

Education

The University of Texas, Austin

5-Year Integrated Bachelors & Masters, Computer Science
Overall GPA: 3.92

May 2017

Technical Skills

Proficient in: Python, Java
Experience with: C++
Exposure to: R, MATLAB

Tools: Caffe, OpenCV
Hadoop, Cascading, Hive
NumPy, Scikit-learn, matplotlib

Experience

Pinterest, Search Quality, Intern (*San Francisco, CA*)

Summer 2016

Improved search relevancy for male users; introduced new features and trained male-specific model
Performed data analysis to identify trends and opportunity areas

Apple, Applied Machine Learning, Intern (*Cupertino, CA*)

Summer 2015

Designed and prototyped an enhanced model for product recommendations on the Apple Online Store
Technologies: Hadoop, Hive, Python, Java

Apple, iCloud Application Engineering, Intern (*Cupertino, CA*)

Summer 2014

Designed and prototyped a cluster management system that auto-scales in response to resource demand
Proposed new architecture for a specific application to make use of this new auto-scaling infrastructure

Applied Research Laboratories, Space & Geophysics Lab, Honors Scholar & Researcher (*Austin, TX*)

Summer 2013 – Spring 2015

Implemented and evaluated new special smoothing algorithms for modeling the ionosphere
Analyzed large amounts of GPS satellite data with an emphasis on data visualization

Research

RoboCup (Robot Soccer) (*Advised by Dr. Peter Stone*)

Spring 2016 - present

Designed computer vision algorithm for soccer ball detection to run on low-powered SoftBank Nao robot
Our team won 1st place in international exhibition competition in Beijing, China (October 2016)
Our team won 2nd place in international RoboCup competition in Leipzig, Germany (July 2016)
Our team won 1st place in national US Open in Brunswick, Maine (April 2016)

Intelligent Feature Extraction for Video Activity Classification (*Advised by Dr. Kristen Grauman*)

Fall 2014 - present

Developing a master's thesis in the areas of computer vision and machine learning

Projects

Personalized Image Aesthetic Prediction, a partner project to predict personalized star ratings of images

Fall 2016

I extracted visual features by fine tuning various convolutional neural networks that were pre-trained on ImageNet (using Caffe)
We trained and evaluated the model using the Aesthetics and Attributes Database (AADB) dataset.

Visual Search, given a query image, retrieves relevant frames from a video corpus

Fall 2015

Implemented bag-of-words search with visual words, including visual stop words and TF-IDF
Defined the visual vocabulary by k-means clustering of SIFT descriptors

The Pacman Projects, implement fundamental Artificial Intelligence concepts

Spring 2014

A*, minimax, expectimax search; reinforcement learning; classification; Bayesian inference
Won 1st place in the Capture the Flag tournament among other honors AI students

PolyDrop, a game for the Leap Motion Controller that won 1st place in a hackathon competition

Spring 2014

Players catch falling polygons and balance them on a platform controlled with their hand
Has over 65,000 downloads on the Airspace App Store

Selected Coursework

Graduate Visual Recognition (*Dr. Kristen Grauman*)

Fall 2016

Graduate Statistical Models for Big Data (*Dr. James Scott*)

Fall 2016

Graduate Machine Learning (*Dr. Dana Ballard*)

Spring 2016

Graduate Statistics and Data Science (*Dr. Chandrajit Baja*)

Spring 2016

Graduate Autonomous Robots (*Dr. Peter Stone*)

Fall 2015