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Skills

Area of Interest	Recommender System, NLP, Knowledge Discovery, Predictive Analytics
Programming Languages	Python, SQL, Shell Script, C++, R, MATLAB
Miscellaneous	BPR, XGBoost, SIFT, BoW, Mongo DB, Docker, IBM Watson, scikit-learn

Education

University of California, San Diego	M.S. in Computer Science	Sep. 2018-Present
National Chiao Tung University	B.S. in Computer Science	Sep. 2012-Jun. 2016
Université de Technologie de Compiègne	Exchange Student	Feb. 2016-Jun. 2016

Selected Term Projects (li-an.me#works)

Amazon Purchase Prediction Challenge on Kaggle

- Ranked 7th among 800 people with an accuracy of 72.96%
- Formulated the problem as a ranking objective function to maximize pairwise preference prediction probability
- Adopted collaborative filtering techniques by exploiting category and popularity similarities between items

A Preliminary Study of Automatic Playlist Continuation and Add-to-playlist Prediction on Spotify

- Generated a list of recommended tracks that can be added to continue the playlist
- Recommended on average 9% of observed tracks to match 86% of held-out tracks served as ground truth
- Suggested top playlists for a liked track to be added too with logistic regression models and XGBoost

Automatically Proving Mathematical Theorems with Evolutionary Algorithms and Proof Assistants

- Research results published at the IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation
- The first to generate formal proofs automatically by exploiting proof assistant Coq with evolutionary algorithms
- Proved ten theorems in different branches of mathematics automatically: Arithmetic, Logic, & Parity

A Voice-controlled Streaming Jukebox based on IBM Bluemix Cloud Service

- Established music streaming services on Raspberry Pi featuring personal music recommendation
- Deployed IBM Watson APIs to carry out on-demand speech-to-text features and social networking services

Work Experience

Research Assistant, Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica Mar. 2017-May 2018

- **User Intention Understanding on Taiwan Open Platform for Educational Resources**
 - Revealed search keyword trends on the website with millions of entries of user log data
 - Developed a keyword generation pipeline for personalized resource recommendation in primary education
- **SQUAT - a Sequencing QUALity Assessment Tool in Bioinformatics** (github.com/luke831215/squat)
 - Tools released on Github and Docker Hub and results submitted to an open-access, peer-reviewed journal
 - Provided read mapping analytics and visualized the assessment results in a portable HTML report
 - Devised metrics for researchers to identify poor-quality data upon terabytes of data gathering

R&D Intern, Email Reputation Services Division, Trend Micro Inc. Jun. 2015-Aug. 2015

- **Pattern Recognition**
 - Simulated patterns of malicious mail attacks with log-based data hashing and clustering
 - Reduced volume for processing by designing a white-listing mechanism to filter out known legitimate entries

Publications (li-an.me#pubs)

1. **L.-A. Yang**, W.-C. Chung, Y.-J. Chang, S.-H. Chen, C.-Y. Lin, & J.-M. Ho. "The Spiral Assembler: An Iterative Process of NGS De Novo Genome Assembly with Machine-Learning for Subset Selection on Quality-Score and K-Mer Landscape." Technical Report, submitted to Institute of Information Science, Academia Sinica. doi: [TR-IIS-18-001](https://doi.org/10.1109/IIS-18-001).
2. **L.-A. Yang**, J.-P. Liu, C.-H. Chen, & Y.-P. Chen. "Automatically Proving Mathematical Theorems with Evolutionary Algorithms and Proof Assistants." In Proceedings of 2016 IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation (CEC 2016). (pp. 4421–4428). doi: [10.1109/CEC.2016.7744352](https://doi.org/10.1109/CEC.2016.7744352). (EI). (github.com/nclab/ea.prover)