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SKILLS

Languages C++, Python, MATLAB, JavaScript, Swift, C#, SQL, CUDA, ~~LaTeX~~
Libraries OpenCV, OpenGL, Scikit-learn, Matplotlib, NumPy, Keras, SciPy, React
Frameworks & Tools Pytorch, ROS, AWS, GCP, W&B, MongoDB, Spark, Hadoop, XGBoost, Docker

EDUCATION

Carnegie Mellon University Sep 2021 - May 2023
MS. in Computational Design (Computer Vision Track) Pittsburgh, PA
University of Chinese Academy of Sciences Sep 2016 - July 2020
MS. in Computer Science Shanghai, China

EXPERIENCE

APEX(EzPT) July 2022 - Aug 2022
Intern, Computer Vision Engineer & iOS Developer Pittsburgh, USA

- Built a real-time human **Pose Estimation, Classification**, and **Rep-counting** system on iOS App with Pytorch, MediaPipe, OpenCV, SwiftUI, Google Cloud Function, and Firebase, which works as a virtual physical therapist.
- Set up a **CI/CD Dataset System** for auto-updating and training by Colab, KNN, GitHub, DVC and GCP API.

Robot Labs, Carnegie Mellon University Sep 2021 - May 2023
Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Daniel Cardoso Llach and Prof. Katerina Fragkiadaki Pittsburgh, PA

- **Amazon Alexa Prize: SimBot Challenge**
 - Researched and implemented the Alexa housework-robot tasks such as **ASR, Transformer-based text2text parser, ViT** and **Mask-RCNN** semantic detector, **RGB-D SLAM navigator**, and robot logic.
 - Distributed simulator engine, learning models, robot logics on EC2s by **Flask REST API**. Used Amazon S3, CloudWatch, and DynamoDB to **collect datasets & logs** from users' utterances to train the language model.
- **ReAC: Husky Ground Robot**
 - Built a ground-robot Husky with an onboard **ROS** system for navigation and obstacle avoidance. Developed RGB, 3D Lidar, IMU **multi-sensors fused SLAM** algorithms. Configured ROS local, global **path planner**.
 - **Simulated environments** with Nvidia Isaac Sim and Gazebo for **pedestrian detection** and **RL training**. Used Github Actions, Docker, and DVC for **dataset version control**.

Mobile Perception Lab Sep 2016 - Dec 2020
Software Engineer, Research Assistant, Advisor: Prof. Laurent Kneip Shanghai, China

- Built a **SLAM system** with SIFT Feature, 7/8 Points Matching, loop closure with LM optimization in MATLAB. And researched **Relocalization** of robot hijacks by Extended Kalman Filter and MaskRCNN in Pytorch.
- **Synthesized Semantic Dataset** with ground truth and benchmarks by modeling physically accurate camera.
- Combined SfM and VAE to 3D predict and **reconstruct models from partial continuous RGB-D observation**.
- Used RPC to build a **distributed system** of TX1, RPi3 and DJI N3 to orchestrate CV tasks and flight control.

PUBLICATIONS

Incremental Semantic Localization using Hierarchical Clustering of Object Association Sets **ACCV 2022**
Lan Hu, Zhongwei Luo, Runze Yuan, Yuchen Cao <https://arxiv.org/abs/2208.13210> Sep 2022

Representations and Benchmarking of Modern Visual SLAM Systems **Sensors Journal**
Yuchen Cao, Lan Hu and Laurent Kneip <https://www.mdpi.com/1424-8220/20/9/2572> Mar 2020

Dense Object Reconstruction from RGBD Images with Embedded Deep Shape Representations **ACCV Workshop**
Hu, Lan, Yuchen Cao, Peng Wu and Laurent Kneip <https://arxiv.org/abs/1810.04891> Oct 2018

SELECTED PROJECTS

NeRF-based 3D Style Transfer / Computer Vision & Graphics, Deep Learning April 2022 - Jan 2023

- Implemented 3D style transfer by combining **Instant-ngp** and **Neural Style Transfer** in the latent space to maintain the consistency of styles throughout the entire scene. Put in a VR app for an art exhibition.