.2 and 16.4 on average, respectively, in offline and online settings compared to Apache Spark in resource-constrained networks.

Participant Selection for Federated Learning

• Developing a device management framework for client selection to tackle data and device heterogeneity in Federated Learning

Undergraduate Researcher Disorderly Lab, UC Santa Cruz

Advisor: Prof. Peter Alvaro

Nemo: Protocol Repair Using Lineage Graphs

- Co-Designed a debugging approach for distributed systems based on analysis of provenance data obtained during system executions
- Co-Developed a standalone prototype Debugger Nemo and Evaluated our approach on the TaxDC collection of real-world bugs from large-scale distributed systems.
- Demonstrated the promise of automatic provenance-guided debugging for complex distributed protocols.

Undergraduate Researcher

Aug. 2017 - Feb. 2018

Mar. 2018 - Sep. 2019

Computer Communication Research Group, UC Santa Cruz

Advisor: Prof. J.J. Garcia-Luna-Aceves

CUP: Channel-Utilization Persistence for MAC protocols

- Helped Professor J.J. design the first transmission strategy(CUP) for contentionbased MAC protocols which applies to any MAC protocols with carrier sensing, virtual carrier sensing, or priority acknowledgments.
- Analyzed the efficiency of Channel-Utilization Persistence MAC protocols, such as CUP-CSMA and CUP-CSMA/CA, using Markov Chains.

• Presented numerical results that compare the throughput of CUP-CSMA, non-persistent CSMA, and 1-persistent CSMA.

Undergraduate Researcher

Mar. 2017 - Aug. 2017

Storage System Research Center, UC Santa Cruz

Worked under: Prof. Darrell D. E. Long and Prof. Ethan L. Miller

Rogue Cell tower(IMSI Catcher) detector

- Wrote a design document with three lab partners detailing the project and future work.
- Co-Designed an algorithm to pinpoint the location of IMSI Catchers based on received signal strength (RSS)

Work
EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer Intern, Databricks

May 2020 - Aug. 2020

Software Engineer Intern, Dropbox

May 2019 - Aug. 2019

Software Engineer Intern, Hainan Airline

Jun. 2018 - Aug. 2018

Publications

- Fan Lai, Jie You, Xiangfeng Zhu, Harsha Madhyastha, Mosharaf Chowdhury, "Sol: Fast Distributed Computation Over Slow Networks", Proceedings of the 17th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI 2020), Santa Clara, CA, 2020
- Lennart Oldenburg, Xiangfeng Zhu, Kamala Ramasubramanian, Peter Alvaro, "Fixed It For You: Protocol Repair Using Lineage Graphs", Proceedings of the 9th biennial Conference on Innovative Data Systems Research (CIDR 19), Asilomar, CA, 2019

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- CMPE107: Probability and Statistics, UC Santa Cruz, Grader Spring 2018
- CMPS12B: Introduction to Data Structures, UC Santa Cruz , Tutor Spring 2018
- CMPS12B: Introduction to Data Structures, UC Santa Cruz , Lab Tutor Winter 2018
- CMPS101: Algorithms and Abstract Data Types, UC Santa Cruz , Tutor Fall 2017
- \bullet CMPS101: Algorithms and Abstract Data Types, UC Santa Cruz , Grader Fall 2017

Awards

• Dean's Honor List: Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Spring 2017, Winter 2018, Spring 2018

SKILLS

- Language: English, Chinese
- Programming: Java, C, C++, Python, Bash, SQL, HTML, CSS, LATEX
- Platform: Mac OS, Windows, Linux
- Tools: Perf, GDB, Valgrind, Make, Git, Vim, Docker
- Data: Oracle, MySQL, Hadoop, Hive, Spark

References

Dr. J.J. Garcia-Luna-Aceves

University of California, Santa Cruz

Distinguished Professor of Computer Science and Engineering

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Dr. Peter Alvaro University of California, Santa Cruz

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