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

Experience

Kim's Lab, University of Michigan   **Ann Arbor, Michigan**
Research Assistant (Computer Vision and GenAI)   *May 2023 - Present*

- Currently working on optimizing a LiDAR+Camera fusion based 3D object detection pipeline using Latent Diffusion Models.
- Trained a diffusion model on the BEV feature-space to compensate data-loss during LiDAR scanning on NuScenes dataset.
- 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.
- Implemented a unique noise-aware decoding algorithm using latent diffusion, leveraging noisy codewords for improved sampling, resulting in a reconstruction **PSNR of 24.4 dB** for a single-path AWGN channel with **0 dB SNR**.

Skylark Labs   **Dover, Delaware**
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.

Burris Lab, University of Michigan   **Ann Arbor, Michigan**
Research Assistant (Computer Vision and Medical Imaging)   *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   **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

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.

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.

Technical Skills

Languages/OS: Python, C, C++, MATLAB, Shell Scripting, Linux
Developer Tools: OpenCV, SLURM, Git, Open3D
Machine Learning Tools: Pytorch, Pytorch-Lightning, MMDetection3D, Pandas
Technologies/Concepts: Deep Learning, Image Processing, Computer Vision, Generative AI, Diffusion Models, Cuda Programming, Lidar Processing, SLAM
Soft Skills: Professional Communication, Colaborative Working, Interpersonal Communication

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 (2024), 83(1), 2791-2821.

Education

University of Michigan   **Aug 2022 – May 2024**
Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering   *Ann Arbor, Michigan*
Specialization: Signal & Image Processing and Machine Learning   *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: Machine Learning and Signal Processing   *GPA: 3.87/4.0*