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Research Interest

Computer vision (object recognition, scene understanding, image retrieval)

Education

Shanghai Jiao Tong University

M.S. Candidate in Computer Science and Engineering (expected: March 2011)

September 2008 - Present

Advisor: Bao-Liang Lu¹

GPA: 88.42/100 (overall); 90.19/100 (major)

B.E. in Computer Science and Engineering

September 2004 - July 2008

Thesis title: Gender Recognition Combining Internal and External Features (Best Thesis Award of Dept. of CSE)

ACM Honor Class (Rank: 5/19)

GPA: 3.77/4.3 (overall); 3.96/4.3 (major)

Research Experience

Research Student

July 2006 - Present

BCMI Lab² of Shanghai Jiao Tong University

Advisor: Prof. Bao-Liang Lu

Research Intern

July 2009 - April 2010

Web Search and Mining Group of Microsoft Research Asia

Mentor: Lei Zhang

Research Intern

July 2007.7 - October 2007

System Research Group of Microsoft Research Asia

Mentor: Zheng Zhang

Publications

- [1] Mu Li, **Xiaochen Lian**, James Kwok and Bao-Liang Lu, Time and Space Efficient Spectral Clustering via Column Sampling, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2011
- [2] **Xiaochen Lian**, Zhiwei Li, Lei Zhang and Bao-Liang Lu. *Max-Margin Dictionary Learning for Multiclass Image Categorization*. European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2010
- [3] **Xiaochen Lian**, Zhiwei Li, Changhu Wang, Lei Zhang and Bao-Liang Lu. *Probabilistic Models for Supervised Dictionary Learning*. IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2010
- [4] **Xiaochen Lian** and Bao-Liang Lu. *Gender Recognition Combining Facial and Hair Information*. International Conference on Neural Information Processing (ICONIP), 2008
- [5] Xuezheng Liu, Zhenyu Guo, Xi Wang, Feibo Chen, **Xiaochen Lian**, Jian Tang, Ming Wu, M. Frans Kaashoek, and Zheng Zhang. *D³S: Debugging Deployed Distributed Systems*. 5th USENIX Symposium on Networked Systems Design and Implementation (NSDI), 2008

Projects

Time and Space Efficient Spectral Clustering via Column Sampling: Participate in the work of a time- and space-efficient spectral clustering algorithm based on the Nyström method, which can scale to very large data sets. I was responsible for implementing the method and running experiments on image segmentation.

Supervised Dictionary Learning for Image Classification: Utilize class label information to increase the discriminative ability of the dictionary in Bag-of-Word framework. I proposed two models, which were accepted by CVPR 2010 and ECCV 2010 respectively.

Gender Classification: Build a gender classification system. It uses beard, hair and clothes information in addition to facial appearance and combines them by fuzzy integral, a classifier integration mechanism. I also hosted a data collection activity for a multi-view, whole body image dataset of 880 college students.

¹ <http://bcmi.sjtu.edu.cn/~blu/>

² <http://bcmi.sjtu.edu.cn/>

Debugging Deployed Distributed Systems: Participate in the development of a checker that allows developers to specify predicates on distributed properties of a deployed system, and that checks these predicates while the system is running. When finding a problem it produces the sequence of state changes that led to the problem, allowing developers to quickly find the root cause. I was responsible for the implementation together with Mr. Xuezheng Liu and Feibo Chen, and running the experiments on BitTorrent clients. I also found several bugs in BitTorrent using this tool.

Application-Level Record and Replay: Participate in the development of a library-based record and replay tool, which aims to reproduce an application's execution by recording the results of selected functions in a log and during replay returning the results from the log rather than executing the functions. I was responsible for debugging the tool.

Multi-view Face Detection: Train a robust detector of multi-view faces under various circumstances using Adaboost with Haar-feature and Soft Cascade.

Honors and Awards

- Tung OOCL Scholarship (Rank: 2/150+) 2010
- ECCV 2010 Travel Grant 2010
- Second Class of National Scholarship of China 2009
- Second Class of National Scholarship of China (highest enrollment scholarship) 2008
- Morgan Stanley Scholarship 2008
- Microsoft Young Fellow 2007
- First Class of Excellent Scholarship Awards of Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2007
- Second Class of Excellent Scholarship Awards of Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2006
- Third Class of Excellent Scholarship Awards of Shanghai Jiao Tong University 2005
- First class of National Olympiad in Informatics, Fujian Province, China 2001-2004
- Third class of National Olympiad in Informatics, Fujian Province, China 2000

Professional Activities

- Reviewer of IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)³ 2011
- Invited presenter of The 5th Chinese Workshop on Machine Learning and Applications⁴ 5-7 Nov. 2010
- TA of Machine Learning Courses⁵ by Prof. Fei-Fei Li and Prof. Eric Xing 12-16 Aug. 2010
- INRIA Visual Recognition and Machine Learning Summer School⁶, Grenoble, France 26-30 July 2010
- International Computer Vision Summer School⁷, Sicily, Italy 6-11 July 2009
- TA of Database Management System Project for ACM Teaching Reform Class Spring 2008
- TA of C++ Programming Language Course for ACM Teaching Reform Class Fall 2009

SKILLS

Programming

Pascal, C++, Java, Matlab, OpenCV, CUDA C

English Proficiency

TOEFL iBT: Reading 29, Listening 27, Speaking 20, Writing 30, **Total** 106

GRE: Verbal 600 (86%), Quantitative 790 (91%), AW 3.5 (26%)

³ <http://cvpr2011.org/>

⁴ <http://lamda.nju.edu.cn/conf/mla10/>

⁵ <http://bcmi.sjtu.edu.cn/ds/>

⁶ <http://www.di.ens.fr/willow/events/cvml2010/>

⁷ <http://svg.dmi.unict.it/icvss2009/>