Xiaopeng Yang

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Summary

Currently a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Waterloo. Research experience in machine learning and related fields for 7+ years. Authored or co-authored 10+ papers in journals and conferences. Hold 2 projects transferred successfully from academy to industry. Extensive public speaking experience with superior ability to develop compelling and coherent presentations. Able to work in a high-stress and fast-paced environment.

Skills

[Programming Languages] Python(proficient) Java, C#(familiar) JavaScript, SQL(general) [Frameworks and tools] Tensorflow, React, MongoDB, MySQL, Git, Jekyll, Markdown, LaTex

Experience

[Postdoctoral Fellow] — [University of Waterloo, Waterloo, Canada] [2016.10] — [current]

- Designed a novel deep neural model based on variational autoencoders for poetry generation
- Developed a Chinese poetry generation system based on Deep Learning (**Python+Tensorflow**) (transferred to **Boyan Dodo Chabot**)
- Built two human evaluation websites for poetry quality assessment (JavaScript+MongoDB/MySQL)

[Research Intern] - [National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan] [2014.09] - [2015.02]

• Designed a novel image search re-ranking algorithm based on metric learning and multi-modality fusion (published in IEEE Transactions on Image Processing 2016)

[Research Intern] — [Microsoft Research, Beijing, China]

[2014.02] - [2014.07]

- Designed a graph-based video duplicate detection algorithm
- Developed a video duplicate detection system (C#) (transferred to Bing Video Search)

[Software Engineer Intern] — [Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, China] [2012.09] — [2013.02]

• Developed a Weibo data analysis system (Java) and its demonstration website (JavaScript)

Education

[University of Chinese Academy of Sciences] — [Ph.D., Beijing, China]	[2012.09] - [2016.07]
Major: Computer Application Technology GPA: 3.44	
[Shandong Normal University] — [M.S., Jinan, China]	[2010.09] - [2012.07]
Major: Computer Software and Theory	
[Shandong Normal University] — [B.S., Jinan, China]	[2006.09] - [2010.07]

Major: Computer Science and Technology

Publications

- Xiaopeng Yang, Xiaowen Lin, Shunda Suo, and Ming Li. Generating Thematic Chinese Poetry using Conditional Variational Autoencoders with Hybrid Decoders. arXiv preprint arXiv:1711.07632, 2017. [Accepted by IJCAI-ECAI-2018, 20.5% acceptance rate]
- Xiaopeng Yang, Tao Mei, Yongdong Zhang, Jie Liu, and Shin'ichi Satoh. Web Image Search Reranking with Click-based Similarity and Typicality. IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 25(10): 4617-4630, 2016.
- Xiaopeng Yang, Yongdong Zhang, Ting Yao, Chong-Wah Ngo, and Tao Mei. Click-boosting Multi-modality Graph-based Reranking for Image Search. Multimedia Systems, 21(2): 217-227, 2015.
- Yongdong Zhang, Xiaopeng Yang, and Tao Mei. Image Search Reranking with Query-dependent Click-based Relevance Feedback. IEEE Transactions on Image Processing, 23(10): 4448-4459, 2014.
- Xiaopeng Yang, Tao Mei, and Yongdong Zhang. Rescue Tail Queries: Learning to Image Search Rerank via Click-wise Multimodal Fusion. In Proceedings of the 22nd ACM International Conference on Multimedia, 2014, pp. 537-546. [Full paper, 19.2% acceptance rate]
- Xiaopeng Yang, Yongdong Zhang, Ting Yao, Zheng-Jun Zha, and Chong-Wah Ngo. Click-boosting Random Walk for Image Search Reranking. In Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Internet Multimedia Computing and Service, 2013, pp. 1-6. [Best paper award]
- Xiaopeng Yang, Hong Liu, Yanhui Ding, and Hanchao Yu. An Improved Cellular Genetic Algorithm with Evolutionary Rules for 3D Animation Modeling Design. In Proceedings of the 12th International Conference on CAD/Graphics, 2011, pp. 341-348.
- Xiaopeng Yang, Hong Liu, and Hanchao Yu. Cellular Genetic Algorithm for Supporting Creative Design of 3D Animation Modelings. In Proceedings of the Third Pacific-Asia Conference on Circuits, Communications and System (PACCS), 2011, pp. 1-4.
- Hanchao Yu, Hong Liu, and Xiaopeng Yang. Evolutionary Computing Method in 3D Animation Modeling Cooperative Design. In Proceedings of the 15th International Conference on Computer Supported Cooperative Work in Design (CSCWD), 2011, pp. 296-303.

Awards & Honors

Outstanding Graduate of Beijing, China (2016); Google Anita Borg Memorial Scholarship (2015); Stars of Tomorrow of Microsoft Research Asia, 2 years (2013, 2014); Chinese Government Scholarship for Ph.D. Candidates (2014); UCAS Excellent Student Pacesetter (2014); UCAS Excellent Student Leader, 2 years (2013, 2014); Excellent Bachelor Thesis of Shandong Province, China (2010); Excellent Student of Shandong Province, China (2009)