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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Cambridge, MA

Master of Engineering in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Expected Sept. 2024

• Concentrations in Artificial Intelligence and Computer Graphics

GPA: 5.0/5.0

• Notable Courses: Advances in Computer Vision, Machine Learning for Inverse Graphics, Computational Design and Fabrication, Shape Analysis, Advanced Computational Photography.

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering

June 2023

Minor in Japanese

GPA: 4.7/5.0

 Notable Courses: Intro to Machine Learning, Computer Graphics, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Operating System Engineering, Computer Systems Engineering, Software Construction.

EXPERIENCE

MIT Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Dept.

Cambridge, MA

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Sept. 2023 - Dec. 2023

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

Sept. 2022 – Dec. 2022

- Served as a TA for the Advanced Undergraduate Subject: Computer Graphics (6.4400) in Fall '22 and Fall '23.
- Conducted office hours, assisted students with and graded C++ OpenGL coursework, and graded exams.

Second Front Systems Remote

Data Science Intern July 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Engineered Dash and Plotly dashboards with dynamic filtering and pagination for real-time data visualization.
- Implemented regression models for advanced trend analysis and future performance prediction.
- Structured the Python codebase for modularity and Docker deployment.

MIT Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory

Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate Researcher - Computational Design and Fabrication Group

Feb. 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to develop a rigid body physics simulation for underwater gliders.
- Implemented differentiable hydrodynamic forces, including lift and drag, as well as changes in mass into Nvidia's differentiable simulation Python framework "Warp", utilizing CUDA acceleration.
- Optimized glider hull design using gradient descent on differentiated forces with respect to glider shape.
- Enabled glider to optimize controls for faster horizontal speed or faster vertical descent.

Intel Corporation Remote

3D Acceleration Software Engineer Intern

May 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Developed discrete GPU driver updates in C++ to resolve bugs and enhance Direct3D performance.
- Performed in-depth GPU performance profiling and analysis utilizing advanced analysis tools.
- Engaged with modern DirectX9, DirectX11, and DirectX12 3D titles in Windows.
- Provided technical support to developers using GPU systems for performance analysis.

PROJECTS

Tiny Light Field Network for Efficient 3D Scene Rendering

- Developed a compact version of a Light Field Network (LFN) in Python using novel deep learning methods to efficiently synthesize 3D scenes from 2D data.
- Utilized a RELU hypernetwork to optimize scene reconstruction and novel view synthesis.

Mesh Simplification for Accelerated Physics Simulation

- Engineered Garland-Heckbert mesh decimation and Van Gelder volume decimation algorithms in C++.
- Integrated Finite Element Method (FEM) for non-linear physics simulation on simplified meshes.
- Implemented Biharmonic weights to project simulated deformation from simplified mesh to the original mesh.

Improved Loss Function for Frame Recurrent Video Super Resolution

- Augmented original implementation of FRVSR model in Python using PyTorch and retrained it.
- Developed novel loss function, leveraging Perceptual Loss using VGG19 model to improve visual quality.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: C++, C, Python, C#, Java, Julia, MATLAB

Frameworks: PyTorch, NeRF, Direct3D (DirectX), OpenGL, Blender, UNIX, Unity Engine, Arduino, ESP32

Proficiencies: Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Vision, Computer Graphics, Data Science