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EDUCATION

• University of California, San Diego

La Jolla, CA

PhD in Computer Science; GPA:3.8; Advisor: Prof. Arun Kumar

Sept. 2017 - June. 2023(expected)

Courses taken: Advanced Compiler Design, Principles of Programing Languages, Database Systems, Advanced Algorithm, Machine Learning, Data Mining & Analytics, Advanced Data Analytics, Computer Vision, Introduction to Robotics

Nankai University

Tianjin, China

BS in Theoretical Physics; GPA: 3.8

Sept. 2012 - June. 2016

Professional Experience

• ADALab, University of California, San Diego

La Jolla, CA

PhD research, deep learning systems

Jan. 2018 - Present

- o Panorama: Presented Panorama, the first Software 2.0 system to enable and optimize unbounded vocabulary computer vision queries. The prototype is implemented with Python and TensorFlow. Example applications include face recognition, pedestrian re-identification, car model recognition, animal species recognition, etc.
- o Cerebro: Presented Cerebro, a scalable system for high-throughput reproducible neural network model selection. With a novel form of parallel ANN training called model hopper parallelism that exploits a formal property of stochastic gradient descent (SGD), the approach improves both throughput and reproducibility. It is easy to integrate with existing ANN tools; a prototype has been built to support both TensorFlow and PyTorch.
- Opera Solutions

San Diego, CA

Data Scientist Intern, machine learning based scheduling system

Summer 2018

- Testing and optimizing: Tested and analyzed a production machine learning-based scheduling system for cinema theaters. Optimized the parallel programming model and IPC mechanisms, resulting in over 50% of improvement in execution time(from over 4h to 2h per run)
- Migration to Hadoop: Migrated the existing R. Python and C++ based single node applications to Hadoop ecosystem for distributed computing. Redesigned the data source layer to reduce the MySQL data warehouse I/O overheads, with over 90\% of improvement
- Scaling up: Mitigated communication overheads that led the application to be unscalable, increasing the capacity of the system from 80 jobs to 200~300 as the customer requested, concluding the 10-month-long project in 3 months
- Texas A&M University

College Station, TX

Research Intern, pattern recognition

Summer 2015

• Object tracking and pattern recognition: Developed applications for object tracking and chaotic chemistry pattern recognition on MATLAB. Hand-labeled over 100h of video and trained a neural network for chaotic chemistry pattern recognition. The model was deployed on over 5M images with $\sim 70 \%$ accuracy

Course Projects

- Whales Classification: Applied XGBoost on whales classification and achieved over 70% accuracy, with 4M echo-location clicks emitted by whales processed with Spark
- Stock Analytics: Conducted 2D visualization and categorization of tickers with PCA and XGBoost, with over 85% accuracy
- **Autonomous Driving Robot**: Developed a control library in Python for a Raspberry-Pi-based robot platform, including vision-based control and navigation via pose estimation with landmarks, localization and mapping via EKF-SLAM, and planning&coverage algorithms for implementing a Roomba-like robot

Publications

Y.-H. Zhang and X.-Q. Li, Three-generation neutrino oscillations in curved spacetime, Nucl. Phys. B 911, 563 (2016) [hep-ph/1606.05960]

C. Liu, Y.-G. Miao, Y.-M. Wu and Y.-H. Zhang, Self-regular black holes quantized by means of an analogue to hydrogen atoms, Adv. High Energy Phys. 2016, 5982482 (2016) [hep-th/1511.04865]