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### **EXPERIENCE**

## **Software Developer - Perception**

Apr 2020 - Present

Avidbots Corp., Kitchener, ON

- **Lead of the semantic segmentation project** i.e. deep neural network design, data collection, data annotation, trainings, and deployments in field
- Implemented **semi weakly supervised** training to boost performance by 3%
- Designed and implemented an auto annotation tool using U^2 Net
- Implemented active learning based image selection for annotation
- Designed and implemented automated SLAM performance evaluation for continuous integration
- Prototyped Localization Monitor System in SLAM
- Technologies: **Tensorflow, Pytorch, Docker**, Openvino, Streamlit, ROS, Flatland Simulation, Nvidia ISAAC, Python, C++, OpenCV, Pandas

## **Computer Vision Engineer**

Sep 2019 - Mar 2020

Dot Technology Corp., Edmonton, AB

- Developed a 3D farm Simulator for fast prototyping and synthetic dataset collection
- Collected dataset in fields for combine object detection
- Fine-tuned state-of-the-art semantic segmentation models for a semi-auto annotation tool
- Technologies: Python, C++, Unreal Engine 4, Tensorflow, Pytorch, Detectron2, OpenCV, ROS, Carla

## **Research & Teaching Assistant**

Sep 2016 - Aug 2019

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

- Used LiDAR (as supervised) and Stereo images (as unsupervised) to improve state-of-the-art single image depth
  estimation accuracy by ~3%
- Proposed new evaluation based on cleaned ground truth LiDAR
- Integrated deep learning depth estimation with SLAM to recover scale and improve accuracy and robustness
- Taught Introduction to Computing Science to non-computer science students
- Technologies: Python, Tensorflow, Pytorch, OpenCV, ROS

# **3D Game Developer Intern**

Nov 2017 - Sep 2018

vrCAVE - Edmonton, AB

- Implemented a rule-based AI and in-game hint system in multiplayer virtual reality escape room games
- Pitched and implemented new successful ideas, e.g. destructible meshes
- Performed various profiling and optimizations to reach 90 fps
- Created wiki manual documentation for customers
- Technologies: Git, HTC VIVE, Unreal Engine 4

#### **EDUCATION**

## **MSc, Computer Science**

Sep 2016 - Aug 2019

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

Relevant Coursework: **Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Computer Graphics**, Robotics *Thesis: Semi-Supervised Single Image Depth Estimation Using Deep Neural Network* 

## **BSc, Electrical Engineering**

Sep 2011 - May 2016

University of Tehran, Tehran

Relevant Coursework: Advanced Programming, Linear Algebra, Engineering Probabilities and Statistic *Thesis: Real-time Video Stabilization and Mosaicing* 

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Semi-Supervised Monocular Depth Estimation with Left-Right Consistency Using Deep Neural Network
  A Jahani, SY Loo, and H Zhang (ROBIO 2019 Best Conference Paper Award) [PDF] [source code] [Demo]
- CNN-SVO: Improving the Mapping in Semi-Direct Visual Odometry Using Single-Image Depth Prediction
   SY Loo, A Jahani, S Mashohor, SH Tang, and H Zhang (ICRA 2019) [PDF] [Source code] [Demo]
- Real-time video stabilization and mosaicking for monitoring and surveillance
   A Jahani, H Moradi (ICROM 2016)

[PDF] [source code] [Demo]

## **SELECTED PROJECTS**

## **Crop Growth Stage Classification** [blog] [Demo]

Finalist Group @ATB DATATHON, Edmonton (2019)

- Developed a real-time deep neural network to classify the growth stages of the crop to help farmers
- Performed a live demo on the stage
- Finalist group (top 6 out of 42)
- Technologies: Python, Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-learn, OpenCV

## **2DGrid Mapping and Navigation using Monocular Camera** [Demo]

Robotics Course (2017)

- Improved state of the art ORBSLAM 2 framework for navigation tasks
- Technologies: C++, ROS

# **Direct Sparse Odometry vs ORB-SLAM** [Demo]

Computer Vision Course (2017)

- Compared direct and indirect methods in Simultaneous Localization and mapping algorithms
- Technologies: C++, ROS

### Image Segmentation of Choroideremia Disease [PDF]

Machine Learning Course (2016)

- Implemented ML algorithms such as SVM, Random Forest, UNet for pixel-wise classification of retina images
- Due to small dataset size, achieved good results by using bagging methods.
- Technologies: Python, MATLAB, Caffe

## **SKILLS**

**Programming**: Python (4+ years), Modern C++ (Proficient) **ML/DL Tools:** Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, Scikit-learn

Database: MySQL, Pandas

Robotics, Computer Vision, and Gaming: ROS, OpenCV, Unreal Engine, ISAAC Sim

Optimization and Numerical Analysis: g2o, Scipy, Numpy

Visualization: Streamlit, Rviz, Matplotlib, OpenGL, PowerBI, Plotly

Others: Git, Docker, AWS

# **CERTIFICATES**

- Sensor Fusion NanoDegree (Udacity) [In Progress]
- Deep Learning Specialization (deeplearning.ai on Coursera)
- C++: Advanced topic (Linkedin)