The Joys of Working with Data

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Research summary



Improve Quality and Utility of Search Results

[CIKM'11] A Framework for Personalized and Collaborative Clustering of Search Results

- Developed a "label-first" hierarchical clustering technique.
- Path-based collaborative editing of cluster labels and assignments.
- Method incorporated in a document processing pipeline at LLNL.







Smart City

[ACM CIKM'18] Data Structure for Efficient Line of Sight Queries [IEEE SCI'18] Optimal Constrained Wireless Emergency Network Antenna Placement

- Identify optimum locations of emergency wireless point-to-point wide area network nodes in a city.
- Multiple constraints, including:
 - Antenna physical limitations
 - Line of sight
 - Node priority
 - Minimum degree







Traffic Analytics

[IEEE CVPR'19] CityFlow: A City-Scale Benchmark for Multi-Target Multi-Camera Vehicle Tracking and Re-Identification [IEEE SOSE'19, IEEE SOSE'19, IEEE MC'19, IEEE CVPRW'18, IEEE SmartWorld'17]

w/ Milind Naphade, CTO of AI Cities, NVIDIA

- Organizing member and Evaluation Chair for the AI City Challenge.
- Address challenges in traffic analysis from video, including:
 - Multi-camera vehicle tracking and multi-movement counting
 - Speed estimation from video
 - Anomaly detection











[Intel Labs Grant] DARPA HIVE project sub-contract.

Hierarchical Identify Verify Exploit (HIVE)

- Workload analysis for a new parallel processor
 - New hardware architecture optimized for sparse graphical models and decision trees
 - Hardware/software iterative co-design



Medical Analytics

[iDSC'19] A Data-Driven Approach for Detecting Autism Spectrum Disorders



Kidney Health Screening

w/ Alessandro Bellofiore, SJSU

- Decide severity of kidney disease by taking a picture of a test strip
 - Deep Learning localization models used to help ensure capture quality.
 - Machine Learning regression models used to translate picture to amount of creatinine in the blood.
 - Standard formulas used to classify based on regression output.

Autism Prediction

w/ Megan C. Chang, SJSU

- Derive if subject is autistic using sensor data
 - EKG and skin-conductance data collected during a sensory trial protocol.
 - Multivariate time series analysis with very long series (~4M points per subject).



Open Modification Spectral Library Search

[Grant NSF 1850557] CRII: III: RUI: Effective Protein Characterization via Fast Exact Open Modification Searching

w/ William Stafford Noble, Genome Sciences, UW

- Methods for characterizing the protein composition of biological samples
 - Mass spectrometers output relative abundance histograms (spectra)
 - Massive databases exist for protein-associated spectra (spectral libraries)
 - Task is to match unknown spectra against nearest neighbor in library



- Challenges
 - Imperfect ionization/spectrometry
 - Size of databases (10's to 100's or million)







AI Models for Hydrologic Flow Prediction

w/ Valley Water

- Methods for predicting flow volume of streams and rivers and water levels of reservoirs
 - Data have extreme events that are hard to distinguish from base levels
 - Proposed a probability-enhanced neural network model, NEC+, as a solution
 - Currently working on the next generation of NEC+





KDD Undergraduate Consortium

- Expand and enhance the participation of undergraduate students of diverse backgrounds in research pertaining to knowledge discovery from data.
- What to expect
 - Feedback on current research
 - Paper/poster presentations
 - Academic and industry mentors
 - Keynote talks about research careers and funding
 - Student panel on life as a researcher
 - Free conference attendance
- How to apply
 - QR code to the right or
 - https://kdd.org/kdd2023/call-for-undergraduateconsortium/



Questions?

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Other Projects



Purchasing Behavior Evolution

[ICDE'15] Understanding Computer Usage Evolution

- Developed a method to understand how people use their computers.
- In retail, we used it to understand dynamics of purchasing behavior.





Document and Text Mining

[Flex Grant] Industry collaboration.

Detect fraud and/or savings opportunities in expense reports

- Receipt localization and classification (ResNet, YOLO-like models)
- Object character recognition (CNN + Bi-directional LSTM)
- Knowledge extraction (NER, heuristics)
- Report-receipt matching



Hard problem, complicated by the multinational and multilingual aspect of the Flex business

Near Duplicate Detection

[Elsevier JPDC'17] Parallel cosine nearest neighbor graph construction [JDSA'17, iDSC'17, IEEE DSAA'16, IA3'16, ACM CIKM'15, IA3'15, IEEE ICDE'14]

- Developed efficient methods for nearest neighbor search and graph construction.
 - Can identify near-duplicates in large collections of millions of objects in mere seconds.



SpaceX rocket fails to land on barge

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SpaceX has already succeeded in landing a Falcon rocket at an on-shore site near the Cape Canaveral pad where it launched, but it has failed in previous attempts to guide rockets back to ocean platforms. (SpaceX)

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SpaceX pushes satellite launch, rocket landing to Friday

SpaceX scored a rocket landing on the ground at Cape Canaveral in December, but has yet to nail a trickier barge landing at sea.

The good news, though, is that the unmanned Falcon 9 rocket successfully hoisted the broadcasting satellite for Luxembourg-based company SES.

It was the fifth launch attempt over the past 1½ weeks; Sunday's try ended with an engine shutdown a split second before liftoff. Friday's sunset launch provided a stunning treat along the coast.

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