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Education

Stony Brook University

Aug. 2021 – May. 2023

M.S. in Computer Science

Stony Brook, NY

University of Cincinnati

Aug. 2012 – Apr. 2017

B.B.A in Management Information Systems

Cincinnati, OH

Experience

VideaHealth May 2022 – Aug. 2022

Machine Learning Intern

Boston, MA

- Wrote training framework for segmentation model evaluating dental X-Rays using PyTorch and OpenCV.
- Researched cluster-based hyperparameter search on AWS EC2 instances to better control model training.
- Compared validation performance between 3 lightweight CNN encoders to study total runtime.
- Introduced the ML team to configuration-driven code to improve code re-usability.

Bloomberg LP Jun. 2017 – Jun. 2021

Data Engineer Princeton, NJ

- Authored and maintained proprietary Python package that identified millions of potentially missing data points.
- \bullet Trained an NLP classifier using a bag-of-words encoder on 5 document types to save \$250,000 / year on headcount.
- Controlled storage and access of 50,000 documents on a Hadoop cluster using Spark
- Redesigned a pipeline to use the Factory pattern which reduced runtime from 12 to 2 hours, doubled its product
 applicability, and reduced maintenance by half.

Thesis

Non-Rigid Registration with Deep Learning and Conformal Harmonic Maps

Fall 2022 - Spring 2023

C++, Python, Bash, Windows Batch

 $Stony\ Brook,\ NY$

Created a new method of 3D facial registration using a combination of techniques from computer vision and discrete differential geometry. Used a facial detection model to identify the boundary of the face. Used a conformal harmonic map to optimize the edges between face vertices, a Möbius transformation to align the faces, and a KNN with k=1 to compute the non-rigid mapping between faces.

Projects

Pylateral Facial Symmetry | Python, MediaPipe, Numpy

Fall 2022

Implanted a \mathbb{R}^2 plane into a \mathbb{R}^3 face manifold to predict bilateral facial symmetry. Trained the model on the left half (L) of the face and used the right half (R) as the validation set. I used gradient descent with momentum to optimize the objective cost function as the difference between L_i and R_i .

Machine Learning Algorithm Analysis | Python, Scikit-Learn

Fall 2021

Analyzed the differences between machine learning algorithms (Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, and LinearSVM) by running each algorithm on a single dataset. Then ran the same set of algorithms on additional datasets to discover additional differences and tradeoffs between algorithms.

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, BASH, Julia, SQL

Developer Tools: VS Code, JIRA, AWS, vim, Docker

Technologies/Frameworks: GitHub, MeshLab, Spark, Hadoop, Splunk, OpenCV, PyTorch, Numpy, Pandas, Scikit-Learn

Relevant Coursework

Machine Learning Computer Vision

- Discrete Differential Geometry
- Data Structures & Algorithms
- Big Data Analysis
- Probability & Statistics

Leadership / Extracurricular

Bloomberg LP

Nov. 2017 - Jun. 2021

Training Leader

- Trained incoming teammates, analysts from other departments, and management on topics ranging from process analysis to quality check design. Awarded department Trainer of the Year in 2018.
- Mentored a co-op student for 6 months and prepared him to interview for and accept a full-time role with the team.