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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

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 via website log data characterization
 - Developed and automated the keyword generation pipeline for resource recommendation in primary education
- SQUAT a Sequencing QUality Assessment Tool in Bioinformatics [Github]
 - Tools released on Github 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 data gathering
- De Novo Genome Assembly
 - Proposed an ML framework of genome assembly with gradient boosting for subset selection of sequencing reads
 - Achieved the relative improvements of assembly results ranging from 25% to 35% on N50 statistic
 - Enhanced genome contiguity with less input overhead and sequencing read required

R&D Intern, Email Reputation Services Division, Trend Micro Inc.

Jul. 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

Selected Term Projects

Automatically Proving Mathematical Theorems with Evolutionary Algorithms and Proof Assistants [Link] [Github]

- Research results published at the IEEE Congress on Evolutionary Computation
- The first to generate formal proofs automatically by exploiting proof assistant Cog 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 [Link]

- 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

Right Whale Recognition Competition on Kaggle [Link]

- Adopted SIFT and bag-of-words model to extract distinctive feature of the whale face in a team of three
- Improved the evaluated score in logloss by thirty percent in limited time

A Gitlab Continuous Integration Cloud Service [Link]

- Built a cloud service for version control that automatically ran builds and self-testing when a commit was pushed
- Launched multiple composite cloud applications via a yaml template on Openstack

Publications

- 1. **Li-An Yang**, Wei-Chun Chung, Yu-Jung Chang, Shu-Hwa Chen, Chung-Yen Lin, & Jan-Ming 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.
- 2. **Li-An Yang**, Jui-Pin Liu, Chao-Hong Chen, & Ying-Ping 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. (EI). [Github]

Skills & Test Scores

Programming Languages Python, C/C++, R, MATLAB

Languages English (fluent), Mandarin Chinese (native), French (basic)