Nhat Pham

Education

University of Washington, Data Science and Statistics, 2018 - 2019. GPA: 3.97

Courses: CSE 154 Web Programming, CSE 416 Introduction to Machine Learning, CSE 414 Introduction to Database Systems University of Maryland, Computer Science: Data Science, 2020-2022. GPA: 4.0

Courses: CMSC 132 Object Oriented Programming II, CMSC 250 Discrete Structures, CMSC 216 Intro to Computer Systems, CMSC 351 Algorithms

Awards and Competitions

AIVIVN Sentiment Analysis Competition

Spring 2019

- Design a text classification system for positive v.s negative product reviews (in Vietnamese).
- Models: word2vec + weighted average of (hierarchical) self-attention neural network, residual network.
- Final Result: 1st Place in Public Leaderboard (F1: 0.90087) and Private Leaderboard (F1: 0.90012).
- GitHub Repository: https://github.com/petrpan26/Aivivn_1

Work Experience

Software Engineering Intern at Verta.AI

Summer 2020

Top 5 contributor to ModelDB (https://github.com/VertaAI/modeldb), with over 100 pull requests. Main projects:

- 1. Dataset and Metadata Versioning Functionality for Scala Client:
 - Functional API with git-inspired immutable data types (Repository, Commit, Blob, etc.) and operations (merge, revert, etc.)
 - Works seamlessly with AWS S3 (data storage) and Spark MLLib (model development)
- 2. Model Registry and Endpoint Deployment Functionality for Python Client and CLI:
 - Register a model and expose it via an endpoint for prediction.
 - Allows for canary update, autoscaling and resource specification.
 - Supports a user-friendly command line interface (CLI), implemented with Click.

Personal and Research Projects

Neural Network Toolbox Summer 2019

- Implement common deep learning procedures and papers using PyTorch for quick prototyping and model developing.
- GitHub Repository: https://github.com/nhatsmrt/nn-toolbox
- Documentation: https://nhatsmrt.github.io/nn-toolbox/

Arbitrary Style Transfer

Summer 2019

- Given an arbitrary content photo and a piece of artwork, transfer the style of the artwork to the photo.
- Based on Huang and Belongie's paper "Arbitrary Style Transfer in Real-time with Adaptive Instance Normalization"
- Implemented using PyTorch and my toolbox (see above).
- GitHub Repository: https://github.com/nhatsmrt/torch-styletransfer

Coding Platform for Solving Algorithmic Questions

Winter 2020

- Technology stack: Judge0 for evaluation. Django REST Framework (Backend); React (Frontend). Deployed on Heroku
- Prototype Website: http://codingplatform-cp.herokuapp.com/

Data Collection for Food Desert Prediction Research Project at the University of Maryland

Spring 2020

- Web scraping (selenium, beautifulsoup4) for food data; Overpass and Nominatim API for geolocation data
- Speed up API calls, geometric queries, etc. up to 3-6 times with multiprocessing and spatial indexing (geopandas + rtree)

Skills

Proficient With:

- 1. Java (4 years): Object Oriented Programming Design Patterns, JUnit Unit Testing, Multithreadding and Concurrency
- 2. Python (4 years): Data Science, Machine Learning, Deep Learning. Packages and tools proficient:
 - scipy, statsmodels, numpy, pandas, geopandas, matplotlib, scikit-learn, pytorch, keras, Google Colab; argparse, click; pytest
- 3. Scala (1 year): Functional Programming Principles and Design Patterns.
 - Behavior-Driven Testing and Property Based Testing with ScalaTest. Big Data with Apache Spark and MLLib
- 4. Relational DMBS and SQL

Familiar With:

- 1. Full Stack Web Development: Server-side with Django; Client-side with HTML, CSS, JavaScript, ReactJS
- 2. Other Technologies: R (dplyr, tidyr, ggplot2, shiny); C, gdb, valgrind; Unix, emacs; AsteriskDB and SQL++; AWS S3
- 3. Other CS and SWE Skills: Agile Project Management via Jira; Software Versioning Control with Git and GitHub