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Objective To find a permanent position in research labs, research-oriented companies, or financial corporations.

Research Interests My research interest lies in machine learning and data mining, with focus on nonparametric statistics, memory-based learning and kernel-based learning. I am currently interested in designing high-performance algorithms that solve fundamental tasks (such as k nearest neighbor and support vector machine) on massive and high-dimensional data sets. I am also interested in solving real-world problems, such as content-based video segmentation, image retrieval, biological problems and financial modeling problems.

Education

- **Carnegie Mellon University** Pittsburgh, PA, USA
Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science.
Adviser: Andrew W. Moore.
- **Tsinghua University** Beijing, China
B.E. in Computer Science and Technology, June 2001.

List of Publications (thesis related)

1. T. Liu, A. W. Moore, A. Gray.
New Algorithms for Efficient High-Dimensional Nonparametric Classification.
Accepted to *Journal of Machine Learning Research*.
2. T. Liu, A. W. Moore, A. Gray.
New Algorithms for Efficient High-Dimensional Nonparametric Classification.
To appear in Chapter 4, *Nearest-Neighbor Methods in Learning and Vision*.
3. J. Adcock, A. Girgensohn, M. Cooper, T. Liu, E. Rieffel, L. Wilcox.
FXPAL Experimentx for TRECVID 2004.
Appeared in Proceedings of TRECVID 2004, March 1, 2005.
4. T. Liu, A. W. Moore, A. Gray, Ke Yang.
An Investigation of Practical Approximate Nearest Neighbor Algorithms.
Appeared in Proceedings of Neural Information Processing Systems, (NIPS2004)
5. T. Liu, Ke Yang, A. W. Moore.
The IOC algorithm: Efficient Many-Class Non-parametric Classification for High-Dimensional Data
Appeared in Proceedings of the Tenth ACM SIGKDD, (SIGKDD2004).
6. T. Liu, A. Gray, P. Komarek, T. Liu, A. W. Moore.
Probabilistic Classification in High Dimensions, With Application to Drug Discovery
COMPSTAT 2004, 16th Symposium of IASC, Prague, 2004.
7. T. Liu, A. W. Moore, A. Gray.
Efficient Exact k-NN and Nonparametric Classification in High Dimensions.
Appeared in Proceedings of Neural Information Processing Systems, (NIPS2003).
8. Y. Qi, A. Hauptman, T. Liu.
Supervised Classification for Video Shot Segmentation
Appeared in IEEE International Conference on Multimedia & Expo, (ICME2003).

List of Papers (something else I did for fun)

1. C. Lin, Z. Shan, T. Liu, Y. Qu, F Ren.
Modeling and Inference of Extended Interval Temporal Logic for Nondeterministic Intervals
Appeared in *IEEE Transactions On Systems, Man, and Cybernetics*, 2005, 35(5):682-696
2. T. Liu, C. Lin, W. Liu.
Linear temporal inference of workflow management system based on timed Petri net models.
Appeared in *Acta Electronica Sinica*, Feb. 2002, 30(2): 245-248.
3. T. Liu, C. Lin, W. Liu.
The inference engine of extended interval temporal logic.
Appeared in *Chinese Journal of Computers*, 2002, 25(6):637-644.
4. C. Lin, T. Liu, Y. Qu.
Extended interval temporal logic for undetermined Interval: modeling and linear inference using time Petri nets.
Appeared in *Chinese Journal of Computers*, 2001, 24(12):1299-1309.

Professional Experiences

- **Summer Intern** June 2005 – Oct. 2005
Google Inc. Mountain View, CA
My work in Google mainly focused on near-duplicate image search problem. By extending a previous research project, we developed very efficient and scalable algorithm capable of finding approximates nearest neighbors and clustering more than 1 billion images.
References: Dr. Henry Rowley, Dr. Chuck Rosenberg
- **Summer Intern** June 2004 – Sept. 2004
Fuji Xerox Palo Alto Laboratory Palo Alto, CA
My work in FXPAL mainly focused on building a simple general framework for automatic Video Shot Segmentation, and we submit our result to TRECVID04 evaluation, and ranks 2nd among 35 submissions from world-wide participants.
References: Dr. Matthew Cooper, Dr. Eleanor Rieffel
- **Technical Consultant** Sept. 2004 – Sept. 2005
Fuji Xerox Palo Alto Laboratory Palo Alto, CA
We extend our work of shot segmentation to story based segmentation.
References: Dr. Matthew Cooper, Dr. Eleanor Rieffel

Patents

Matthew Cooper, T. Liu, and Eleanor Rieffel
Media Segmentation Combining Similarity Analysis and Classification, Filed 11/12/2004.

Research Experiences

- **Image Retrieval (On going)**
We are working on detecting whether an image is a near duplicate or a sub image of a database of images
References: Prof. Martial Hebert, Ke Yan
- **3-D models for Computer Vision**
One popular approach to recognizing objects in 3D data is to use semi-local shape signatures to find similarly-shaped regions between a scene and objects from a model database, conventional algorithm is slow, we are investigating the application of our new data-structure to further enhance recognition speed.
References: Prof. Martial Hebert, Dr. Daniel Huber

- **Efficient Nonparametric Classification in High Dimensions**

We designed new ball tree algorithms to achieve non-approximate acceleration of high dimensional nonparametric operations such as k nearest neighbor classifiers and the prediction phase of Support Vector Machine classifiers.

References: Prof. Andrew W. Moore, Prof. Alexander Gray.

- **Pfizer Global Research and Development**

Computational chemistry and proteomics for drug design. High-throughput screening (metric learning, classification).

References: Prof. Andrew W. Moore, Prof. Alexander Gray.

Awards and Honors

- Carnegie Mellon University Doctorate Fellowship, 2001 – 2004.
- Graduated with Honor from Tsinghua University, 2001.
- *Tsinghua-ISS Scholarship* for outstanding students, 2000.
- Beijing outstanding college student of the year, 1999.
- *Tsinghua-Sony Scholarship* for outstanding students, 1998.
- First Prize in National Mathematics Contest (China), 1995.

Teaching Experiences

- **Teaching Assistant** Jan. 2005 – May. 2005
Computer Science Department, Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA
“15-381, Artificial Intelligence”
Reference: Prof. Andrew W. Moore, Prof. Martial Hebert
- **Teaching Assistant** Jan. 2004 – May. 2004
Computer Science Department, Carnegie Mellon University
Pittsburgh, PA
“15-780/16-731, Advanced AI concepts / Fundamentals of AI for Robotics”
Reference: Prof. Chris Atkeson.

References

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