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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   2018/09 –
Staff Research Scientist   Palo Alto, California

- Embedding Learning Framework

  Representation learning is a fundamental building block for analyzing entities in a database. While the existing embedding learning methods are effective in various data mining problems, their applicability is often limited because these methods have pre-determined assumptions on the type of semantics captured by the learned embeddings, and the assumptions may not well align with specific downstream tasks. In this project, I propose an embedding learning framework that 1) uses an input format that is agnostic to input data type, 2) is flexible in terms of the relationships that can be embedded into the learned representations, and 3) provides an intuitive pathway to incorporate domain knowledge into the embedding learning process. With the proposed framework, embeddings for entities like merchants, merchant categories, and countries have been learned and adopted for various analytic tasks in Visa.

- Time Series Predictive Model

  The time series generated from transaction database can provide critical insights for payment processing companies. In order to utilize such information effectively, I have develop machine learning models for time series data under various context for transactional time series. Topics include deep learning, time series forecasting, time series classification/regression, multi-future prediction, multi-model learning (i.e., time series data with relationship data), and online learning are studied for this project.

University of California, Riverside   2015/07 – 2018/07
Research Assistant   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, classification, and representation learning.
  Supervisor: Prof. Eamonn Keogh

Research Center for IT Innovation, Academia Sinica   2011/07 – 2012/06, 2013/07 – 2014/08
Research Assistant   Taipei, Taiwan

- Audio Word Representation of Audio Signals

  Audio word (AW) representation is characteristic of its ability of symbolizing any local audio event as a codeword within a pre-constructed dictionary. Over the course of the project, I have conducted systematic evaluation with various AW extracting configuration on audio classification and auto-tagging

systems, proposed a framework aims to standardize the modularization of the AW representation extraction, and developed an open-source graphic user interface application intended to facilitate the implementation and development of various AW extraction procedural under aforementioned framework. On top of that, in order to improve the effectiveness of AW representation, I have examined the possibility of incorporating various ideas (e.g., multi-scale feature learning, bagging) into the AW extraction process.

Supervisor: Dr. Yi-Hsuan Yang

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Bosch Research and Technology Center 2017/06 - 2017/09
Research Intern Palo Alto, California

Aspen Technology 2016/06 - 2016/09
Data Scientist Intern Bedford, Massachusetts

PUBLICATION

- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Zhongfang Zhuang, Yan Zheng, Liang Wang, Junpeng Wang, and Wei Zhang, "Merchant Category Identification Using Credit Card Transactions," *IEEE Int. Conf. on Big Data* (IEEE BigData), 2020.

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- Shaghayegh Gharghabi, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Yifei Ding, Wei Ding, Paul Hibbing, Samuel LaMunion, Andrew Kaplan, Scott E. Crouter, and Eamonn Keogh, "Domain Agnostic Online Semantic Segmentation for Multi-dimensional Time Series," *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery* (DMKD), 2019.

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- Yan Zhu, Zachary Zimmerman, Nader S. Senobari, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Gareth Funning, Abdullah Mueen, Philip Brisk, and Eamonn Keogh, "Exploiting a Novel Algorithm and GPUs to Break the Ten Quadrillion Pairwise Comparisons Barrier for Time Series Motifs and Joins," *Knowledge and Information Systems* (KIS), 2018.

- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Yan Zhu, Liudmila Ulanova, Nurjahan Begum, Yifei Ding, Hoang Anh Dau, Zachary Zimmerman, Diego F. Silva, Abdullah Mueen, and Eamonn Keogh, "Time Series Joins, Motifs, Discords and Shapelets: a Unifying View that Exploits the Matrix Profile," *Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery* (DMKD), 2018.

- Shaghayegh Gharghabi, Yifei Ding, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Kaveh Kamgar, Liudmila Ulanova, and Eamonn Keogh, "Matrix Profile VIII: Domain Agnostic Online Semantic Segmentation at Superhuman Performance Levels," *IEEE Int. Conf. on Data Mining* (ICDM), 2017.

- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Nickolas Kavantzas, and Eamonn Keogh, "Matrix Profile VI: Meaningful Multi-dimensional Motif Discovery," *IEEE Int. Conf. on Data Mining* (ICDM), 2017.

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- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Helga Van Herle, and Eamonn Keogh, "Matrix Profile III: The Matrix Profile Allows Visualization of Salient Subsequences in Massive Time Series," *IEEE Int. Conf. on Data Mining* (ICDM), 2016.

- Yan Zhu, Zachary Zimmerman, Nader S. Senobari, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Gareth Funning, Abdullah Mueen, Philip Brisk, and Eamonn Keogh, "Matrix Profile II: Exploiting a Novel Algorithm and GPUs to Break the One Hundred Million Barrier for Time Series Motifs and Joins," *IEEE Int. Conf. on Data Mining* (ICDM), 2016.

- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Yan Zhu, Liudmila Ulanova, Nurjahan Begum, Yifei Ding, Hoang Anh Dau, Diego F. Silva, Abdullah Mueen, and Eamonn Keogh, "Matrix Profile I: All Pairs Similarity Joins for Time Series: A Unifying View that Includes Motifs, Discords and Shapelets," *IEEE Int. Conf. on Data Mining* (ICDM), 2016.

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- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Ping-Keng Jao, and Yi-Hsuan Yang. "AWtoolbox: Characterizing Audio Information Using Audio Words," *ACM Int. Conf. Multimedia* (MM), 2014.

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- Jen-Yu Liu, **Chin-Chia M. Yeh**, Yuan-Ching Teng, and Yi-Hsuan Yang, "Bilingual Analysis of Song Lyrics and Audio Words," *ACM Int. Conf. Multimedia* (MM), 2012.

- **Chin-Chia M. Yeh** and Yi-Hsuan Yang, "Supervised Dictionary Learning for Music Genre Classification," *ACM Int. Conf. on Multimedia Retrieval* (ICMR), 2012.

RELEVANT SKILL

Programming Language
- Proficient: MATLAB, Python, and LaTeX

- Familiar: Java, C#, and C++

Language
- Mandarin Chinese (mother tongue)