

Jurijs (Yuri) Nazarovs

Led cutting-edge research with hands on experience on building Deep Neural Networks in a variety of fields, including Bayesian DNN, generative temporal-spatial models, computer vision, vision language models and LLM.

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INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Amazon Alexa AI, Applied Scientist

May 2022 - September 2022

Proposed and implemented (PyTorch) a novel adversarial training method to enhance the robustness of a Vision Language Model-based Question Answering system (VQA) to linguistic variations and image manipulations. Utilizing multimodality UNITER-like architecture with BERT component, we improved the VQA accuracy and Consensus Score, metric used to measure the robustness of linguistic variations. Authored a first-author paper.

Microsoft Research (MSR), Researcher

May 2021 - August 2021

Designed and implemented (PyTorch) a novel Bayesian Neural Networks as cutting-edge temporal probabilistic deep learning techniques for the defense cyber domain to handle sparse, imbalanced in classes and limited in size data sets. Method is used as alarming system for human in-the-loop to detect possible ransomware. A first-author publication and secured a patent.

NEC Labs America, Researcher

May 2020 - August 2020

Developed and implemented (Tensorflow) a novel triplet-based loss function and as a zero-shot framework for ordinal time series classification problems, resulting in a robust solution against missing labels. This system allows to detect time-series signals, which were not seen during training (up to 50% of classes were disregarded). A first-author publication and a patent.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI. PhD, Statistics

2016 - 2023 [April]

University of Wisconsin - Madison, Madison, WI. MS, Computer Science

2018 - 2019

Duke University, Durham, NC. MA, Economics

2014-2016

Higher School of Economics, Moscow, Russia. BS, Applied Mathematics and Computer Science

2010-2014

SKILLS

Computer Vision, Deep/Machine Learning, Multimodality, LLM, VLM, Trajectory Prediction, Perception, Probabilistic Models, VAE, BNN, GAN, Ensemble Learning, xgboost, Python (PyTorch, TensorFlow), R, Bash, Linux, AWS, Matlab, Java, C++.

PUBLICATIONS

Understanding Uncertainty Maps in Vision with Statistical Testing, **CVPR 2022** (25% acceptance rate). Introduced a stable diffusion like model, Warping Neural ODE combining with Random Fields theory, to derive significant regions of the Uncertainty Maps obtained from probabilistic DNN (BNN/VAE) in image generation and perception settings, like segmentation.

Image2Gif: Generating Continuous Realistic Animations with Warping NODEs, **CVPR 2022** (AI4CC workshop). Introduced a novel Deep learning Module, Warping Neural ODE, as a Video Frame Interpolation (VFI) mechanism, to generate GIF between two conceptually far apart frames. Method allows to generate unlimited number of FPS, making smooth VFI.

Mixed Effects Neural ODE: A variational approximation for analyzing the dynamics of panel data, **UAI 2021** (26% acceptance rate). Introduced the Mixed-Effect Neural ODE model with the new ELBO-based loss, which allows to model uncertainty like SDE, but use ODE solvers in combination with DNN, for trajectory prediction of physical processes, humanoids and reconstruction of 3D brain scans of Alzheimer's disease progression.

Graph Reparameterization for enabling 1000+ Monte Carlo Iterations in Bayesian Deep Neural Networks, **UAI 2021** (26% acceptance rate). Developed a new framework to construct an MC estimator for the KL term, which significantly decreases GPU memory needed to run VI version of Bayesian Neural networks and improves runtime. Memory savings allow us to run up to 1000 or more MC iterations on a single GPU.

Functional NODE. Introduced a new Functional NODE framework which allows to sample trajectories in a VAE-like procedure, e.g. human/skeleton actions, physical processes, and other and perform statistical inference. Under submission.

Improving Robustness of VQA Models by Adversarial and Mixup Augmentation. Under submission.

Radial Spike and Slab Bayesian Neural Networks for Sparse Data in Ransomware Attacks, U.S. Patent.

Ordinal Quadruplet: Retrieval of Missing Labels in Ordinal Time Series, U.S. Patent.

Expanded encyclopaedias of DNA elements in the human and mouse genomes, Nature.