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Education

Macalester College, Saint Pual, MN   *B.A. Expected May 2023*

Major GPA 4.0/4.0   *Mathematics, Computer Science*

- Charles J. Turck Presidential Honor Scholarship(Four-year scholarship)
- School Dean's List (2019 - PRESENT)
- **Relevant Coursework**: Reinforcement Learning, Database Management Systems, Topology, Probability, Numerical Analysis, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis, Algebraic Structure, Algorithm Design and Analysis, Data Structure, Linear algebra, Intro to Data Science, Statistics Modeling

Skills

Programming   **R**(ggplot, ggmap, plotly, leaflet, gganimate, rvest, shinny), **Python**(numpy, matplotlib, XGBoost, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, OpenCV, OpenAI, Gym, Baselines), **Java, MATLAB, SQL, Spark, Hive, Hadoop, HTML, CSS, Markdown, TEX, COMSOL**

Experience

Computer Vision Research Intern   *Beijing, China*

Thorough Images   *Jan. 2021 - PRESENT*

- Mentored by Eric Wang, the chief technology officer(CTO) of Thorough Images which is a professional artificial intelligence (AI) company dedicated to complete intelligent solutions for pathological images
- Use traditional computer vision techniques realized by OpenCV library and models with various types of deep learning neural networks realized by TensorFlow and Keras libraries to recognize, segment, and classify in the pathological images for invasive breast cancer and gastric cancer
- optimize models in consideration of CPU and GPU for off-line and on-line computations in the electron microscope

Deep Reinforcement Learning Researcher   *St. Paul, MN*

Professor Esra Kadioglu Urtis Lab, Macalester College   *Jun. 2020 - Aug. 2020*

- 2020 Summer Research with professor Esra Kadioglu Urtis at Macalester College
- Develop tabular Q learning based algorithms with simulations for UAVs coverage building in Gym or by graph.
- Create a Gym environment for the coverage path planning for multiple drones using Actor Critic using Kronecker-Factored Trust Region (ACKTR) deep reinforcement learning method provided by Stable Baselines(OpenAI) in Python, and compare the stability and convergence with Deep Q Network(DQN), Deep Deterministic Policy Gradient (DDPG), Asynchronous Advantage Actor Critic(A3C), and Advantage Actor Critic (A2C).

Teaching Assistant   *St. Paul, MN*

Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science Department, Macalester College   *Jan. 2020 - PRESENT*

- Teaching Assistant(Preceptor) in COMP 394 Reinforcement Learning in Spring 2021, COMP 128 Data Structure in Fall 2020, and STAT/COMP 112 Intro to the Data Science at Macalester College in Spring 2020 at Macalester College
- Grade homework and hold office hours to help over 100 students in classes with implementations and applications of class topics in Python, Java, and R.

Projects

Kaggle: House Price Prediction

13th places(0.06%) out of 19506 teams   *Jan. 2020 - Feb. 2020*

- Using Ridge, Lasso, LGBM, XGB, and Stacking CV Regressor, and series of data visualization and analytical techniques to reach 0.10643 root mean squared logarithmic error and 12449.19063 mean absolute error, got 13th place, 0.06% out of 10506 teams(individual)

Mathematical Modeling for Drone Light Show

Honorable Mention out of 938 teams in Mathematical Contest in Modeling   *Jan. 2018 - Feb. 2018*

- Using *MATLAB*, I built models to determine the required number of drones and every drone's initial location during the process.
- Any simple pictures or icons could be designed for the drone show by my *MATLAB* program.

Design and Optimization of Comb Drive Accelerator for High Frequency Oscillation

Published in Modern Mechanical Engineering Vol.8 No.1, February, 2018   *Apr. 2017 - Feb. 2018*

- This project is mentored by a doctor at UCLA and the final paper was published. In this work, using *COMSOL* and *MATLAB*, a finite element code was used for the design, optimization, and visualization of a comb drive accelerator.

Generalizations of Trajectory about Fixed Points and Lines Moving to Magnify and Shrink

Published in Mathematical Study and Research(China) Vol 19, 2017   *Sep. 2016 - Feb. 2017*

- This Chinese geometrical paper is for mathematical Olympics competitions, generalized series of problems of locus by an elegant method and visualized by *Geometer Sketchpad*

Honors

Jan, 2020	**13th place(0.06%) out of 19506 teams**, Kaggle Data Science Competition	*U.S.A*
Dec, 2019	**Top 9**, The Mathematical Association of America-North Central Section(MAA-NCS) Team Contest	*U.S.A*
Feb, 2018	**Top 5%**, American Mathematics Competition(AMC12)	*U.S.A.*
Nov, 2017	**Honorable Mention**, Mathematical Contest in Modeling	*U.S.A*