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EDUCATION

New York University

Master of Science in Mechatronics and Robotics; GPA: 3.667/4

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Instrumentation

New York City, NY

Sep 2021 – May 2023

Pilani, India

Aug 2015 - May 2019

EXPERIENCE

Central Electronics Engineering Research Institute

Deep Learning Intern

Pilani, India

Jul 2018 - Dec 2018

- o Data Annotation: Contributed to the development of a software pipeline for pixel wise annotation of a novel data set consisting of 6000+ Infrared and RGB aerial images of power cables
- o Mask RCNN: Fine-tuned a pre-trained Mask-RCNN model for instance segmentation of power cables on this new dataset and achieved a validation accuracy of approximately 70%

TECHNICAL SKILLS

• Languages: Python, C/C++, CUDA, Bash, MATLAB

• Frameworks: PyTorch, Keras, TensorFlow, OpenCV, Open3D

- Tools & Platforms: VSCode, Vim., Git., GitHub., SLURM
- Operating Systems: Linux, MacOS, Windows

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

- Robotics: Foundations of Robotics, Robot Perception, Robot Localization and Navigation
- Machine Learning: High Performance Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Mathematics for ML, Introduction to Tensorflow Neural Networks & Deep Learning, CNNs in Tensorflow,

PROJECTS

Post-Earthquake Damage Assessment using Fully Convolutional Networks

Tensorflow, Keras | GitHub

- o Designed multi-task fully convolutional networks for semantic segmentation of building components and their damage state
- o Implemented batch normalization layers to enable faster convergence and better generalization over real data since the data used for the project was synthetically generated using physics based graphical models
- o Achieved a mAP of 83% over 5 component classes and mAP of 70% for 5 damage state classes

Dimensionality Reduction using Convolutional Autoencoders

PyTorch | GitHub

- Developed a deep convolutional autoencoder to reduce the dimensions of 28x28 sized Fashion MNIST images
- o Designed an encoder-decoder network with latent space dimension of 64 to guarantee proper reconstruction of input
- o Implemented batch normalization layers, learning rate decay and exponential scaling for faster convergence
- o Further reduced dimensions of the latent space to 2 dimensions using t-SNE to visualise the reduced dimensions

Visual Place Recognition using Bag of Visual Words

OpenCV, Sklearn | GitHub

- o Computed SIFT features for each image in database and queries using OpenCV's built-in SIFT feature extractor
- o Employed the k-means clustering algorithm to compute 800 cluster centroids to be used as visual words to generate a histogram of visual words in each image
- o Computed histograms of visual words for all the query images and database images using OpenCV's histogram generator and extracted similar images from the database by using the k-nearest neighbours algorithm on the generated histograms

• Two-View Geometry based Relative Pose Estimation

- o Calibrated a camera using a calibration rig and removed radial distortion from the input images using the obtained camera matrix and distortion coefficient
- o Computed the fundamental matrix using the normalized 8 point algorithm and obtained the essential matrix using the fundamental matrix and camera matrix
- o Decomposed the essential matrix to obtain the orientation and translation vectors between the images

• Marker based Augmented Reality

OpenCV | GitHub

- o Obtained interest points to compute the epipolar geometry by detecting the corners of an AprilTag fiducial marker
- o Solved a PnP problem to compute 3D to 2D correspondence between the marker corners and face of a cube in 3D space
- o Projected 8 corners of the cube on the image and constructed a cube in 2D by joining the points.

• 3D Plane fitting in Point Cloud Data

Open3D, Plotly | GitHub

- o Implemented the RANSAC algorithm to remove outlier data points which do not lie on a plane in the 3D point cloud data
- o Randomly selected 3 points in data and computed plane parameters using parametric equation of a plane
- o Computed the best plane parameters by minimizing perpendicular distance of each point in data from the plane