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Education

Joint Masters in Computer Science — GPA: 5.0/6.0
University of Neuchatel, Bern, Fribourg - Switzerland — Feb 2021 - Sep 2024

Bachelor's in Electronics Engineering — 73.0/100.0
BVRIT, Hyderabad, Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University - India — July 2013 - July 2016

Professional Experience

Cyient Private Limited — Aug 2016 - Aug 2019
Role: Software Engineer — Under: Shailesh Deshpande

- Engineered solutions to customize ServiceNow modules and expertly managed data loading through import sets. Integrated ServiceNow with external/internal tools, including JIRA and Netcool.

Technical projects

Thesis: Contrastive Learning for Character Detection in Ancient Greek Papyri — Feb 2024 - Sep 2024

- Evaluate the effectiveness of SimCLR for Greek letter recognition and compare its performance with traditional supervised models using cross-entropy and triplet loss functions, incorporating pretraining on a large dataset and fine-tuning on a smaller dataset. (You can find Publication and Code in the given link)
- Investigate the impact of various data augmentation strategies on SimCLR's performance and explore why traditional supervised models may outperform SimCLR in this specific letter recognition task.

Explainable AI - Human-Computer Interaction meets Artificial Intelligence — Feb 2021 - Jun 2021

- Conducted a study to interpret CNN decisions on the CUB200 dataset against adversarial attacks (FGSM, PGD)
- Implemented adversarial attack experiments on VGG16, Attention Pooling, and Prototypical Networks, using CAM techniques to explain attack success as detailed in the scientific article

Pattern Recognition — Feb 2021 - May 2021

- Developed a k-NN algorithm from scratch to classify MNIST images. Utilized various distance metrics, including Euclidean and Manhattan, and compared their performance. and created K-means clustering model, evaluating its quality with metrics such as the C-Index and Dunn-Index.
- Trained a Multilayer Perceptron (MLP) with one hidden layer in PyTorch for for MNIST image classification, performed hyperparameter tuning through grid search for hidden layer neurons, learning rate, and training iterations.

Machine Learning & Data Mining — Sep 2022 - Dec 2022

- Implemented various machine learning algorithms—including Naive Bayes, k-NN, Decision Tree, and Simple Rules—on the Titanic dataset for comprehensive analysis.
- Utilized Python for text data extraction and manipulation, conducting statistical tests and applying the Naive Bayes algorithm to enhance data analysis.

Fuzzy sets — Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Developed a prototype app using fuzzy theory to generate personalized travel destination ideas based on user preferences, enhancing the travel experience. Implemented a travel recommendation prototype.

Publications

A life engineering perspective on algorithms, AI, social media, and quantitative metrics UniFr 2nd may 2024
Informatik Spektrum Journal Georgiana Bigea, Maria Mumtaz, Edy Portmann, Jennifer Swaminathan & Nakka Vedasri

- As a team, we explored the intersection of life engineering, algorithms, AI, social media, and their impact on human life, through reviews of three influential books: Cathy O'Neil's *Weapons of Math Destruction*, Kate Crawford's *Atlas of AI*, Shoshana Zuboff's *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism*. You can find publication here

Skills

Languages: Python (NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scikit-learn, matplotlib) java, javascript, C, R programming
Softwares: Visual Studio, Eclipse, LATEX, Git, Anaconda(Jupyter Notebook), Microsoft Office
Soft Skills Academic writing, Time Management, Team work, Problem-solving, Documentation, Logical thinking.