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EDUCATION

University of California, Riverside (UCR)

Ph.D. in Computer Science

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

M.S. in Mechanical Engineering, Systems and Control

Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (Virginia Tech)

B.S. in Mechanical Engineering

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visa Research

Staff Research Scientist

2018/09 –

Palo Alto, California

- Time Series Data Mining

The time series generated from the transaction database can provide critical insights for payment processing companies. To utilize such information effectively, I have developed machine learning models for time series data under various contexts for transactional time series. The following topics are studied for this project: matrix profile, deep learning, time series forecasting, time series classification/regression, multi-future prediction, multi-model learning (i.e., time series data with graph data), online learning, and anomaly detection.

- Embeddings and Representation Learning

Representation learning is a fundamental building block for analyzing entities in a database. I have conducted researches in three directions for this topic to analyze Visa's data: 1) static embedding learning framework, 2) removing or alleviating the impact of an undesirable feature in the embedding, and 3) scalable and end-to-end embedding learning with downstream models. With the outcomes of these studies, embeddings for entities like merchants, merchant categories, and countries have been learned and adopted for various analytic tasks.

University of California, Riverside

Research Assistant

3 Years

Riverside, California

- All Pairs Similarity Search for Time Series Subsequences (Matrix Profile)

The all-pairs-similarity-search (or similarity join) problem has been extensively studied for text and a handful of other data types. However, there has been little progress on similarity joins for time series subsequences. The goal of the project is to develop an efficient/scalable algorithm solving the similarity join problem for time series data and show the utility of such algorithm when it's treated as a primitive operation for time series. The application of time series join includes visualization, motif/discord mining, clustering, etc.

Supervisor: Prof. Eamonn Keogh

Research Center for IT Innovation, Academia Sinica

Research Assistant

2 Years

Taipei, Taiwan

- Audio Word Representation of Audio Signals

Audio word (AW) representation symbolizes any local audio event as a codeword within a pre-constructed dictionary. Over the course of the project, I have conducted a systematic evaluation with various AW extracting configurations on audio classification/auto-tagging systems. Based on the result of the systematic evaluation, I have proposed a framework that aims to standardize the modularization of the AW representation extraction. I have also examined the possibility of incorporating various ideas (e.g., multi-scale feature learning, bagging) into the AW extraction process to learn better AW representation.

Supervisor: Dr. Yi-Hsuan Yang

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- Junpeng Wang, Wei Zhang, Hao Yang, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, and Liang Wang, “Visual Analytics for RNN-Based Deep Reinforcement Learning,” *IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG)*, 2021.
- Jingzhu He, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Yanhong Wu, Liang Wang, and Wei Zhang, “Mining Anomalies in Subspaces of High-dimensional Time Series for Financial Transactional Data,” *Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD)*, 2021.
- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Zhongfang Zhuang, Yan Zheng, Liang Wang, Junpeng Wang, and Wei Zhang, “Merchant Category Identification Using Credit Card Transactions,” *IEEE International Conference on Big Data (BigData)*, 2020.
- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Zhongfang Zhuang, Wei Zhang, and Liang Wang, “Multi-future Merchant Transaction Prediction,” *Joint European Conference on Machine Learning and Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD)*, 2020.
- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Dhruv Gelda, Zhongfang Zhuang, Yan Zheng, Liang Gou, and Wei Zhang, “Towards a Flexible Embedding Learning Framework,” *IEEE International Conference on Data Mining Workshop on Multi-Source Data Mining (MSDM)*, 2020.
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HONORS, AWARDS, AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Honorable mention for 2019 SIGKDD doctoral dissertation award.
- First place in AALTD’ 16 time-series classification challenge
- Travel Award: SDM 2018, KDD 2017, ICDM 2016.
- Program Committee: KDD 2019-2022, MiLeTS 2020-2022, AAAI 2021, ECML-PKDD (ADS) 2020.

RELEVANT SKILL

Programming Language

- Proficient: MATLAB, Python, and \LaTeX
- Familiar: Java, C#, and C++

Natural Language

- Bilingual Proficiency: English, Mandarin Chinese