Ali Youssef

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EDUCATION

University College London

London, United Kingdom

Master of Science (MSc) in Robotics and Computation (Artificial Intelligence)

Sep. 2022 - Sep. 2023

Classification: Distinction.

University of Glasgow

Glasgow, United Kingdom

Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) in Mechanical Engineering

Sep. 2016 - June 2020

Classification: First-Class Honours.

Experience

Research Intern - Computer Vision

May 2025 - Present

 $Spatial\ Intelligence$

London, United Kingdom

- Contributed to the supervision of four postgraduate research projects as part of an academic-industry collaboration with the University of Bristol.
- Researched self-supervised Scene Coordinate Regression using multi-modal feature representation learning for robust and generalisable 3D scene reconstruction in real-world settings.
- Explored temporally consistent object detection architectures and learning paradigms for reliable video-based perception and object tracking in dynamic environments.
- Assisted in evaluating short- and medium-term research directions and their potential applications within Spatial Intelligence.

Independent Researcher

Nov. 2023 - Sep. 2024

University College London

London, United Kingdom

In collaboration with MSc supervisor:

- Extended MSc dissertation by developing pipelines to train feature detection and description models on synthetic multi-view datasets.
- Implemented comprehensive experimental evaluations to validate model performance across multiple benchmarks.
- Leveraged high-performance computing frameworks to enhance computational efficiency and accelerate training.
- Published research paper at ECCV 2024 (Map-free Visual Relocalization workshop).

Mechanical Engineer Intern

June 2019 - July 2019

Porsche Middle East

Cairo, Egypt

- Conducted comprehensive vehicle diagnostics and initial inspections across a wide range of vehicles.
- Performed maintenance and repair tasks in coordination with workshop teams to ensure timely repairs.
- Verified all serviced vehicles met strict quality and safety compliance standards.

Publications

VMatcher: State-Space Semi-Dense Local Feature Matching 🗹

July 2025

Preprint

NeRF-Supervised Feature Point Detection and Description Z

Sep. 2024

European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV 2024), Map-free Visual Relocalization Workshop.

Projects

Optimising Feature Point Detection and Description Using Novel View Synthesis University College London London

Mar. 2023 – Sep. 2023 London, United Kingdom

- Developed synthetic multi-view datasets using Neural Radiance Fields (NeRFs) to train feature point detection models under realistic camera trajectories and viewpoints.
- Employed perspective projection supervision to adapt models to NeRF-synthesised data, improving generalisability and reducing convergence time by 50%.
- Achieved superior performance on geometric vision tasks (pose estimation, point cloud registration, homography estimation) while requiring 97% less training data.

Data-Centric Wind Power Forecasting via Recurrent Neural Networks

University of Glasgow

Oct. 2019 – Apr. 2020 Glasgow, United Kingdom

- Applied Recurrent Neural Networks (RNNs) for wind turbine power prediction.
- Evaluated anomaly detection algorithms (Isolation Forest, Elliptic Envelope, and DBSCAN) to demonstrate the impact of data preprocessing on regression accuracy and robustness.
- Benchmarked Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) architectures, with GRU maintaining high accuracy while improving computational efficiency by 25%.

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, MATLAB

Robotics: Robot Operating System (ROS)

Deep Learning Frameworks: PyTorch, Triton, JAX

Cloud Computing: Amazon Web Services (AWS)

CERTIFICATIONS

AWS Solution Architect - Associate (SAA-C02)

Aug. 2022 - Aug. 2025