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Chris Rockwell

EDUCATION University

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI Sep. 2020 -

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering
• Advisors: David F. Fouhey, Justin Johnson

Master of Science, Computer Science and Engineering

Sep. 2018 - May 2020

• GPA: 4.00/4.00 | GRE Quantitative: 170/170

• Advisors: David F. Fouhey, Jia Deng

Bachelor of Science, Economics, Magna Cum Laude Minors in Computer Science and Mathematics Sep. 2011 - May 2015

• GPA: 3.95/4.00

Interests

Computer Vision, Machine Learning

Publications

PixelSynth: Inventing an Immersive 3D Experience from a Single Image

Chris Rockwell, David F. Fouhey, and Justin Johnson

In ICCV, 2021.

Full-Body Awareness from Partial Observations Chris Rockwell and David F. Fouhey In ECCV, 2020.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE Michigan Vision Lab

Ann Arbor, MI

May 2020 - Present

Novel View Synthesis

• Fused 3D and autoregressive methods to create an immersive scene from a single image

- Implemented per-image autoregressive outpainting orderings to hallucinate new content
- We produce superior image quality and cross-image consistency than all baselines

Fouhey AI Lab

Ann Arbor, MI

Graduate Research Assistant | Advisor: David F. Fouhey

Graduate Research Assistant | Advisor: Justin Johnson

May 2019 - Present

3D Human Pose Estimation

- Introduced self-training method to substantially improve pose estimation on internet video
- Annotated four internet video datasets for eval; present out-of-image keypoint evaluation
- A/B Testing selected ours over baselines 2.4x-8.9x more frequently over four datasets.

Princeton Vision and Learning Lab

Princeton, NJ

Graduate Research Assistant | Advisor: Jia Deng

May 2018 - May 2019

2D Human Pose Estimation

- \bullet Improved Stacked Hourglass score from 90.9% to 91.3% on MPII using better regularization
- Used bottleneck-to-attention mechanism with reg. to improve 2HG accuracy 0.7%
- Increased precision of network confidence, explored utilizing for curriculum training

Meta-Learning

• Brought fine-tune model to within 0.1 avg. rank of meta-learning baseline on Meta-Dataset

Strategic Reasoning Group

Ann Arbor, MI

Undergraduate Research Assistant | Advisor: Michael P. Wellman May 2013 - Jul. 2013

Agent-based simulation of High-Frequency Trading and Latency Arbitrage

• Implemented security information processors to help build market microstructure

Honors & Awards

University of Michigan

Ann Arbor, MI

Research Experience for Undergraduates Award James B. Angell Scholar

2013 2013-2016

William J. Branstrom Freshman Prize

2012

University Honors Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society 2011-2015 2015

TEACHING & ACTIVITIES

Reviewer: CVPR (2021), ICCV (2021)

AI4ALL Project Instructor: lead vision project for nine underrepresented high-schoolers AI4ALL Curriculum Advisory Board Member: contributed to national curriculum AI4ALL Application Reviewer: rated student applications for AI4ALL acceptance Technical Mentor: mentored four undergrads with Prof. Fouhey, including one remote in the African Undergraduate Research Adventure (AURA); mentored two BNP interns Academic Mentor: mentored five undergraduate CSE students; grad orientation panelist Graduate Student Advisory Committee: represented CSE students to improve experience Grader: EECS 598 Deep Learning

Salient Courses

University of Michigan, MS:

Ecological Approach to Perception: explored embodied amodal perception of novel objects Advanced AI: replicated Image Generation from Scene Graphs, evaluated using VQA Machine Learning: replicated and improved accuracy of Stacked Hourglass Networks Self-Driving Cars: fine-tuned Squeeze and Excitation ResNet for road-side classification Advanced Data Mining: performed link prediction using SDNE on sparse, temporal graphs Deep Learning for Computer Vision (no class project)

University of Michigan, BS:

AI, Linear Algebra, Econometrics, Adv. Calculus, Numerical Methods, Algorithithms & DS

PROFESSIONAL

Citadel LLC

New York, NY

Experience Trader, Global Fixed Income (Core Team)

Apr. 2017 - Oct. 2017

Assisted Portfolio Manager (PM) and Head of Fund manage risk and generate trade ideas

- Built various screeners and monitors to pitch linear relative value trades in G10 rates
- Led research for and managed regression-based statistical arbitrage trading strategy

Designed and implemented tools to better manage PM and Head of Fund's portfolio

- Constructed custom clustering algorithm to view trades in an elegant manner
- Wrote script using scipy to optimize portfolio Sharpe ratio subject to constraints

BNP Paribas New York, NY

Interest Rates and FX Structuring Analyst (Intern in summer 2014) Jul. 2015 - Mar. 2017

Priced, modeled and executed exotic and bespoke products

• Created pricing models and back-tested performance of bespoke structures using Python

- Co-managed \$1bn inflation-linked TRS: extended pricing models, priced hedges Created and analyzed systematic hedging strategies and trade ideas
- ullet Engineered framework to aggregate corporate FX risk and evaluate hedging strategies using multiple factors, used this to help redesign multinational corporation's hedging program