Sinclair Hudson University of Toronto MSc of Applied Computing

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Education

University of Toronto

Master of Science in Applied Computing, Artificial Intelligence Concentration

Sept '23 – Dec '24 (expected)

• Vector Scholarship in Artificial Intelligence, worth \$17 500 CAD.

University of Waterloo

Bachelor of Computer Science, Honours, Co-operative Program, AI Specialization

Sept '18 - Apr '23

• 93.50 major average, with courses in computer vision, autonomous vehicles, and machine learning.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Sim-to-Real Domain Adaptation for Lane Detection and Classification in Autonomous Driving

Iune 2022

- Co-authored a peer-reviewed research paper on sim2real lane detection using the CARLA simulator, integrating current GAN research with state-of-the-art lane detection models.
- Presented the paper at a poster board session during the Intelligent Vehicles 2022 symposium.

Application of Machine Learning for Drone Classification Using Radars

April 2021

- Authored a research paper and presented it at the SPIE 2021 Conference, with a follow-up peer-reviewed paper.
- Used a convolutional neural network to classify 5 different commercial drones based on a Fourier transform of their noisy RADAR return signal.
- Created a detailed physics-based simulation of RADAR returns bouncing off of a drone in flight, and used the simulated data to validate classification methods.

Relevant Work Experience

Cruise

San Francisco, CA

Sept '22 – Dec '22

Model Deployment Platform Engineer

- Developed debugging tools to assist in model deployment, reducing deployment time by days in some cases.
- Built a tool to automatically assess numerical divergence between the original PyTorch models and optimized models using TensorRT and custom computation graph representations.
- Built a linter to map ONNX nodes to lines in PyTorch source code, saving model deployment engineers hours.
- Created a tool to manually add outputs to exported ONNX graphs, allowing engineers to inspect intermediate activations while debugging models.

NVIDIA

Santa Clara, CA (remote)

Deep Learning Researcher for Autonomous Vehicles

Jan '22 – Apr '22

- Designed and iterated on multiple experiments for a LiDAR object detection neural network, improving cyclist and pedestrian F-scores by 43% and 15%, respectively.
- Implemented sparse tensor object detectors using Minkowski Engine, outperforming the baseline model while using 70% less memory.
- Integrated confidence predictions into a LiDAR object detection auto-labeling pipeline, allowing human annotators to focus efforts on anomalous and challenging data instances.
- Presented work... at the end .. TODO

DarwinAI

Waterloo, ON (remote)

Machine Learning Developer

May '21 – Aug '21

- Built and tested defect detection deep learning solutions for clients in the manufacturing industry.
- Trained XGBoost and SVR systems to model the relationship between environmental conditions and yield for an agriculture client, achieving 11% median error by weight.
- Implemented the core functionality of Dataset Distillation using the autograd package, to pursue research in low-data machine learning contexts.
- Implemented VAE, VQ-VAE, and VQ-VAE-2 from scratch in PyTorch, evaluating each autoencoder as an anomaly detector.

Untether AI

TORONTO, ON (REMOTE)

Sept '20 – Dec '20

Software Developer

- Built a customer-facing Python API to optimize, format and quantize TensorFlow computation graphs.
- Designed and implemented Non-Max Suppression for quantized values using only integer operations, allowing single-shot detector pipelines to run on-chip. TODO speedup 10x
- Experimented with different quantization schemes to improve the mAP of an SSD-ResNet-34 by 5%.
- Implemented a lookup table class to represent arbitrary non-linear functions in a quantized space.

Huawei Markham, ON Jan '20 – Apr '20

LiDAR Perception Researcher

• Implemented key modules from 12 different research papers in PyTorch, summarizing state-of-the-art techniques and enabling further research.

- Built DBLiDARNet and focal loss from scratch in PyTorch to use in semantic segmentation experiments.
- Analysed the SemanticKITTI dataset to produce optimal class loss weights, increasing mIoU by 2%.
- Wrote a data loader to spatially align sequential LiDAR scans for temporal pipelines, based on IMU data.

Please refer to my Linkedin profile for a complete list of work experiences.

Skills

Languages: Python, C++, R, C, LaTeX, Java, JavaScript

Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas, OpenCV, ROS, Gradio

Tools: Git, Docker, Conda, Bazel, CARLA, GCP, Linux, TensorRT