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Interests: Generative Vision, Diffusion Models, Image Segmentation, 3D Object Detection, Deep Learning, Lidar-based Object Detection

Education

University of Michigan Aug 2022 - Present

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering Specialization: Machine Learning and Computer Vision Ann Arbor, Michigan GPA: 3.97/4.0

National Institute of Technology Karnataka

Aug 2018 - April 2022

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering

Karnataka, India

Honors: Signal Processing and Machine Learning

GPA: 3.87/4.0

Experience

Kim's Lab, University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, Michigan May 2023 - Present

Research Assistant

- Proposed and implemented improvements to the diffusion sampling algorithms for inverse imaging problems, enhancing the quality and fidelity of the samples of **latent diffusion models**, achieving an FID score of 0.04, **an improvement of 20%** over the baseline model.
- Implemented a novel channel-aware decoding algorithm using latent diffusion, leveraging the noisy codewords for improved sampling, resulting in a reconstruction PSNR of 24.4 dB for a single-path AWGN channel with o dB SNR.
- Working on state-based algorithms for sparse lidar point cloud completion using **sensor fusion** and **Latent Diffusion**, aimed at enhancing the performance on 3D object detection in the Nuscenes and Waymo datasets.

Skylark Labs Dover, Delaware

Machine Learning Intern

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 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.

Burris' Lab Ann Arbor, Michigan

Research Assistant

August 2022 – April 2023

- Trained an attention-UNET-based model for aortic segmentation, enhancing the accuracy and efficiency of the Vascular Deformation Mapping pipeline, resulting in an improvement of 3% in the F1-score, particularly around aortic walls.
- Implemented corrections to an Elastix-based CT Registration Pipeline, improving the elastic registration performance of the pipeline for large deformations in the aortic walls. The corrections resulted in the detection of tissue growth by an improved recall of 8%

SixSense Corporation Singapore

Computer Vision Intern

January 2022 – April 2022

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- 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%.

PLRI Lab, TU Braunschweig Germany

• Developed an efficient codebase for training and testing for semantic segmentation of sclera regions in the eye images.

- Acquired partial annotations using a game where the partial masks are saved as players competed for scoring regions.
- Acquired an F1 score of 0.94 on the test segmentation set using multiple partial annotations.

Projects

Research Intern

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 0.4632 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.

Automatic Stroke Lesion Identification

November 2021

- Developed a method for segmenting stroke lesions in brain MRI volumes, utilizing deep 3-D convolutional networks (Residual-UNETs). This approach aimed to enhance the accuracy of stroke risk assessment in patients.
- Improved the lesion segmentation F1-score from 51.7% to 56.3% by incorporating brain parcellations into Grey Matter (GM) and White Matter (WM), improving the precision of diagnosis.

Publications

• A Chanchal, S Lal, D Barnwal, P Sinha, **S Arvavasu**, and J Kini. Evolution of Livernet 2.x: Architectures for automated liver cancer grade classification from H&E stained liver histopathological images. Multimedia Tools and Applications.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C, C++, MATLAB, Julia, Shell Scripting

Software: Algorithm Development, Data Structures, Modular Implementation

Developer Tools: OpenCV, ITK, SLURM, Git

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

Technologies/Concepts: Diffusion Models, Inverse Imaging, MR Imaging, Statistical Learning

Soft Skills: Team Oriented, Professional Communication