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ABOUT

I am interested in solving computational problems in various domains, including computational advertising, information retrieval and generative modeling. I also like to understand the gap between existing theory and practice, and scale out/up algorithms in real-world environments.

EDUCATION

Ph.D in Computer Science

Virginia Tech (VT)

Virginia, USA

Expected Graduation July 2021

MS in Computer Science

University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP)

College Park, Maryland, USA

August 2010-May 2015

BS in Computer Science with a Minor in Mathematics

Webster University

Saint Louis, Missouri, USA

August 2003-May 2006

GPA: 4.0/4.0

EMPLOYMENT

Research Scientist – Baidu Research USA, Seattle, WA

2020-

- Perform fundamental research in Generative Modeling, especially Generative Adversarial Models (GANs) and Deep Energy-based Generative Models, Deep Hashing Models and AI Security.

Researcher – Criteo AI Lab, Palo Alto, CA

2019-2020

- Perform research in Generative Modeling, especially Generative Adversarial Models (GANs). Besides investigating their theoretical aspects, I studied the applications of generative models into several problem domains, including computational look-alike modeling in advertising, learning to hash for text and images, and regression.

Graduate Research Assistant – Virginia Tech

2016-

Senior Data Scientist – Verve Mobile

2014-2019

- Be the principle data scientist behind Verve's Momentum-product ¹ which build highly-scalable statistical models of measuring the effectiveness of advertising campaigns. This is a fully-automatic platform that aggregates user-interaction data from multiple, large-scale data sources, build counterfactual models to estimate the *incremental KPIs* of the selected advertising campaigns, and exposes the analytical results to Verve's customers.
- Be a part of the Audience Modeling Team which is responsible for building production-ready predictive models such as Age, Gender, Home Associations, etc... Responsible for modeling the core algorithms behind Verve's Audience System.
- Be a part of the team that builds the core, patented Home Association algorithm at Verve (see below).
- Be a part of the Data Infrastructure Team that design the underlying architecture of the company's data-warehouse/data-analytic platform on Amazon AWS, which is later migrated to Google GCP.

<https://www.verve.com/products/momentum/>

Faculty Research Associate – University of Maryland, College Park	2013-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in high performance system research. • Involve in Automated Event Service (AES) and Data Environment For Rapid Exploration And Characterization Of Hydrometeorological Organized Systems (DERECHOS) research projects at NASA. • Responsible for development of large scale data (statistical) analysis algorithms in distributed environments such as Hadoop, Spark, Cassandra, and SciDB. 	
Data Scientist (Consultant) – B3Intelligence	2014-2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a statistical NLP topic model to categorize different types of survey text responses. • Develop an attribution model to understand the relationship between the topics being discussed by the respondents and the expected sentiment in these responses. 	
Research Associate – NASA	2012-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in high performance, distributed system research on NASA large-scale, remote-sensing data. • Perform research in manifold learning in large-scale environments. • Involve in Automated Event Service (AES) and Data Environment For Rapid Exploration And Characterization Of Hydrometeorological Organized Systems (DERECHOS) research projects at NASA. • Responsible for development of large scale data (statistical) analysis algorithms in distributed environments such as Hadoop, Spark, Cassandra, and SciDB. 	
Teaching Assistant – University of Maryland, College Park	2010-2011
Senior Java Developer – US Department of Energy	2010-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead application development activities. • Integration of Open Source API's into existing system architecture. • Lead maintenance of existing system. 	
Senior Software Developer – Aquilent	2008-2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enrollment System Redesign Project is the new implementation of the current standalone Enrollment System at VA. The effort is to establish a fully integrated environment which will replace not only the current Enrollment System, but also all the standalone systems at VA. The development environment at VA is: BEA Weblogic 8.1 and 10.0, Oracle 10g, J2EE, Spring, Hibernate, Struts, BizFlow BPM, ILog Rule Engine, Jasper Report. 	

HONORS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Criteo Research Award – Virginia Tech	2018
NSF Urban Computing Fellowship – Virginia Tech	2016
Graduation Honor, Summer Cum Laude – Webster University	2006
Regional ACM Collegiate Computing Contest Honor – Webster University	2004
University Scholarship – Webster University	2003

PUBLICATIONS

16. **K. D. Doan**, S. Tan, W. Zhao, & P. Li, "Fast Neural Learning-to-Hash Ranking under Neural Network based Measures". *Submitted to ACM Conference on Recommender Systems*.

