# SAHIL MOD



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# **EDUCATION**

#### **B.S. Computer Science, Minor in Statistics**

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

GPA: 3.95/4.00

May 2021

• Algorithms, Computational Photography, Deep/Machine/Reinforcement Learning

• \$5000 TechnipFMC Scholarship, \$3000 TBP Hayward Scholarship, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at PygHacks, 2<sup>nd</sup> place at Clorox design competition

# **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

Languages Python, C++, C, Java, Javascript, Bash

Frameworks PyTorch, OpenCV, TensorFlow

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Amazon** Seattle, WA

Software Development Engineer Intern

May 2020 - Aug 2020

- Reduced aggregate asset build time by 18.5% and decreased memory usage by 11%
- Analyzed code syntax trees for unfavorable behavior, decreasing final asset size by 5%
- Designed a variant generation algorithm an order of magnitude faster for server built variants and client responsive variants

#### **Distrubuted Autonomous Systems Laboratory**

Urbana, IL

Undergraduate Research Assistant | PI: Dr. Girish Chowdhary

Jan 2020 - May 2020

- Investigated vision-based robot heading estimation with an unsupervised neural network achieving 72% accuracy
- Devised a supervised network for calculating robot position between rows autonomously with a binary accuracy of 75%
- Augmented video data with homographic transformations to simulate robot variance and increase dataset coverage

**EarthSense** Champaign, IL

Computer Vision Intern • Ascertained intrinsic camera matrix of Terrasentia robot cameras

• Achieved 92% accuracy for corn ear height estimation from video by fusing a neural network with camera geometry

Rolling Meadows, IL May 2019 - Aug 2019

Sep 2019 - Dec 2019

**Northrop Grumman** Software Engineering Intern

• Developed a C# application to configure and test missile warning algorithms and pulled in project schedule by 2 months

Implemented an algorithm to calculate orientation from a set of points with singular value decomposition

**EarthSense** Champaign, IL

Computer Vision Intern Sep 2018 - May 2019

- Trained a convolutional neural network on a 90-10 split dataset to classify lodging of wheat with 80% accuracy Deployed a TensorFlow ML model to detect and count plant stems with 96% accuracy
- Proposed additional data collection metrics to address overfitting

Naperville, IL **Swarm Robotix** 

Software Engineering Intern

May 2018 - Aug 2018

- Collaborated with 2 people to create vision algorithms with OpenCV to detect shipping container corner castings
- Applied known SLAM algorithms with A\* path planning on a TurtleBot for real-time navigation

# **PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS**

## **HackIllinois Stock Analysis**

- A python package discovering sentiment about a company from its tweets using NLTK and correlating it with stock price
- Linear, ridge regression, and a CNN are used for prediction and compared against each other

## **CU-Recycle**

- Devised an Android application to report an item's recyclability status in the Urbana-Champaign area, winning 2<sup>nd</sup> at PygHacks
- Trained a convolutional neural network for object recognition with Keras to overcome lighting and object variance

#### **LEADERSHIP**

## **DGS Leaders | Class Representative**

2019 - Present

- Providing advice to Division of General Studies director on pre-engineering events and information
- Serving on engineering student panel for prospective and incoming students

#### **Engineering Freshmen Council | IT Chair**

2017 - 2018

Redesigned Engineering Freshmen Council website

## iRobotics MRDC | Software Lead

2017 - 2018

• Designed the robot's codebase for communication and control