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Education

New York University, USA — Sep. 2016 - May. 2018
Master student in Computer Science, GPA: 3.9/4.0

National Taiwan University, Taiwan — Sep. 2013 - Jul. 2016
M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering, Advisor: Chih-Jen Lin

Shanghai Jiao Tong University, China — Sep. 2008 - Jun. 2012
B.S. in Computer Science and Technology

Experience

Research Student, Machine Learning and Data Mining Group, NTU — Oct. 2013 - Aug. 2016

- Proposed a novel trust-region Newton method for ***linear classification*** and developed efficient techniques to estimate the size of Newton directions.
- Our new method outperforms the other related works and ***significantly improves*** the convergence speed of the corresponding linear classifiers in the ***open-source*** tool LIBLINEAR (since version 2.11).

Intern, HTC Corporation, Taipei, Taiwan — Oct. 2014 - Jul. 2015

- Trained an low-power ***classifier*** for smart-phones to detect ***human transportation modes.***
- ***Reduced the power consumption*** on smart-phone by 99% (from 88.5mA to 0.73mA), while kept the classification accuracy at 92.5% by feature engineering and model selection.
- Simplified the climbing activity detection by ***smoothing*** the barometer feature, ***reducing the feature space*** to one dimension and maintaining 97.5% AUC.

Research Assistant, Dept. of Computer Science, Zhe Jiang University — Sep. 2012 - Apr. 2013

- Devised an online warning strategy based on ***real-time data*** analysis, realizing ***remote control*** for cultivation process in an agricultural project.

Research Student, NLP Group of Center for BCMI, SJTU — Jun. 2011 - Jun. 2012

- Implemented an ***interactive question answering system*** which acquires knowledge and adjusts answering strategies through human feedback.
-The system processes language and knowledge integrally, can grow up with very little pre-defined knowledge and NLP processing.

Intern, UDS-SJTU Joint Research Lab for Language Technology, SJTU — Sep.2011 - Apr. 2012

- ***Eliminated duplicate*** and near-duplicate web documents by similarity learning.
- ***Extracted topic and opinion words*** from user reviews and made ***sentiment analysis*** for the comments.

Skills

Programming:	C/C++, Python, Java, MATLAB, OpenMP, MPI
Data Science:	LibSVM/LibLinear, Scikit-learn, NumPy, SciPy, Matplotlib, NetworkX, igraph
Platforms:	Linux/Unix, Git, SVN, Shell, Vim, Sublime, Latex, IPython/Jupyter
Development:	HTML, JavaScript, MySQL, Java EE

Interests

swimming, cooking, video games, ping-pong, baseball