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Education

University of California, Los Angeles

• PhD in Computer Science, Focus: Word Sense Induction

• Masters in Computer Science, Focus: Computational Linguistics

• Bachelors in Computer Science

Los Angeles, CA

GPA:3.847; In Progress

GPA:3.847; Fall 2011

GPA:3.588; Fall 2007 - Key Courses: Machine Learning, Learning Theory, Language and Thought, Connectionist Systems, Advanced Operating Systems, Static Analysis, Parallel Languages

TAed Courses: Modern Compilers, Operating System Principles, Data Structures and Algorithms, Software Construction, Ethics and Engineering

Experience

Lawrence Livermore National Lab

Livermore, CA

Lawrence Livermore Scholar

June 2011 - Present

- Evaluated three "Topic Models" using coherence metrics to better define which use cases suited each algorithm
- Applied topic coherence metrics to Word Sense Induction models
- Applied Consensus Clustering to Word Sense Induction Models to further understand the feature space and performance characteristics of the applied clustering models
- Maintained a Hadoop and HBase infrastructure

Lawrence Livermore National Lab

Livermore, CA

Summer Research Intern

June 2010 - September 2010

- Developed a new API for directly modifying the WordNet lexical ontology as the C-Cat Package
- Applied distributional semantics to customizing lexical ontologies
- Developed a framework for building Word Sense Induction Models

Google Inc.

Kirkland, WA

Software Engineering Intern

June 2009 - September 2009

- Enhanced a document selection system with the addition of semantic analysis that represented the change of semantic content in the document.
- Enhanced crawling framework for the document selection system, improving savings by up to 50% usage of external resources
- Restructured document selection system to be more scalable and abide by internal policies

Google Inc. Kirkland, WA

Software Engineering Intern

January 2008 - September 2009

- Built a highly scalable, stateless server for responding to a wide variety, and high volume, of requests
- Developed several plugins for the server allowing uniform access to a wide variety of internal data sources
- Improved response query formulation time with a plugin for the above server

Skills and Interests

Topics of Interest: Distributional Semantics, Word Sense Disambiguation, Word Sense Induction, Ontologies, Topic Models, Machine Learning, Clustering, Evaluation Metrics, Statistical Inference, Dimensionality Reduction

Languages: Scala, Java, C/C++, Python, Bash, LaTex, R

Open Source Projects

The C-Cat Project: An open source project centered around customizing lexical ontologies based on distributional semantics mined from large scale corpora. This includes a new API for directly modify WordNet and several Word Sense Disambiguation implementations. This package uses the Hadoop and HBase frameworks for distributed processing and storage.

The S-Space Project: An open source framework for using, building, and evaluating word space algorithms. It provides several reference implementations and a wide variety of utility classes in addition to several highly optimized clustering algorithms. This also includes a framework for Word Sense Induction models.