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Preface

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to DASFAA 2015, the 20th edition of the International Conference on Database Systems for Advanced Applications (DASFAA 2015), which was held in Hanoi, Vietnam during April 20–23, 2015. Hanoi (Vietnamese: *Hà Nội*), the capital of Vietnam, is the second largest city in Vietnam and has collected all the essence, unique features, and diversification of Vietnamese culture. The city is preserving more than 4000 historical and cultural relics, architecture and beauty spots, in which nearly 900 relics have been nationally ranked with hundreds of pagodas, temples, architectural works, and sceneries. Handcraft streets and traditional handcraft villages remain prominent and attractive to tourists when visiting Hanoi, many of which centered around the Hoan Kiem Lake in the Old Quarter, close to the conference venue. Hanoi has recently been included on TripAdvisor’s list of best destinations in the world, ranked 8th among the world’s top 25 destinations.

We are delighted to offer an exciting technical program, including two keynote talks by Amr El Abbadi (University of California, Santa Barbara) and Luc Vincent (Google Inc.); one 10-year best paper award presentation; a panel session on “Big Data Search and Analysis;” a poster session with 18 papers; a demo session with 6 demonstrations; an industry session with 3 full paper presentations; 3 tutorial sessions; and of course a superb set of research papers. This year, we received 287 submissions, each of which went through a rigorous review process. That is, each paper was reviewed by at least three Program Committee members, followed by a discussion led by the meta-reviewers, and a final meta-review prepared for each paper. At the end, DASFA 2015 accepted 63 full papers (the acceptance ratio is 22%).

Two workshops were selected by the Workshop Co-chairs to be held in conjunction with DASFAA 2015. They are the Second International Workshop on Big Data Management and Service (BDMS 2015), and the Second International Workshop on Semantic Computing and Personalization (SeCoP 2015). The workshop papers are included in a separate volume of proceedings also published by Springer in its Lecture Notes in Computer Science series.

The conference received generous financial support from the Hanoi University of Science and Technology (HUST). We, the conference organizers, also received extensive help and logistic support from the DASFAA Steering Committee and the Conference Management Toolkit Support Team at Microsoft.

We are grateful to all conference organizers, Han Su (University of Queensland) and many other people, for their great effort in supporting conference organization. Special thanks also go to the DASFAA 2015 Local Organizing Committee: Tuyet-Trinh Vu, Hong-Phuong Nguyen, and Van Thu Truong, all from the Hanoi University of Science

and Technology, Vietnam. Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the meta-reviewers, Program Committee members, and external reviewers for their expertise and help in evaluating papers, and all the authors who submitted their papers to this conference.

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Scalable Learning Technologies for Big Data Mining

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Abstract. As data expands into big data, enhanced or entirely novel data mining algorithms often become necessary. The real value of big data is often only exposed when we can adequately mine and learn from it. We provide an overview of new scalable techniques for knowledge discovery. Our focus is on the areas of cloud data mining and machine learning, semi-supervised processing, and deep learning. We also give practical advice for choosing among different methods and discuss open research problems and concerns.

Keywords: Big Data · Cloud Data Mining · Deep Learning · Semi-Supervised Learning

1 Cloud Data Mining and Machine Learning

When moving from data to big data, we often need fundamentally different technologies for mining and learning. For data mining, one can rely on SQL over Big Data systems such as Hive, Cloudera's Impala, and Hortonworks' Stinger for efficient querying. One can also opt for more general processing frameworks like Scalding and Apache Spark, or stream-based alternatives like Apache Storm and Flink.

For cloud-based machine learning, Apache Mahout provides open source implementations of recommendation, clustering and classification, with MLBase and its MLLib component as a Spark-based alternative. Applications of this include news gathering, email classification, and recommender systems. Additionally, custom algorithms can be used for specific applications such as scalable rule mining and frequent item-set mining.

2 Semi-Supervised Processing and Deep Learning

Since training data is hard to obtain, semi-supervised learning and distant supervision can be used to exploit large amounts of unlabeled data, e.g. for sentiment analysis on Twitter. Additional signals for certain tasks can come from specific sources such as Wikipedia. Web-scale statistics, e.g. from Google's Web N-Grams, improve performance in co-reference analysis and information extraction.

Deep Learning and representation learning aim at learning multiple layers of abstraction from original features to capture more complex interactions. One can exploit unlabeled textual data to improve over bag-of-words feature representations or to create multimodal embeddings that combine words and images in the same space.

Overall, we see numerous new possibilities arising from the availability of Big Data in conjunction with such novel methods for exploiting it.

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Large Scale Video Management Using Spatial Metadata and Their Applications

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1 Introduction

Recently, there has been research to utilize spatial metadata of videos for the management of large numbers of videos. For example, the location of a camera from GPS and the viewing direction from an embedded digital compass are captured at the recording time so that they form the field of view (FOV) model for the coverage of a viewable scene. These spatial metadata effectively convert the challenging video search problem to well known spatial database problems, which can greatly enhance the utility of collected videos in many emerging applications. However, there are still many open fundamental research questions in utilizing spatial metadata for data collection, indexing, searching, etc., especially in the presence of a large video dataset, as well as more sophisticated questions such as whether a video database search can accommodate human friendly views.

This tutorial covers and describes existing technologies and methods in harnessing spatial metadata of videos in spatial databases for video applications, especially for mobile videos from smartphones. The discussion includes types of metadata, their acquisition, indexing, searching, and potential applications of geo-tagged videos in scale. Furthermore, a spatial crowdsourcing of mobile media contents is discussed with regard to the use of geographical information in crowdsourcing. Some use cases of the implemented techniques are presented too. This tutorial can be a good survey and summary of the techniques which bridge the spatial database and videos. The target audience can be any researchers and practitioners who are interested in designing and managing a large video databases and Big Data in social media.

2 Tutorial Outline

Motivation: why are spatial metadata of videos important?

Types of Geospatial Metadata: types and methods of acquisition.

Modeling the Coverage Area of Scene: Field of View model and its use.

Extracting Textual Keywords Using Metadata: methods to extract.

Spatial Crowdsourcing: crowdsourcing media content.

Indexing and Searching: how to handle a large number of FOVs.

Applications: use cases and futuristic applications.

Open Discussion and Q&A

Querying Web Data

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Abstract. A vast amount of information is available on the Web, not only in HTML static pages (documents), but also and especially in more structured form in databases accessible on the Web in different forms. In the Semantic Web [1], ontologies provide shared conceptual specifications of domains, so that the data can be enhanced with intensional semantic information to provide answers to queries that are consistent with an ontology. Ontological query answering [4] amounts to returning the answers to a query, that are logically entailed by the union of a data set (a set of membership assertions) and an ontology, where the latter is a set of logical assertions. We give an overview of the most important ontology formalisms for the Semantic Web, and we illustrate the most relevant query answering techniques, with particular emphasis on their efficiency [3]. Then we illustrate techniques specifically developed to access Hidden Web data, which can be accessed only according to specific patterns, therefore making query answering a complex and generally inefficient task [2]; we show techniques to improve efficiency by determining whether an access to a certain source is relevant to a given query. Finally we show techniques to query Linked Data sets, and to source relevant data to a certain query in such sets. We show how Linked Data can be employed in semantic search and recommender systems [5], by extracting ontological information from Linked Data sources.

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