Lei Zhang

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Education

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, PA

Master of science in computing and information science

January 2019 – December 2020 (expected)

Cum GPA: 4.0/4.0

Hebei University of Technology

Tianjin, China

Bachelor in Electronics and Information Engineering

September 2008 – July 2012

Courses

 Algorithm Design, Data Structure, Database Systems, Machine Learning, Neural Network, Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing (CMU), Information Retrieval

Skills

- Languages/technologies: C++, Python > Java, JavaScript, R, Lua, MATLAB, ActionScript
- Experienced with Git, Linux, Spark, MapReduce, Distributed Systems, MySQL, Android, Flask

Work Experience

Google Sunnyvale, CA

Software Engineer Intern

May 2020 – August 2020

- Designed and developed a command line tool to analyze the network usage data. An algorithm was developed to detect and remove the outliers (C++)
- Designed and developed a web service to monitor the network usage pattern (C++, HTML)
- Improved the efficiency of data reading & statistics computing (run time from > 3 hours to 10 minutes) (Database)
- Designed an algorithm to identify top usage clients, the algorithm ensures a stable top list

University of Pittsburgh - PICSO Lab

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Student Researcher (Part-time)

January 2019 – April 2020

- Designed and developed a social experiment platform to provide support to researchers who have little programming skills to be able to conduct social experiments in IM context with interactive messages (Flask, Slack API)
- Designed and developed a crowdsourcing system on Amazon MTurk which successfully collected more than 100,000 effective annotations (HTML, JavaScript, Python, best–worst scaling)
- Large scale data collection & cleaning (Spark, Python)

University of Pittsburgh - PAWS Lab

Pittsburgh, PA

Graduate Student Researcher (Part-time)

June 2019 - April 2020

- A Natural language Processing project to extract concepts from textbooks and quizzes (TF-IDF, word2vec, POS, parser, google n-grams)
- Built a recommendation system using student knowledge state.

Class Projects

Distributed Twitter Stats Computing Service (Cloud Computing at CMU – Fall 2019)

The goal is to design a web service which provides relational stats of twitter user with high throughput. We

- Extracted, transformed, and loaded large scale data with Spark
- Designed and deployed a distributed database, a distributed web service and a load balancing service
- Our throughput beat 100% teams during the live test!

Publications

• Thaker K, Zhang L, He D, et al. Recommending Remedial Readings Using Student Knowledge State[C]//13th International Conference on Educational Data Mining. 2020: 233-244.