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RESEARCH INTERESTS Data Mining, Applied Machine learning, Recommender Systems, Online Advertising

EDUCATION

Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA, USA

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Sep. 2013

- Topic: Prediction and recommendation in online media.
- Advisor: Prof. Brian D. Davison
- Rossin Doctoral Fellow

Master of Science in Computer Science

Sep. 2010

- GPA: 3.95/4.0
- Advisor: Prof. Brian D. Davison and Prof. Henry S. Baird

The University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China

M.Phil. student in Computer Science

Jun. 2007 - Jun. 2008

• GPA: 4.0/4.0 (Transfer to Lehigh University)

Shandong University, Jinan, Shandong, China

Bachelor of Engineering, Computer Science

Jun. 2006

- GPA: 89.41/100, Major GPA: 92.0/100, Rank: 1st/53
- Outstanding Graduate

Work Experience

JD.com, Beijing, China

Senior Director

Jun. 2016 - present

- Leading the science efforts of JD's search and recommendation.
- Manage over 100 talented scientists/engineers.
- Founding head of Data Science Lab at JD.com (http://datascience.jd.com)
- WSDM 2018 Best Student Paper Award

Yahoo Labs, Sunnyvale, CA, USA

Senior Research Manager

Aug. 2013 - Jun. 2016

- Manage the core ranking team, which includes about 10 top talented scientists and engineers.
- Lead the science efforts on Yahoo search core relevance, and the projects include: ranking function, click modeling, active learning, deep learning, query rewriting, real time features etc..
- As a leading author, publish "Ranking Relevance in Yahoo Search" in KDD 2016 and Yahoo Tech Pulse 2015 (internal tech conference).
- LEAP Award (Labs Excellence Award Program) for significantly improving Yahoo search relevance.
- WSDM 2016 Best Paper Award
- KDD 2016 Best Paper Award

Machine Learning Group, Microsoft Research Asia, Beijing, China

Research Intern

Feb. 2012 - Aug. 2012

- Perform research focused on Internet Advertising, Sponsored Search, and Recommender Systems.
- Analyze several factors influencing the CTR from the perspective of context, including the number of displayed ads, the content of the ads, the relationship between the query and ads, and the mutual influences between ads. Based on this data analysis, we designed a novel Context-Aware Click Model for sponsored search.

Web Understanding, Modeling, and Evaluation Lab, Lehigh University

Research Assistant

Jan. 2009 - May 2013

• Research under Prof. Davison's supervision, mainly focusing on web mining, machine learning and social computing.

Machine Learning Group, XEROX Research Center Europe, Grenoble, France

Research Intern

May. 2011 - Sep. 2011

• Work on Bayesian Recommender System, Bayesian multi-relational analysis.

Pattern Recognition Research Lab, Lehigh University

Research Assistant

Jan. 2009 - Jan. 2011

- Research under Prof. Baird's supervision on DARPA project Document analysis and exploitation project (http://dae.cse.lehigh.edu)
- Investigate algorithm enhancements for fast approximate nearest-neighbor classifiers.

Computer Science and Engineering Department, Lehigh University

Teaching Assistant

Jan. 2013 - present

- Undergraduate semester course "Computer Organization Architecture".
- Gave tutorials (once a week), and deployed experimental system for 81 students.

Computer Science Department, The University of Hong Kong

 $Teaching\ Assistant$

Sep. 2007 - Jan. 2008

- Undergraduate semester course "Discrete Mathmatics".
- Gave tutorials (once a week), designed and graded the homework and final exams for 80 students.

Refereed Publications M. Yamada, J.Tang, J. Lugo-Martinez, E. Hodzic, R. Shrestha, A. Saha, H. Ouyang, D. Yin, H. Mamitsuka, C. Sahinalp, P. Radivojac, F. Menczer, Y. Chang. **Ultra High-Dimensional Nonlinear Feature Selection for Big Biological Data**. In *IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering*, 2018.

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Yao Ma, Zhaochun Ren, Ziheng Jiang, Jiliang Tang, Dawei Yin. **Multidimensional network embedding with hierarchical structures**, In *Proceedings of the 11th ACM Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM 2018)*, Los Angeles, California, USA, 2018.

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Yuening Hu, Changsung Kang, Jiliang Tang, Dawei Yin, and Yi Chang. **Large-scale** Location Prediction for Web Pages. In *IEEE Trans on Knowledge and Data Engineering (TKDE)*, 2017

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Yunlong He, Jiliang Tang, Hua Ouyang, Changsung Kang, Dawei Yin and Yi Chang. Learning to rewrite queries. In *Proceedings of 25th ACM Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM 2016)*, Indianapolis, IN, USA, Oct. 2016.

Dawei Yin, Yuening Hu, Jiliang Tang, Tim Daly Jr., Mianwei Zhou, Hua Ouyang, Jianhui Chen, Changsung Kang, Hongbo Deng, Chikashi Nobata, Jean-Marc Langlois, Yi Chang. **Ranking Relevance in Yahoo Search**. In *Proceedings of the 22nd annual ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD2016)*, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 2016 [Best Paper Award]

Shiyu Chang, Yang Zhang, Jiliang Tang, Dawei Yin, Yi Chang, Mark Hasegawa-Johnson, Thomas S. Huang. **Positive-Unlabeled Learning in Streaming Networks**. In *Proceedings of the 22nd annual ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD2016)*, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 2016

Yi Chang, Jiliang Tang, Dawei Yin, Makoto Yamada, and Yan Liu. **Timeline Summarization with Life Cycle Models**. In *Proceedings of the 25th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2016)*, New York, USA, July, 2016.

