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Research Interests Data Science, Machine Learning, Large-scale Online Media Analysis

Education Australian National University

Aug. 2011 - Aug. 2015

Ph.D. in Computer Science

• Thesis submitted: Understanding the Popularity Evolution of Online Media: A Case Study on YouTube Videos

• Affiliated with Statistical Machine Learning group of NICTA

Southeast University, China

Aug. 2009 - Jul. 2011

Finished master course in Automation

Southeast University, China

Aug. 2005 - June 2009

Bachelor of Automation

• Rank: 4/140

• Best Graduation Thesis (2 out of 140)

Skill Highlights

• Experienced in Data Science and Statistical Analysis

- Classification, regression, clustering, time series analysis
- Data exploration and visualization (matplotlib, R, d3.js)
- Working on large scale **real data** for 4 years
- Broad knowledge in Machine Learning
 - Deep understanding of main-stream algorithms (SVM, Random Forest, ANN etc.)
 - Experienced in carrying out experiments and feature engineering
- Firm programming skills, especially in C/C++ and python
 - Also familiar with SQL, Javascript, R, Julia
 - Using Linux everyday for more than 6 years, skilled emacs user
- Experienced in collecting and analyzing large scale Internet data
 - Skilled in implementing various online data **crawlers**
- Domain knowledge related to Computational Social Science Research
 - YouTube video popularity analysis
 - Twitter user network analysis
- Basic controller design and control theory

Research Projects

Please see http://yuhonglin.github.io/project/ for more details

- Analyzing Twitter-driven YouTube Views
 - Predicting videos' viewcount with Twitter's feed
 - Contributions: Most of the ideas; All the Software implementation, data collection, analysis and prediction
- Data Mining on YouTube Video Shot Sequences
 - Mining frequent remixed shots from large number of videos
 - Contributions: Part of the ideas and data collection; All the implementation, data preprocessing and analysis
- Exploring the Phases of Popularity Evolution of YouTube Videos
 - Understanding viewcount dynamics by novel time series segmentation techniques
 - Contributions: Most of the ideas; All the software implementation, data collection, analysis and prediction

Software Highlights

- YTcrawl: a YouTube video history viewcount crawler
- SegFit: a time series segmentation algorithm written in C++
- Shot detect : a video shot detection program written in C++

Media Coverage

- ANU Reporter How the viral video star is born. August 2015. http://www.anu.edu.au/news/all-news/how-the-viral-video-star-is-born
- NCI Research News *Predicting popularity*. September 2015. http://nci.org.au/2015/09/30/predicting-popularity/

Papers

- Honglin Yu, Lexing Xie and Scott Sanner, Exploring the Popularity Phases of YouTube Videos: Observations, Insights, and Prediction. In proceedings of International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM) 2015.
- Honglin Yu, Lexing Xie and Scott Sanner, Twitter-driven YouTube Views: Beyond Individual Influencers. In proceedings of ACM Multimedia Conference (ACMM) 2014.
- Honglin Yu, Lexing Xie and Scott Sanner, Phase-sketch Clustering on Large Scale Time Series Dataset. (Working paper).
- Honglin Yu, Supplementary Observations on YouTube Video Popularity Evolution: Shocks, Periodicity and Correlation with Twitter. (Working paper).
- Marian-Andrei Rizoiu, Lexing Xie, Scott Sanner, Manuel Cebrian, **Honglin Yu**, and Pascal Van Hentenryck. Can This Video be Promoted? Linking Endogenous and Exogenous Processes to Forecast Popularity on Youtube. (Working paper).

Teaching Experience

- Research Group Tutorial on Random Forest 2014 Slide: http://www.slideshare.net/yuhonglin/main-33219459
- Research Group Tutorial on Support Vector Machine 2013 Slide: http://www.slideshare.net/yuhonglin/main-44194421
- Computational Social Science Summer School 2013 Website: http://users.cecs.anu.edu.au/~xlx/teaching/css2013/index.html Teaching Assistant
- Computer Network
 Teaching Assistant, Southeast University, China

Awards

- Excellent Graduation Dissertation of Southeast University (2 out of 140) 2009
- Champion of the 3D Soccer Simulation League, Robocup Worldcup 2008
- National Mathematical Modeling Contest Third Prize of Jiangsu Province 2008

2008

2006

Ailipu Scholarship
Higher Mathematics Competition of Jiangsu Province, Third Prize

Review Experience

- International World Wide Web Conference (WWW)
- ACM International Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM)
- International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM)

Language

Chinese (native)

English (fluent)