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Research Interests

I'm broadly interested in diverse machine learning topics, including learning from imperfect data, decision-making, multi-media applications, and multi-modal matching problems. My goal is to develop machine learning systems that can operate reliably and unbiasedly even under challenging conditions. Along with the research directions, I am interested in and have conducted researches on zero-shot learning, reinforcement-learning, and intelligent-building-related real-world applications.

Education

National Chung Cheng University

M.S. of Electrical Engineering

- Thesis: Online Self-learning for Smart HVAC Control

Chiayi, Taiwan

Feb. 2018 – Jan. 2020

National Chung Cheng University

B.S. of Electrical Engineering

Chiayi, Taiwan

Sep. 2013 – Jun. 2017

Publications

- **Make an Omelette with Breaking Eggs: Zero-Shot Learning for Novel Attribute Synthesis** | [Paper](#) | Yu Hsuan Li*, [Tzu-Yin Chao*](#), Ching-Chun Huang, Pin-Yu Chen, Wei-Chen Chiu
[Submitted to ICML'22, Phase 1 accepted]
 - Derived zero-shot learning for attribute detectors for annotating attribute labels for the dataset automatically to reduce the expensive manual cost.
 - Various generalized zero-shot classification algorithm trained using our annotated dataset can achieve comparable or even better performance compared with that trained using manual annotations.
- **Vacant Parking Space Detection based on Task Consistency and Reinforcement Learning** | [Paper](#) | Manh-Hung Nguyen, [Tzu-Yin Chao](#), Ching-Chun Huang
[ICPR'20, poster]
 - Utilized an existing source task model to guide the training process of the vacant-space detector (target task model) in a new parking lot via reinforcement learning.
 - Devising a novel training scheme that is both source domain data-free and target domain label-free, i.e., it only requires the source task model.
- **Online self-learning for smart HVAC control** | [Paper](#) | [Tzu-Yin Chao](#), Manh-Hung Nguyen, Ching-Chun Huang, Chien-Cheng Liang, Chen-Wu Chung
[SMC'19 (IEEE International Conference on Systems, Man and Cybernetics), oral presentation]
 - Adjusted parameters of the HVAC system to stabilize the temperature of a large office in real-world buildings by the model predictive control system with a dynamic learning environment model.
 - The system can start up with rare and biased data while keeping the setting stable during its exploration in the early stage.

Projects

- **Transferable and Fast Adaptive Agent for HVAC Control**
[Partnership] Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (TSMC)
[Status] In progress.
[Goal] To transfer an existing well-performing HVAC (large air conditioning) control agent to another building with a different sensor deployment (i.e., different types and numbers of sensors) and lack of data.
- **Low-Cost Setup for Learning-Based Vacant Parking Space Detection Model**
[Status] Applied in National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University, Hsinchu, Taiwan.
[Publication] "Vacant Parking Space Detection based on Task Consistency and Reinforcement Learning", ICPR'20
[Patent] TW Patent Pending 110129963
[Goal] To develop a mechanism for training a vacant parking space detection model in a new parking lot without manually annotating or storing data from another parking lot for transfer learning.
- **Human Occupancy Estimation for Smart Building Management**

[Partnership] Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (TSMC)

[Status] Applied in TSMC

[Award] Gold Award (Against the competitors from industry, including ASUS Inc.), 13th Intelligent Living Space Design Competition, Taiwan.

[Goal] To infer the occupancy based on multiple non-image-based sensor values as the indicator for decision-making in building equipment control.

○ **Intelligent Control for HVAC**

[Partnership] Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Ltd. (TSMC)

[Status] Applied in TSMC.

[Publication] "Online self-learning for smart HVAC control", SMC'19 oral

[Patent] TW Patent I746087

[Award] Silver Award (Against the competitors from industry, including ASUS Inc.), 11th Intelligent Living Space Design Competition, Taiwan.

[Goal] To accurately stabilize the temperature in a large-scale office at the user's expected by automatically adjusting the control parameter of HVAC in a building with rare and biased data.

Teaching Experiences

Teaching Assistant, National Chung Cheng University

Introduction to Computer Science

Chiayi, Taiwan

2019 Spring

Teaching Assistant, National Chung Cheng University

Machine Learning

Chiayi, Taiwan

2018 Fall

Working Experiences

Applied Computing and Multimedia Lab., National Yang Ming Chiao Tung University

Research Assistant

Hsinchu, Taiwan

Mar. 2020 -

○ Advisor: Professor [Ching-Chun Huang](#).

○ Co-advisors: Professor [Wei-Chen Chiu](#) and MIT-IBM Watson AI Lab Researcher [Pin-Yu Chen](#).

○ Initiated research projects on zero-shot learning.

○ Led a seven-people group to devise machine learning solutions for real-world smart building applications.

Awoo Inc.

Student Intern

Chiayi, Taiwan

Apr. 2017 - Jul. 2017

○ Handled backend development for websites.

Patents

○ HVAC control method - TW Patent I746087

Nov. 2021

○ Vacant parking space detection method and system - TW Patent Pending 110129963

Aug. 2021

Awards

○ **Gold Award** (Against the competitors from industry, including ASUS Inc.), 13th Intelligent Living Space Design Competition, Taiwan.

Nov. 2020

○ **Silver Award** (Against the competitors from industry, including ASUS Inc.), 11th Intelligent Living Space Design Competition, Taiwan.

Nov. 2018

Skills

○ **Python: Proficient** (PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras)

○ **C: Proficient**

○ **Matlab: Basic**

○ **JAVA: Basic**

○ **PHP: Basic**