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## Research Interests

Text Mining; Exploratory Analysis of Text Data; Database System






## Education

- 2014 – present     **Fudan University (FDU), Shanghai, China**  
Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science  
Advisor: Prof. X. Sean Wang; GPA: 3.566/4
- 2010 – 2014     **Lanzhou University (LZU), Lanzhou, Gansu Province, China**  
B.S. in Information Science and Engineering; (**Outstanding Graduates**)  
Advisor: Prof. Wei Su; GPA: 4.77/5  
**Undergraduate Thesis:** *Chem2Dot: a CML to Chemical Braille Translation Software*  
(Excellent Undergraduate Thesis)

## Publications

- 1    **Yang, Zhi hui**, Ma, H. x., He, Z. y., & Wang, X. S. (2017). Finding maximal ranges with unique topics in a text database. *World Wide Web Journal (WWWJ)*, 1–22.
- 2    Ma, H. x., **Yang, Zhi hui**, Jing, Y. n., He, Z. y., & Wang, X. S. (2018). Answering unique topic queries with dynamic threshold. *World Wide Web Journal (WWWJ)*, 1–20.
- 3    **Yang, Zhi hui**, Gong, J. y., Liu, C. y., Jing, Y. n., He, Z. y., Zhang, K., & Wang, X. S. (2018). Iexplore: accelerating exploratory data analysis by predicting user intention. In *International conference on database systems for advanced applications (dasfaa)*.
- 4    Zhou, K. w., **Yang, Zhi hui**, Ma, H. x., He, Z. y., Jing, Y. n., & Wang, X. S. (2017). Design and development of partitional topic model. *Journal of Frontiers of Computer Science and Technology*. doi:10.3778/j.issn.1673-9418
- 5    Liu, L. h., **Yang, Zhi hui**, He, Z. y., Jing, Y. n., & Wang, X. S. (2017). Unique topic query system based on relational information extraction. In *The 34th national database conference*.
- 6    Liu, L. h., **Yang, Zhihui**, He, Z. y., Jing, Y. n., & Wang, X. S. (2018). Unique topic query processing on cloud (under review).

## Selected Research Experience

-  **Text Data Analysis (2014–present), Laboratory for Data Analytics and Security (DAS Lab) (Main Contributor)**
-  We introduced the concept of *unique topics* to discover topics that appear frequently within a small range of documents in contrast to the whole range.
  -  We also proposed a pruning-based optimization (PBO) algorithm to find the maximal ranges of the specified unique topic. The PBO algorithm reduced the time complexity from  $O(n^3)$  to  $O(n^2)$ . Additionally, we further reduced the time complexity to  $O(n)$ .
  -  Based on LDA, we developed a new topic model DbLDA to utilize the commonalities inside each subset in a text database.
  -  These works was published on **WWWJ2017** and **WWWJ2018** .

## Selected Research Experience (continued)

- **Exploratory Data Analysis (2016-present), DAS Lab**
  - 👉 Hubble: A Smart System for Data Exploration in Big Data Era, bridge the gap between analysts and data (Participant)
  - 👉 iExplore: Accelerating Exploratory Data Analysis by Predicting User Intention (Main Contributor) (i) We introduced an intention model to help the iExplore system have a comprehensive understanding of user's intention. (ii) We also studied the convergence of the intention model to figure out the characteristic of the exploratory process.
  - 👉 This work has been accepted by **DASFAA2018**.
- **Chemical Markup Language (2013-2014), WME Lab (Main Contributor)**
  - 👉 We designed a method to translate Chemical Markup Language (CML) to Braille to facilitate information accessibility.
  - 👉 This work was funded by **Hui-Chun Chin and Tsung-Dao Lee Chinese Undergraduate Research Endowment, CURE**.
  - 👉 My undergraduate thesis about this work was awarded **Excellent Undergraduate Thesis**.

## Selected Development Experience

- **iExplore**: It is a smart system to assist users in doing the time-consuming data exploration task through predicting user intention. (Independent Project)
- **Inverted Index on Hadoop**: We build an inverted index of 1.9 million webpages (12.27GB) on a Hadoop cluster with 5 machines in 1.5 hours to construct the index. (Cooperative Project)
- **Chem2Dot**: A Java project focuses on translating CML to Braille to facilitate the process of information accessibility. (Independent Project)
- **LocationSender**: An Android App aims at automatic location and sharing. (Cooperative Project)

## Selected Skills

Technologies    ■ Hadoop, Spark, Pytorch.  
Coding        ■ Java, Python.

## Selected Honors and Awards

- 2016    Outstanding Ph.D. Student at Fudan University.
- 2015    Outstanding Students of Master's Degrees at Fudan University.
- 2014    the 15<sup>th</sup> Chun-Tsung Scholar
- 2014    Outstanding Graduate at Lanzhou University.
- 2014    Excellent Undergraduate Thesis of Lanzhou University.
- 2013    IBM University Program Academic Qualification.
- 2012    National scholarship.
- 2011    National inspirational scholarship.