Progress Report

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1   Progress

- Following items are listed in order of priority:

- I have continued to work with Nolan on super resolution project, mostly shadowing and learning at this point. Although not finished, we have made great progress so far, at this point we have good output from the SR module.

- I am still working through Jason Brownlee's ML Mastery book, [1]. It is designed for a two week course but it is only 18 pages. I am on day 3, had to put it on pause due to two major assignments given in OS and Data Structure and Algorithms.

- I went over CMD command line interface and familiarized myself with its commands and operations. Also, I set up my GCC compiler, snippets for C and Python, and Doxygen for C; this is so I can develop and debug code on command line interface, Cmdr. I have been using these for my assignments. Next, I will setup Doxygen snippets for Python.

- I have continued to use Python as much as possible in order to become intimate with the syntax, modules and pipelines. I also need to do some small practice projects using Numpy, Pandas, Scipy, and Matplotlib. I have prioritized learning these fundamental modules over Tensorflow and Pytorch as I believe, long term, it will accelerate my learning and productivity growth rate.

- I have continued to read on CNN's and DL in depth. I did not get to it much this week but I am keeping it as a top priority.

- Had to put Robotic Perception course on pause.

- Had to put Machine Learning course with Andrew Ng on pause.

2   Plans

- Following items are listed in order of priority:

- Next week, I will digest [2] and prepare an in-depth presentation for RVL's paper review on Feb. 21st, 2020.

- I will continue to shadow and help Nolan on the SR project. My goal is to build up my foundation and skill set to be able to contribute in the most meaningful way.

- Resume Robotic Perception course as soon as possible.

- Resume Machine Learning course with Andrew Ng as soon as possible.

- Need to read [3], [4], [5], and [6]; these papers seem fundamental to understanding the overall picture.

- There many common acronyms used in papers referring to known and useful algorithms. I will make list of them and begin investigating learning one by one.

- Get intimate with Python, Numpy, Pandas, Scipy, and Matplotlib.

- Learn TensorFlow and PyTorch.

- Setup an Ubuntu environment, get intimate with Linux Shell, and learn ROS.

- Read on scene understanding, semantic SLAM, graph SLAM, visual odometer, place recognition, and Kalman Filtering. Read Niko Sunderhauf's research publications.

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