Cuong Tran

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SUMMARY

Ten years of experience in machine learning, familiar with different topics on the field. Worked as data scientist and developed credit scores/income scores models based on large-scale telecommunication data for two years. Specialization in Fairness and Differential Privacy for learning model.

EDUCATION

Syracuse University

Syracuse, NY

PhD Candidate in Computer Science, GPA:4.0

Jan. 2020 - May 2024

Advisor: Prof. F. Fioretto (Syracuse Univ) and Prof. P. V. Hentenryck (Gatech)

Rutgers University

New Brunswick, NJ

Graduate Assistant, GPA:3.5

Aug. 2013 - May, 2017

Hanoi University of Science and Technology

Hanoi, Vietnam

Bachelor in Computer Science

Aug. 2007 - May, 2012

WORKING EXPERIENCE

Data Scientist
Trusting Social

Jan 2018 – Jan 2020

Hochiminh, Vietnam

- Income team lead, managed a team of three research engineers/data analytics
- Developed different income prediction models for 600M phone subscribers from Idea(India), Telkomsel(Indonesia), and Viettel(Vietnam) .
- Two main tasks: feature engineering which involves extracting time series, graph features from billion records of of telco data. Also, mathematical modeling which consists developing ordinal regression, confidence interval,..for income data.

PROJECTS

Disparate Impact of Differential Privacy to Census Decision Making

April 2020 – Present

- Identify three key factors which explains negative impact of differential privacy to accuracy parity in Census decision making problem
- Proposed solutions to alleviate such negative impacts

Deep Learning under Privacy and Fairness Constraint

Jan 2020 – Present

- Developed a deep classification models which are fair among gender or race, and protect users' privacy.
- Main techniques: Differential privacy, cosntrained optimization, Dual Lagrangian method
- Key results: One accepted paper at ECML'20, one submitted to AAAI'21, one submitted to AAMAS'21.

Domain Adaptation by Copula

May 2016 - May 2017

- Introduced a domain adaptation techniques based on copula framework
- Main techniques: Matrix optimization, feature learning, copula models.
- Key result: One paper accepted at MLSP Workshop 2017.

Gaussian Process with Ordering Constraint

May 2014 – May 2016

- Extended Gaussian Process modeling with input ordering constraints to predict sea level
- Bayesian non-parametric, constrained learning, spatial-temporal modeling

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: Python(advanced), Matlab (advanced), Java(intermediate), C/C++ (intermediate)

Frameworks: PySpark

Developer Tools: Git, PyCharm

Libraries: Pytorch, Pandas, NumPy, Sklearn, XGBoost, Matplotlib

Competition

1. NIST Differential Privacy Temporal Map Challenge: ranked 8 on public data www.drivendata.org/competitions/69/deid2-sprint-1-prescreened

AWARDS

- 1. Syracuse ECS Graduate assistantship, 2020
- 2. Rutgers TA/GA Development Fund, 2017
- 3. Vietnam Education Foundation fellowship, 2013.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Cuong Tran, Ferdinando Fioretto, and Pascal Van Hentenryck. Differentially private and fair deep learning: A lagrangian dual approach, 2020
- 2. Ferdinando Fioretto, Pascal Van Hentenryck, Terrence W.K. Mak, Cuong Tran, Federico Baldo, and Michele Lombardi. A lagrangian dual framework for deep neural networks with constraints optimization. In *ECML*, 2020
- 3. Cuong D Tran, Ognjen Oggi Rudovic, and Vladimir Pavlovic. Unsupervised domain adaptation with copula models. In 2017 IEEE 27th International Workshop on Machine Learning for Signal Processing (MLSP), 2017
- 4. Cuong Tran, Vladimir Pavlovic, and Robert Kopp. Gaussian process for noisy inputs with ordering constraints, 2015