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Education

2015 – 2019 Undergraduate, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

Computer Science Major, with Zhiyuan Honor degree

Fall 2017 Exchange Student, The University of Texas at Austin.

2019.8 - PhD student, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

Computer Science and Engineering

Research Experiences

2019.3 - Causal Text Generation, SJTU.

Advanced Data and Programming Technology (ADAPT) Lab, Advised by Prof. Kenny Zhu

- Built a dataset of $300,000^+$ cause-effect shot text pairs from novels.
- Outperformed baseline methods in terms of BLUE scor and accuracy by Causalnet information and attention mechanisam fusion.

2018.5 - Human Relationship Understanding with Natural Conversations, SJTU.

2019.3 Advanced Data and Programming Technology (ADAPT) Lab, Advised by Prof. Kenny Zhu

- Built a movie character dialogue dataset with relationship labels from raw scripts with 5000+ sessions of 1000+ pairs. Designed scene splitting and conversation extraction algorithms.
- Designed rules for extracting address terms based on related works, wrote user interface to help with human annotation and achieved an accuracy of 92.1%.
- Extracted features including syntactic complexity, bag-of-words vector, and address terms, Linguistic Inquiry and Word Count (LIWC) and Dictionary of Affect in Language (DAL). Simple Logistic Regression achieved an accuracy of 68% with those features, compare to 70% baseline with a Hierarchical LSTM.

Summer 2017 Emotion recognition and Depression Detection based on EEG Signals, SJTU.

Brain-like Computing and Machine Intelligence (BCMI) Lab, Advised by Prof. Baoliang Lv

- Applied traditional models like SVM/LSTM/CNN and tried fusion of multimodal data on previous dataset. Improved the model by period interception and noise composition.
- Carried out multiple emotion arousal experiments with EEG recording equipments.
- Designed cognitive and emotional experiments for depression diagnosis, and enhanced with VR material.

Projects

2017 **Expanded PintOS, an Operating System**, *UT Austin*.

- Implemented CPU scheduling, synchronization between multiple threads (with locks and semaphores) and the entire virtual memory mechanism, and file system improvement and consistency.
- Expanded file system with multilevel tree indexes, sparse expansion support, subdirectories and synchronization.

2016 Mini Search Engine with Text and Picture Searching, SJTU.

- Built from scratch including web crawler, indexing, page ranking, image processing, etc.
- Crawlled 50000 webpages and 50000 pictures with BeautifulSoup, lxml and multiprocessing; built dictionary and index with lucene, and used Hadoop to improve processing efficiency.
- Implemented Canny and SIFT algorithms for picture similarity calculation, and designed search algorithms for edge smoothing.

2016 FPGA Implementation of Monocyclic/Multicyclic CPU, SJTU.

- Implemented a timer with button debouncer on 8 digital pipes on a DE2 board in Verilog.
- Implemented ALU, storage, controller for a simple monocyclic CPU, which can execute 20 basic MIPS instructions. Designed and Implemented I/O interface to display its functions with the LED digital tubes. Tested with oscillometer and simulation programs.
- Expanded the CPU to a 5-segment pipeline version.

Awards

- 2019.6 **Zhiyuan Outstanding Student Scholarship**, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- 2019.6 **Excellent Bachelor's Thesis**, Computer Science Department, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
- 2016,2017,2018 Academic Excellence Scholarship, Shanghai Jiao Tong University.
 - 2017.6 Government Scholarship for Exchange Students, China Scholarship Counsil.
 - 2016,2017 **Zhiyuan Scholarship of Honor**, Exclusively for first and second year members of Zhiyuan Honors Program.

Experiences and Activities

- o Vice President, Association Union Shanghai Jiao Tong University
 - Managed more than 100 members and served more than 300 student clubs/associations in the university.
 - Held all kinds of activities with tens of thousands of participants: shows, concerts, festival celebrations, fairs, information sessions, etc.
- Soprano, School Chorus Team Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- Car Racing Team, Shanghai Jiao Tong University
 - Car body group, worked on producing car shell with wood, glass fibre and finally cabon fibre.
 - Propaganda and management.
 - Best Team Member Prize for 2017.
- An Hour of Code Volunteer Austin, Texas
 - Teaching coding in local elementary school.