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Curriculum Vitæ

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Machine Learning Engineer & Researcher | PhD in Computer Science

Summary

I am a computer scientist with a machine learning-focused PhD. I have expertise in taking projects from concept to working system.

Skills & Highlights

Mainly coding in	Python ● PyTorch ● Tensorflow ● C/C++ ● Java ● Matlab ● Bash ● SQL ● LaTeX
Experienced in	Torch ● HTML ● CSS ● Jekyll ● Javascript ● NodeJS ● MongoDB ● PostgreSQL ● Blender ● C# ● VHDL
Frameworks used	Unix ● Git ● SVN ● CUDA ● PyTorchLightning ● Fairseq ● NLTK ● OpenCV ● Pandas ● Scikit-learn ● SciPy ● NumPy ● Scrapy ● Django ● Celery ● ROS ● UML ● Amazon AWS ● Hadoop MapReduce ● MS Office ● MS Excel
Background in	Software Design ● Algorithms & Data Structures ● Operating Systems ● Microprocessors & Embedded Systems
Research areas	Deep Learning ● Generative Modeling ● Computer Vision ● Natural Language Processing ● Applied ML
Worked with	Prof. Joachim Buhmann ● Prof. Jürgen Schmidhuber ● Prof. Bernhard Schölkopf ● Prof. Otmar Hilliges

Education

Sep'17-Jun'21 — **ETH Zürich – PhD in Computer Science – Machine Learning**.
- Thesis: "On Training Deep Generative Models with Latent Variables" with Prof. Joachim Buhmann.
- Focus: Generative image and text modeling | variational autoencoders | representation learning | deep learning for biology.

Sep'13-Jun'16 — **ETH Zürich – MS in Computer Science**.
- Thesis: "Perceptual Analysis Framework for Discovering Anomalies in Humanoid Arm Motions" with Prof. Otmar Hilliges.
- Focus: Software engineering | distributed computing | machine learning.

Sep'09-Sep'13 — **University of Belgrade, ETF – BS in Electrical Engineering & Computer Science**.
- Focus: Software/hardware engineering and design.

Work Experience

Feb'17-Present — **ETH Zürich, Institute for Machine Learning – Research Scientist**.
- [Python/PyTorch] I led a team of researchers to develop a web platform that uses convolutional neural networks to recognize sleep patterns from brain signals (http://sleeplearning.ethz.ch) – *over 10'000 submissions worldwide*.
- [Python/PyTorch] I co-invented a new type of neural network for realistic image synthesis. I used it to *develop a state-of-the-art variational autoencoder* for image modeling (github.com/djordjemila/sdn).

  Research, development and *project management* in interdisciplinary collaborations:
- *Zurich Exhalomics* (http://hochschulmedizin.uzh.ch/zurich-exhalomics) – I led a team of students to develop a tool that automatically calibrates the mass spectrum of human breath, and also a machine-learning algorithm to detect causal relations between metabolites in the human body and sleep stages (relating metabolism to sleep).
- *Sleep Loop* (sleeploop.ch) – I co-developed an algorithm to recognize sleep stages from wireless device recordings.
- *VirtaMed collaboration* (http://www.virtamed.com) – I developed a machine-learning algorithm with UI to evaluate the performance of trainee surgeons on a virtual surgery simulator (see the demo at http://bit.ly/2PJqY2J).

Sep'18-Dec'18 — **Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems – Research Scientist**.
- [Python/PyTorch] I applied principles of causal reasoning to (i) develop a neural network architecture to model dynamical systems, improving unsupervised transfer learning; (ii) validate representations of deep generative models.

Sep'16-Feb'17 — **Logitech Europe S.A. Data Science & Advanced Analytics – Software Engineer | ML Engineer**.
- [Python/SQL] I developed a machine-learning algorithm that (i) collects and processes user activity logs for a Logitech product from the database; (ii) uses processed data to identify user cohorts and perform targeted advertising.
- [Java/Scrapy] I implemented a natural language processing algorithm that (i) scraps opinions from Amazon reviews on different Logitech products; (ii) automatically analyzes the sentiments from those reviews for different product aspects.

Jan'16-Sep'16 — **Disney Research Zürich, Vision and Sensing Research Group – Research Scientist | ML Engineer**.
- [Python/C++/Matlab/Blender/HTML/CSS] I designed a framework for detecting mechanical failures in Disney's humanoid robots based on IMU sensor readings. It utilizes a machine-learning algorithm that provides the human-like judgment on robot degradation. To provide training data for the algorithm, I also designed a web survey in which the participants compared graphical renderings of proper and degraded human motions.

Languages

Serbian (Native), English (Fluent), German (B1), Spanish (Beginner)

Academic Activities

Dec'19   I co-organized the "Disentanglement Challenge" at NeurIPS 2019 (`bit.ly/36bTD4W`).

2017-2021   Reviewer at NeurIPS, ICML and ICLR.

2017-2020   Taught "Advanced Machine Learning" and "Statistical Learning Theory" at ETH Zürich.

2017-2020   Supervised more than 10 MS students (`http://djordjemila.github.io/#teaching-mentoring`).

Selected Publications

[1]   **Đorđe Miladinović**, Aleksandar Stanić, Stefan Bauer, Jürgen Schmidhuber & Joachim M. Buhmann
Spatial Dependency Networks: Neural Layers for Improved Generative Image Modeling
International Conference on Learning Representations, **ICLR 2021**

[2]   Raphael Suter, **Đorđe Miladinović**, Stefan Bauer & Bernhard Schölkopf
Robustly Disentangled Causal Mechanisms: Validating Deep Representations for Interventional Robustness
International Conference on Machine Learning, **ICML 2019**

[2]   **Đorđe Miladinović**, Muhammad Waleed Gondal, Bernhard Schölkopf, Joachim M. Buhmann & Stefan Bauer
Disentangled state space representations
DeepGen workshop, International Conference on Representation Learning, **ICLR 2019**

[3]   **Đorđe Miladinović** et al.
SPINDLE: End-to-end Learning from EEG/EMG to Extrapolate Animal Sleep Scoring Across Experimental Settings, Labs and Species, **PloS Computational Biology 2019**

See the complete list at `http://djordjemila.github.io/#publications`

Hobbies

Waterpolo • Swimming • Skiing and snowboarding • Tennis • Cinematography • Reading