* Equal Contribution

15. **K. D. Doan**, Y. Lao, & P. Li, "Backdoor Attack with Imperceptible Input and Latent Modification". *Submitted to The International Conference on Computer Vision*.
14. **K. D. Doan**, Y. Lao, W. Zhao, & P. Li, "LIRA: Learnable, Imperceptible and Robust Backdoor Attacks". *Submitted to The International Conference on Computer Vision*.
13. **K. D. Doan**, J. Xie, W. Zhao, & P. Li, "Generative Cooperative Hashing Network". *Submitted to The International Conference on Computer Vision*.
12. **K. D. Doan**, F. Wang, S. Manchanda, S. Selvaraj, A. Bhowmik & CK. Reddy, "Image Generation via Minimizing Fréchet Distance in Discriminator Feature Space. *Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*.
11. **K. D. Doan**, S. Badirli, & CK. Reddy, "Generative Hashing Network". *Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence*.
10. **K. D. Doan**, S. Manchanda, S. Badirli, & C. K. Reddy. "Image Hashing by Minimizing Discrete Component-wise Wasserstein Distance". *Submitted to Pattern Recognition*.
9. **K. D. Doan***, S. Manchanda*, S. Mahapatra, & CK. Reddy, "Interpretable Graph Similarity Computation via Differentiable Optimal Alignment of Node Embeddings", *In Proceedings of International ACM SIGIR conference on research and development in Information Retrieval*, 2021.
8. S. Badirli, X. Liu, **K. D. Doan**, Z. Xing, A. Bhowmik & SS. Keerthi. Gradient Boosting Neural Networks: GrowNet. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2002.07971>.
7. S. Manchanda, **K. Doan** & SS Keerthi. Regression via Implicit Models and Optimal Transport Cost Minimization. <https://arxiv.org/abs/2003.01296>.
6. **K. Doan** & C. K. Reddy. Efficient Implicit Unsupervised Text Hashing using Adversarial Autoencoder. *In Proceedings of The Web Conference*, 2020.
5. S. Manchanda, P. Yadav, **K. Doan**, & K. Sathiya. Targeted display advertising: the case of preferential attachment. *In Proceedings of International Conference on Big Data*, 2019.
4. **K. Doan**, P. Yadav & C. K. Reddy. Adversarial Factorization Autoencoder for Look-alike Modeling. *In Proceedings of ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management*, 2019.
3. **K. Doan**, G. Yang & C. K. Reddy. An Attentive Spatio-Temporal Neural Model for Successive Point Of Interest Recommendation. *In Proceedings of Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining*, 2019.
2. **K. Doan**, A. O. Oloso, K. S. Kuo, T. L. Clune, H. Yu, B. Nelson, & J. Zhang. Evaluating the impact of data placement to Spark and SciDB with an earth science use case. *In Proceedings of IEEE International Conference on Big Data*, 2016.
1. **K. Doan**, A. O. Oloso, K. S. Kuo & T. L. Clune (2014, December). Performance comparison of big-data technologies in locating intersections in satellite ground tracks. *In Proceedings of ASE BigData Conference*, 2014.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Conference Reviewer

- ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge discovery and data mining (KDD): 2017, 2018, 2019
- ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM): 2017, 2018, 2019
- ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM): 2017, 2018, 2019
- The Web Conference (WWW): 2017, 2018, 2019
- International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI): 2017, 2018, 2019
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI): 2020, 2021

Journal Reviewer

- ACM Transactions on Internet Technology (TOIT): 2020
- ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (TKDD): 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021

Program Committee

- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS): 2020, 2021
- International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML): 2020, 2021
- Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR): 2020, 2021
- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV): 2021
- European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV): 2020
- IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData): 2020
- 1st International Workshop on Industrial Recommendation Systems (IRS): 2020, 2021
- AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI): 2021

PRESENTATIONS

- **K. Doan**. Generative models meet similarity search (*Seminar*). Baidu Cognitive Computing Lab, USA, 2020.
- **K. Doan**, B. Cave & C. K. Reddy (*Poster*). CrimeLab: A data-driven approach. Virginia Tech Urban Computing Day, 2017.
- H. Avik, G. Takahara & **D. Khoa** (*Talk*). Social Media Analytics using Bayesian Multistate Intensity Models. 43rd Annual Meeting of the Statistical Society of Canada. <https://bit.ly/3extrE>

PATENTS

B. E. Crook, **K. Doan**, G. K. Ng, C. G. Nicotra, M. J. Wrona. Systems, methods, and apparatus for reverse geocoding. US Patent US20160330592A1.

TEACHING

Data Analytics – Virginia Tech	2019
Deep Learning – Virginia Tech	2018
Operating Systems – University of Maryland, College Park	2012
Organization of Programming Language – University of Maryland, College Park	2011
Computer Architecture – University of Maryland, College Park	2011
Discrete Mathematics – University of Maryland, College Park	2010
Compiler Analysis – University of Maryland, College Park	2010