Armin Hadzic

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Research Interests

Developing **deep learning** methods to address challenges in latent information representation from varying sources, such as point clouds, images, and audio. More generally, I am interested in **deep learning, computer vision, reinforcement learning, artificial intelligence, remote sensing,** and **robotics**.

Education

University of Kentucky **2018-2020**
Master of Science in Computer Science, GPA – 4.0 *Advisor: Nathan Jacobs*
Thesis: Estimating Free-Flow Speed with LiDAR and Overhead Imagery

University of Kentucky **2016**
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering, GPA – 3.8
Graduated Magna Cum Laude

University of Kentucky **2009-2013**
Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, GPA – 3.8
Graduated Magna Cum Laude, Minor in Computer Science

Computer Science Outstanding MS Student 2020.

Dean's List Fall 2010 to Spring 2013.

Professional Experience

Research

Computer Vision Research Scientist **2021-Present**
DZYNE Technologies Inc. *Fairfax, VA*
- Researching and developing computer vision deep learning methods for overhead and ground-level imagery.

Computer Vision Researcher **2020-2021**
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory *Laurel, MD*
- Designed and implemented deep learning methods for applied research in computer vision, remote sensing, medical imaging, and neuroscience.
- Developed models robust to bias in classification of skin diseases, reducing skin tone bias by 7% while maintaining 85% accuracy.
- Integrated geospatial products into artificial neural networks for high resolution building damage classification, structure localization, and green house gas regression.

Research Assistant **2018-2020**
UK Computer Vision Lab *Lexington, KY*
- Advised by Associate Professor Nathan Jacobs.
- Designed multi-modal neural networks to leverage point clouds and satellite imagery to estimate free-flow speeds of roads.
- Developed Natural Language Processing (NLP) temporal convolutional and attention-based neural network models to estimate firm economic performance using public SEC text reports.

Machine Perception Intern **2019**
Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory *Laurel, MD*
- Advised by Ryan Mukherjee and Dr. Gordon Christie.
- Regressed population of displaced communities for disaster relief efforts, utilizing overhead imagery and deep neural networks.

Volunteer Machine Learning Research Assistant **2017-2018**
UK Computer Vision Lab *Lexington, KY*
- Automated the US Road Assessment Program (usRAP) road safety assessment using a deep convolutional neural network to directly estimate roadway safety based on street-level panorama images, reducing evaluation time to milliseconds per image.
- Integrated the roadway safety estimator into a GPS vehicle routing system to enhance navigation with the capability to identify a balanced, safe and fast, driving route.

Industry

Software Development Engineer **2017-2018**
Belcan Engineering Group Inc. *Lexington, KY*
- Developed, maintained, and tested a jet engine diagnostic and fault resolution system, saving over $100,000 by automating engine maintenance diagnostics.
- Integrated and streamlined a legacy cross-platform build system with modern development tools, mitigating build errors and reducing development time.

Embedded Software Engineer **2016-2017**
Belcan Engineering Group Inc. *Lexington, KY*
- Streamlined the user interface and reduced diagnostic time of jet engines by identifying, isolating, and purging Onboard Maintenance System inefficiencies and defects.

Software Test Engineer **2015-2016**
Belcan Engineering Group Inc. *Lexington, KY*
- Designed and implemented Control and Diagnostic System Verification and Validation Tests for 4 P&W Turbofan Jet Engines.
- Discovered mission critical control logic, software, and documentation defects through root-cause analysis, informal testing, regression testing and system testing; leading to best in class, safe, and high performance jet engines.

Founder and Software Developer **2015**
Changing Table App *Lexington, KY*
- Developed an Android application to aid users in locating men's washrooms containing changing tables in order to alleviate the stress of searching for baby friendly environments.

Software Engineering Co-op **2013-2014**
Tempur Sealy International Inc *Lexington, KY*
- Pioneered and developed a GUI and 3D topography mapping application to visually analyze large datapoint datasets, generating streamlined product testing, seamless user experience, and refined product quality.

Software Engineering Intern **2012**
Johnson Controls Inc *Florence, KY*
- Designed and implemented a software algorithm for streamlined Automated Guided Vehicle (AGV) routing, saving $57,000 per year in scrap reduction and transportation costs.

Publications

Conferences

[1] Armin Hadzic, Gordon Christie, Jeffrey Freeman, Amber Dismer, Stevan Bullard, Ashley Greiner, Nathan Jacobs, and Ryan Mukherjee. "Estimation Displaced Populations from Overhead". In: *IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS)*. Waikoloa Village, Hawaii, September 2020.

[2] Weilian Song, Scott Workman, Armin Hadzic, Xu Zhang, Eric Green, Mei Chen, Reginald Souleyrette, and Nathan Jacobs. "FARSA: Fully Automated Roadway Safety Assessment". In: *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*. Lake Tahoe, Nevada, March 2018.

Journals

[1] William Paul, Armin Hadzic, Neil Joshi, Fady Alajaji, and Philippe Burlina. "TARA: Training and Representation Alteration for AI Fairness and Domain Generalization". In: *Neural Computation* (2022), pp. 1–38.

Workshops

[1] Mei Chen, Armin Hadzic, Weilian Song, and Nathan Jacobs. "Applications of Deep Machine Learning to Highway Safety and Usage Assessment". In: *Transportation Research Board Workshop (Sponsored by AED50)*. (oral). January 2021.

[2] Ryan Mukherjee, Derek Rollend, Gordon Christie, Armin Hadzic, Sally Matson, Anshu Saksena, and Marisa Hughes. "Towards Indirect Top-Down Road Transport Emissions Estimation". In: *IEEE/ISPRS Workshop: Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION)*. **Best Paper Award**. Nashville, Tennessee, June 2021.

[3] Armin Hadzic, Hunter Blanton, Weilian Song, Mei Chen, Scott Workman, and Nathan Jacobs. "RasterNet: Modeling Free-Flow Speed using LiDAR and Overhead Imagery". In: *IEEE/ISPRS Workshop: Large Scale Computer Vision for Remote Sensing Imagery (EARTHVISION)*. Seattle, Washington, June 2020.

Technical skills

Programming Languages	C/C++, Python, Verilog, Java, LaTeX, Assembly, Make
Libraries	PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, Keras, Tensorflow
Operating Systems	Unix/Linux, Windows, OSX, Android
Development Environments	Linux Toolchain, Jupyter, PyCharm, Visual Studio, Android Studio, Xilinx

Service

- 2021 Technical Committee member for University of Maryland Honor's program Gemstone thesis defense.