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Summary

- More than 20 years of experience in research and development of data science and machine learning solutions, both in industry and academia. More than 15 years of experience after completion of Ph.D.

- Performed both as individual contributor and technical lead of various interdisciplinary teams (5-10 people including data scientists and software engineers).

- Large experience in software development, intellectual property generation, and proposal writing.

- Ph.D in Machine Learning and Computer vision. Experience as supervisor of Ph.D. students.

Work Experience

Principal Data Scientist, Johnson Controls   Apr 2018 - present

– Individual contributor and technical lead of multiple AI projects: fault detection and diagnosis, energy optimization, video analytics, survival analysis, and multi-variate time series analysis.
– Developed solutions that went into production.
– Worked on ML modelling, MLOps pipelines and Software Engineering.
– Generated abundant Intellectual Property in the form of patents and publications.

Staff Research Engineer, United Technologies Corporation   Mar 2017 - Mar 2018

– Main developer in multiple Data Science systems, using python, C++, and java.
– Technical lead of Data Science projects in interdisciplinary teams (typical team sizes: 5 to 10 people coming from software engineering, data science and video analytics disciplines)
– Led video analytics capability in UTRC-Ireland.

Senior Research Engineer, United Technologies Corporation   Sept 2013 - Mar 2017

– Main developer and technical lead of Data Science projects. Languages: python, C++, and java.

Senior Researcher, Computer Vision Center   Feb 2009 - Sept 2013

– Research and development of novel methods in Machine Learning and Video Analytics.
– Supervision of Ph.D. students in Computer Vision and Machine Learning.

Assistant Professor, Universidad San Jorge de Zaragoza   July 2008 - Feb 2009

– Teaching Computer Science courses and preparing material for those courses.

Postdoctoral Researcher, INRIA - Paris   Mar 2006 - Mar 2008

– Research and development of novel methods in Machine Learning and Video Analytics.
– Supervision of M.Sc. student in Computer Vision and Machine Learning.

Research assistant, Computer Vision Center   Sept 2001 - Sept 2005

– Research and Development on Computer Vision and Machine Learning.
– Implementation of novel methods in C++ and Matlab.

Education

2006   Ph.D. in Machine Learning and Computer Vision at **Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona**
2003   M.Sc. in Machine Learning and Computer Vision at **Universitat Autonoma de Barcelona**
2000   B.Sc. in Computer Science at **Universitat de Valencia**

Programming Languages, Frameworks and Tools

- **Programming Languages**: **Python**: 9 years, **C++**: 10 years, **C**: 8 years, **Java**: 2 years, **SQL**: 5 years.

- **Deep Learning Frameworks**: **Tensorflow**: low-level and high-level (**Keras**): 7 years, **Pytorch**: 1 year, **FastaAI**: less than 1 year.

- **Cloud Development**: Azure, DataBricks

- **Reproducibility**: Docker

- **Sotware methodologies**: Scrum / Agile.

- **CI/CD**: GitHub Actions, **Unit tests**: pytest

- **MLOPs tools**: **DVC**, **MLFlow**, **MetaFlow**

- **Documentation tools**: Sphinx, Doxygen, nbdev, quarto

- **Package management and building**: conda/mamba, pip, CMake

- **Other**: git, gcc, gdb, Linux and Windows OS

Projects

Fault Detection and Diagnosis

Detecting faulty state of machines based on multi-variate time-series analysis and Deep Learning. Modelling techniques included: 1) Variational AutoEncoders and LSTM for anomaly detection, and 2) using predictive models to analyze the discrepancy of current observations with respect to what the model predict would happen under normal conditions. The latter included use of change-point detection techniques and statistical analysis. Implementation in python.

Machine Health Analysis based on Supervised Learning

Given a large repository of human-annotated data in frequency-domain (Fourier transformed), used different Neural Network architectures and traditional models (e.g., XGBoost) to detect problematic states of the machine. Implementation in python.

Energy Optimization

Used Deep Reinforcement Learning to provide optimal HVAC set-point schedules that optimize energy cost while maintaining occupant comfort. Compared against results obtained using Model Predictive Control. Solution published in journal paper. Implementation in python.

Survival Analysis

Used traditional Survival Models such as parametric Weibull models and semi-parameteric Cox models, together with recent advances based on Deep Learning, to analyze the survival probability of different types of devices across time. Implementation in python.

Person Search across Multi-Camera CCTV Footage

Developed Person Re-Identification solutions based on traditional *video analytics* techniques (e.g., LOMO visual signatures with different types of distance functions), very fast Deep Learning techniques (based on group convolutions, e.g., using ShuffleNet and SqueezeNet), person tracking, and frame clustering. Implementation in python and C++.

Person Counting using low-resolution Thermal Cameras

Developed tracking techniques for counting people in different parts of the building based on a network of low-resolution infrared cameras. Implementation in C++ and python.

Gesture Recognition with Mobile Phone.

Using the accelerometer as sensor, recognized gestures performed by human using mobile phone. Implementation in python.

Data-driven optimization of distance functions.

Developed novel methods for estimating optimal distance functions for K-Nearest Neighbors. Published in PAMI 2008 and others. Implementation in C and Matlab.

Pedestrian detection.

Developed novel pedestrian detection system based on random forest ensembles of part-based detectors. Published in International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV). Implementation in C++.

Image Classification and Retrieval.

Designed and developed an image classification system based on new image descriptors and machine learning algorithms. Published in PAMI 2007 and others. Implementation in C and Matlab.

Video Compression.

Intelligent video compression based on object segmentation and optical flow. Published in SNRFAI 2001. Implementation in C.

Medical Image Registration and Retrieval.

Image Registration and Retrieval of medical images. Published in Pattern Recognition Letters and others. Implementation in C and Matlab.

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