Antreas Antoniou

Resume

Education

- 2017–2021 **PhD in Machine Learning**, *The University of Edinburgh*, Viva passed, final submission ready.
- 2016–2017 MScR in Data Science, The University of Edinburgh.
- 2014–2015 MSc in Data Science, Lancaster University.
- 2011–2014 BEng in Computer Systems Engineering, Lancaster University.

Research Projects

- 2021-Current **Towards Better Deep Learning Benchmarks and Tasks Multi Modal Training to the Rescue**, A multi legged project being undertaken during my time as a Research Associate.
 - 2017-2021 **PhD Thesis**, *Meta-Learning for Supervised and Unsupervised Few-Shot Learning*, Consisting of [6, 3, 4], Click for draft.
 - 2017 MScR Thesis, Data Augmentation Generative Adversarial Networks, [7, 10].
 - 2014 **BEng Dissertation**, Fault Tolerant, Self Monitoring Sensors, Researched a professional-grade sensing system capable of self-validating its own functionality by using signal injection techniques. Further, the system could compensate for any low-level faults as well as predict future faults hours in advance.

Employment

- 2021-Current Research Associate on Data-Efficient, Highly Transferable and Robust Generalization Learning, *University of Edinburgh*.
 - 2020-2021 **Research Intern on Few-Shot Learning**, *Google*, Worked on improving the transferability of Google's few-shot learning systems on extreme domain shift.
 - 2017-2020 Machine Learning Practical Lead Teaching Assistant, Group Tutor, Demonstrator and Piazza Instructor, *University of Edinburgh*, Full Description at https://antreasantoniou.github.io/teaching/.
 - 2016 **Speech-Scientist Intern**, *Amazon*, Worked on improving and extending the capabilities of Amazon Echo.
 - 2015 Research Associate, Lancaster University, I was a research associate in the Deep Online Cognition project in which a new component-based programming language, called DANA was used to create modular software that can self-adapt to changing states.
 - 2014 **Embedded Systems Research Intern**, *Lancaster University*, I was handpicked by one of my professors to design, build and program new hardware for Blackpool Illuminations. The project involved driving LEDs using pulse width modulation (PWM) and pumps using a technique we researched that allows for high voltage frequency control.
 - 2013 **Software Developer Intern**, *Lancaster University*, Design and implementation of Android app that enabled interaction between presenter and audience in real-time.

Awards and Nominations

- 2020-2021 Staff Award for being the TA MLP Full details at https://antreasantoniou.metalearnit.ai/staff_awards/
 - 5 Teaching Award Nominations on Best Practice in Inclusive Learning Award, Best Support Staff Award, 2 x Best Student Who Tutors Award and Best UK PhD Tutor Award Full details at https://antreasantoniou.metalearnit.ai/teaching_awards
 - 2019 Nominated in the UK Open Source Awards for my MAML++ framework¹. I was in the top-3 finalists.
 - 2018 Nominated for the Best Student Who Tutors Award
 - 2015 The IBM Prize for Best Data Science Dissertation
 - 2014 MSc Data Science Scholarship
 - 2014 2nd Place in Lancaster University CS Hackathon 2014 competition

Teaching and Research Grants

- 2021 Google Compute Platform Research Credit Award Applied for and awarded \$13K worth of GCP compute for research
- 2021 TRC Grant from Google Applied for and granted compute grant in the form of access to 5 on-demand Cloud TPU v3 devices, 5 on-demand Cloud TPU v2 devices, and 100 preemptible Cloud TPU v2 devices for one month
- 2017-2020 Teaching Compute Grant Managed the efficient and effective management of the GCP compute grant for the MLP course

Programming Languages and Deep Learning Frameworks

Intermediate C/C++, HTML, LATEX, ASSEMBLY

Advanced Python, Java

Advanced PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Chainer

Skills

Deep Learning

Development, Very experienced in designing, implementing, debugging and tuning a large variety of end-to-end differentiable systems, a subset of which include 1) meta-learning systems such as MAML, 2) GANs of all varieties, such as image-conditional GANs used for image translation, super-resolution, in-filling, domain-transfer, 3) classifiers incorporating any of the modern architecture building blocks, 4) adversarial attacks and defences, 5) state of the art machine translation systems utilizing LSTMs and transformers 6) Multi-sample, multi-parameter-set layers (https://github.com/pytorch/pytorch/issues/17983.

Research, Experienced deep learning researcher with a focus on meta-learning. I like to draw insights by actively working on different deep learning subfields, and then leveraging my across-task insights on task-specific projects. I have conducted/collaborated research on well over 60 separate projects in different subfields of deep learning. I have supervised 52 student groups working on deep learning projects, 3 of which were finalists (top-2 in the yearly MLP course competition for the IBM prize.

Engineering

General Engineering Skills, Control and Systems Engineering, Engineering Mathematics. **Electronics Engineering Skills**, Digital Electronics Engineering, Advanced Electronics Theory Knowledge, Signal Processing, Hardware Design, Integrated Circuit Engineering.

Software Engineering Skills, Distributed Systems Development: Java RMI, JGroups, P2P, ReST, LoST, ChordNodes, Networks Programming Knowledge and Experience.

Embedded Systems Engineering, Experience programming low level platforms such as Arduino, Raspberry Pi, PIC micro-controllers, ARM based micro-controllers and Android.

Operating Systems, Windows 7, Windows 8, Windows 10, Ubuntu Linux, Mac OS, Unix.

Languages

English **Proficient**

Greek Native

Japanese Basic

Passive usage mostly, picked up from watching 550+ Anime shows

Teaching

Sept. 2017 to Machine Learning Practical Course, Teaching Assistant, Group Tutor (Effec-Current tively Research Supervisor), Demonstrator and Piazza Instructor, Full Description at https://antreasantoniou.github.io/teaching/.

May 2015

Apr. 2015 to **Digital Innovation**, *Teaching Assistant*.

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