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Summary

Computer Vision Researcher with 2 years of experience in 3D perception, LiDAR-based sensor fusion and spatio-temporal fusion using deep learning. Strong foundations in 3D geometry, photogrammetry and LiDAR perception. Experienced in building scalable perception pipelines, training multi-task deep networks, and deploying models for real-world environments.

Experience

University of Michigan, Kim's Lab

Ann Arbor, MI

Research Assistant (Computer Vision and LiDAR Perception)

May 2023 - Present

- Integrated bounding box-based late temporal fusion method using a dynamic sparse-voxel transformer model to process NuScenes LiDAR input at 20 Hz, combining past detected boxes with LiDAR points, simulating real-time constraints in autonomous vehicle setups.
- Finetuned the state of the art BEVFusion for 3D bounding box detection by only utilizing **50%** of the lidar beams, achieving a mAP of 0.601 and NDS of 0.63 on **NuScenes dataset** using subsampled point clouds.
- Currently developing a Stream-PETR based framework for effective multi-sensor temporal fusion with camera, LiDAR and IMU.
- Developed novel diffusion sampling algorithms for inverse imaging problems, enhancing the quality and fidelity of the samples of latent diffusion models, achieving an FID score of 37.2, an improvement of 17.2% over the baseline model.

Skylark Labs Dover, DE

Machine Learning Intern (Representation Learning and Computer Vision)

June 2023 - August 2023

- Designed a framework using a pre-trained RegNet model to achieve a **recall of 65% in self-learning** new categories by storing **multi-scale quantized features** to recognize pre-trained classes.
- Trained the neural network with a vector-quantized feature extractor to learn efficient multi-scale features of objects in natural scenes, enhancing the accuracy of the model by **12**% to detect objects from newly learned classes.
- Implemented the system to work on a single core of a CPU to run at about 3 fps while storing features of new classes encountered.

SixSense Corporation Jalan Besar, Singapore

Computer Vision Intern (Automatic Augmentation and Multiclass Classification)

January 2022 - April 2022

- Worked on detecting and classifying defects in semiconductor chips using Faster RCNN.
- Trained a stochastic **automatic augmentation** framework based on **Fast AutoAugment** on a ResNet50 model to techniques for several public datasets like CIFAR-100 and in-house datasets which improved the average accuracy by 2.3%. Integrated the automatic augmentation to the defect detection pipeline, improving the **accuracy by 1.4%**.

Projects

Autolabelling Driving Scenes in Cityscapes using DiNO and Segment Anything

November 2024

- Developed an ML pipeline to auto-label the Cityscapes dataset by combining DINO (for 2D Rol extraction) with Segment Anything Model for semantic labels of road markings.
- Trained a YOLOv11-seg model for semantic segmentation of road markings, achieving robust performance with minimal manual annotation.
- Exported the trained model to .engine format and integrated it into a TensorRT real-time inference pipeline for road marking detection, suitable for deployment on Jetson Devices.

Translating Cartoon to Natural Images using Stable Diffusion

November 2023

- Implemented an image-to-image translation system from cartoon Tom and Jerry images to real cat and mouse images using diffusion models.
- Implemented a Stable Diffusion utilizing BLIP-based text guidance to translate cartoon images to real-like images, achieving an FID score of 46.32 comparing the real-ness of the images generated.

Block-Based Compressed Sensing for Natural Images and Videos

January 2023

- Innovated a block-based compressed sensing approach for natural images and videos, leveraging deep learning inspired by the insights from the paper "Video Compressed Sensing Using a Convolutional Neural Network."
- Trained the model and achieved a compression factor of 0.1 on non-keyframes of videos of KITTI Dataset.

Education

University of Michigan

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Specialization: Signal & Image Processing and Machine Learning

Aug 2022 - May 2024 GPA: 3.97/4.0

Ann Arbor, Michigan

National Institute of Technology Karnataka

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering

Honors: Machine Learning and Signal Processing

Karnataka, India

Aug 2018 - April 2022

GPA: 3.87/4.0

Technical Skills

Languages/OS: Python, C, C++, Cuda, MATLAB, Shell Scripting, Linux, ROS

Developer Tools: OpenCV, SLURM, Git, Open3D, Docker

Machine Learning Tools: Pytorch, Pytorch-Lightning, MMDetection3D, Pandas, TensorRT

Technologies/Concepts: Deep Learning, Image Processing, Point Cloud Processing, 3D Computer Vision, Lidar-Voxel Algorithms,

Sensor Fusion in AV systems, Generative AI, Diffusion Models