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Changsung Kang, Dawei Yin, Ruiqiang Zhang, Nicolas Torzec, Jianzhang He, Yi Chang. Learning to rank related entities in web search. In *Neurocomputing*.

Zaihan Yang, Liangjie Hong, Dawei Yin, and Brian D. Davison. Ranking Authors with Learning-to-Rank Topic Modeling. In *International Journal of Innovative Computing, Information and Control*.

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7th ACM Conference on Web Search and Data Mining (WSDM 2014), New York, USA, Feb 2014.

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US Patent Method and system for recommending content. US Patent App. 14/983,663.

US Patent Location-sensitive ranking for search and related techniques. US Patent App. 14/868,135

US Patent Predicting locations for web pages and related techniques. US Patent App. 14/868,154.

US Patent Method and system for ranking search content. US Patent App. 14/959,122.

US Patent Systems and methods for measuring complex online strategy effectiveness. US Patent App. 14/587,328

US Patent Probabilistic Relational Data Analysis. US Patent App. 13/690,071.

US Patent Convex Collective Matrix Factorization. US Patent 9,058,303.

INVITED TALKS

Ranking Relevance in Web Search at China Big Data Technology Conference, Beijing, China, Dec. 2016.

Ranking and Beyond-ranking in Web Search at *Qihoo 360 Technology Co Ltd.*, Beijing, China, Sep. 2016.

Ranking and Beyond-ranking in Web Search at Institute of Information Engineering, Chinese Academy of Science, Beijing, China, Sep. 2016.

Ranking and Beyond-Ranking in Web Search, at Facebook, Menlo Park, CA, Aug. 2016.

Prediction and Recommendation in Online Media at Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology, Chinese Academy of Science, Shenzhen, China, July 2013.

Prediction and Recommendation in Online Media at *Yahoo! Labs*, Sunnyvale, CA, May 2013.

Prediction and Optimization in Online Advertising at *Thomson Reuters*, New York, NY, April 2013.

Prediction and Optimization in Online Advertising at Samsung Research America, San Jose, CA, April 2013.

Temporal Dynamics of User Interests in Tagging Systems at XEROX Research Center Europe, Grenoble, France, June 2011.

Honors and Awards Best Student Paper Award, ACM WSDM, February 2018
Best Paper Award, ACM SIGKDD, August 2016
Yahoo Excellence Award for the highest level performer, Yahoo Inc, March 2016.
Best Paper Award, ACM WSDM, February 2016

Yahoo Patent Milestone Award, Yahoo Inc, 2016

Yahoo Invention Award, Yahoo Inc., January 2015.

LEAP Award (Labs Excellence Award Program), Yahoo Labs, September 2014.

WSDM Student Travel Grant, ACM WSDM, February 2013.

Rossin Doctoral Fellow, Lehigh University, 2012

Donald B. Crouch Travel Grant, ACM SIGIR, 2011.

SIGIR Student Travel Grant, ACM SIGIR, 2011.

Gotshal Fellowship, Lehigh University, 2008.

Graduate Studentship, the University of Hong Kong, 2007.

Honorable Mention Award of Mathematical Contest in Modeling, COMAP, 2006.

Outstanding Undergraduate Award (3%), Shandong University, June 2006.

China Mobile Scholarship, China Mobile, December 2005.

Top-class Scholarship (5%), Shandong University, 2004, 2005.

Excellent Students Award (5%), Shandong University, 2004, 2005.

Excellent Student Leader Award, Shandong University, 2003, 2004, 2005.

MENTORSHIP

JD Data Science Lab:

Ziyi Guo (Lehigh University)

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Wei Sun (Purdue University)

Suriya Gunasekar (The University of Texas, Austin)

OTHER EXPERIENCES

Chinese Scholar and Student Association, Lehigh University

Vice President

Sep. 2008 - Jun. 2009

Organizes social activities for Chinese scholars and students in Lehigh University.

Material Science and Engineering Department, Shandong University

Student Counselor

Sep. 2006 - Jun. 2007

 Managing about 200 undergraduates and guiding their social and academic activities

Computer Science Department, Shandong University

Class President

Sep. 2002 - Jun. 2006

• Continuously elected as class president from Sep. 2002 to Jun. 2006. Leading 52 classmates and organizing both social and academic activities.

SERVICE

Organizer:

Industry Track Chair at SIGIR 2018 Sponsorship Chair at WSDM 2018

Co-Chair of the Second Vertical Search Relevance Workshop at WSDM 2015

Track Chair/Senior Program commitee:

SIGIR 2018 WSDM 2018

Program commitee:

SDM 2015, 2016

SIGIR 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

 $WSDM\ 2014$

AAAI 2014, 2016, 2017, 2018

 $IJCAI\ 2016$

 ${\rm CIKM}~2016$

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Journal Reviewer:

IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data

Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery

ACM Transactions on Intelligent Systems and Technology

Neurocomputing

Pattern Recognition Letters

MEMBERSHIP ACM/SIG member

AAAI member

SKILLS Proficient with: ANSI C, C++, Python, Matlab

Familiar with: Perl, Java, Pig, Hadoop

Solid math background Excellent teamwork

Strong problem-solving abilities

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