Boyu Liu (Apply for MS in Computer Science)

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EDUCATION

The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology

2014-2018

B.S., double major in Computer Science & Mathematics | GPA: 4.164/4.3 | Major GPA: 4.260/4.3

Cornell University

Spring 2017

Undergraduate Exchange Program

Stanford University

Summer 2016

International Honor Program (summer) | Certificate of Intensive Study in Computer Science

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Machine Learning
- Computer Vision
- Artificial Intelligence

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Memory Augmented Tracking (CV, Deep Learning)

Summer & Fall 2017

Researcher (under supervision of Professor Chi-Keung Tang and Yu-Wing Tai, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

- Inspired by Neural Turing Machine, built a system to conduct visual object tracking using deep neural network augmented with an external memory module, which was a one-shot learning method that did not need back-propagation to refine network during tracking.
- Performed better than state-of-art trackers in cases like occlusion, large-scale shape change, confusing backgrounds. Achieved good results in VOT2016 benchmark.
- Paper was submitted to CVPR2018.

3D Face Reconstruction (CV, Deep Learning)

Summer 2017

Researcher (intern in SenseTime Group Limited)

- Used VGG and LSTM to reconstruct a pose-invariant, expression-invariant identity 3D face from a set of 2D photos of an individual. On-going project with a two-stage coarse-to-fine structure.
- The results using LSTM showed great improvement than just using single photo for reconstruction. Results were better than state-of-art in synthetic data, producing identifiable 3D face with details from real photos.

Sentiment Lexicon Induction (Machine Learning, NLP)

Spring 2017

Researcher (under supervision of Professor Claire Cardie, Cornell University)

- Used semi-supervised learning method to generate a Sentiment Lexicon for a certain domain of corpus in Chinese.
- Made use of commonly used features such as word embedding, as well as unique features for Chinese like character-level and radical-level similarity between Chinese words.
- Implemented and analyzed the unsupervised learning method and features. Paper in progress.

Sentiment and Market Prediction (Deep Learning, NLP)

Fall 2016

Research Assistant (Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program, under supervision of Professor Qiang Yang, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology)

- Implemented a News Sentiment Analysis System on Chinese News with Convolutional Neural Network as a Deep Learning method, and used the system to predict the Stock market.
- Achieved a prediction Accuracy of 57+% on the Stock market. Implementing next steps: adding channels and features to improve the accuracy.

PUBLICATIONS

MAVOT: Memory-Augmented Video Object Tracking

- Submitted to CVPR2018 (first author)
- Arxiv: https://arxiv.org/abs/1711.09414
- Project page: https://bliuag.github.io/MAVOT-Project-Page/

A Semi-supervised Approach for Chinese Sentiment Lexicon Induction

- in progress

SELECTED PROJECTS

Computer Vision Related Projects(GitHub) (CV)

- Intelligent Scissors: An image processing tool like Photoshop Magnetic Lasso. (SIGGRAPH 95')
- Face Detection: Used HoG and SVM to detect faces with different sizes. (CVPR 05')
- Single-View Metrology: Reconstructed a 3D model from single image, with user guidance in GUI. (ICCV 99')
- Dense Photometric Stereo: Reconstructed 3D model from 2D pictures of different view. (CVPR 05')

A Christmas Ball (YouTube) (Graphics)

- Used Skybox, Fresnel Reflection, Chromatic Aberration in OpenGL to simulate snowflakes in Christmas Ball in different patterns with a background environment.

Ultimate Tic-Tac-Toe (GitHub) (Game AI)

- Built a game AI for the game Ultimate Tic-Tac-Toe.
- Made an experimental analysis on performance of different AI algorithms.

Winograd Schema Challenge (GitHub) (AI)

- Winograd Schema Challenge is a substitution of Turing Testing, solving pronoun ambiguity with common knowledge.
- Constructed a system for solving pronoun ambiguity by a combination of Natural Language Parser, Narrative Chain and Search Engine.

CodeIT Competition—A system for Automation Stock Operation (GitHub) (Software)

- First Place in CodeIT Competition, for great result and architecture. Awarded by Credit Suisse.
- Collaborated with four students to develop a system for arbitrage within 24 hours, with an efficient architecture using parallel process and task distribution. Used NodeJS for back-end, AngularJS for front-end, and Firebase for database.

Software Engineering – Team Forming (Web and IOS) (Software)

- Leader in a group of 8 students. Built a platform for team forming in Web and IOS. Implemented with AngularJS, Firebase and Ionic, tested with Unit Testing.

COMPETITIONS

- First Place in CodeIT Suisse Coding Challenge (held by Credit Suisse)	2016
- ACM-ICPC Regional Contest Shanghai Station Bronze Award	2015
- ACM-ICPC Regional Contest Taiwan Station Ninth Place	2015

HONORS and AWARDS

- Dean's List (HKUST)	2014-2018
- Cheung On Tak Charity Foundation Scholarship	2014-2018
- University Scholarship	2014-2018
- Full Recruitment Scholarship (less than ten awardees)	2014-2018
- China Merchants Scholarship	2017
- HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund-Reaching Out Award	2016

WORK EXPERIENCE and ACTIVITIES

-	Research internship (computer vision and deep learning) in Tencent Youtu	Winter 2017
-	Research internship (computer vision and deep learning) in SenseTime Group Limited	Summer 2017
-	Vice President of Microsoft Student Club, HKUST Chapter	Fall 2016
-	Teaching helper for Computer Science courses	Spring 2016
_	Executive Committee in China Entrepreneur Network, HKUST Chapter	2015

SKILLS

- **Language:** C++ (GUI and OpenGL) | Java (including Android) | JavaScript (AngularJS, FireBase, Ionic) | Python | MATLAB
- **Algorithm and Data Structure:** participated in ACM-ICPC contests | Familiar with algorithms and data structures
- Machine Learning: Traditional methods (SVM, KNN, Decision-tree) | Theoretical ML knowledge
- Deep Learning: CNN | RNN, LSTM | NTM | GAN | Framework: Caffe, TensorFlow
- **Selected Course:** Computer Vision (graduate-level) | Machine Learning (Cornell) | Advanced Artificial Intelligence (graduate-level) | Computer Graphics (Stanford) | Image Processing | Honor Design and Analysis of Algorithms | Operating System | Honors Software Engineering | Linear Algebra | Probability and Random Process