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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science

Chapel Hill, NC Incoming Fall 2024

Dickinson College

Carlisle, PA Degree anticipated in May 2024

Bachelor of Science

Double major in Math and Computer Science

Current GPA: 3.97

Honor thesis (in progress): Comparison and application of Neural Radiance Field single-object 3D reconstruction algorithms

PUBLICATIONS

Fraser Mince*, Dzung Dinh*, Jonas Kgomo, Neil Thompson, Sara Hooker. 2023. The Grand Illusion: The Myth of Software Portability and Implications for ML Progress. In Proceedings of the Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Conference. [Preprint available at arXiv:2309.07181] (*: Co-first author)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Segmentation and Reconstruction of Knee MRI Scans: From Medical Imaging Data to 3D Printed

Research Assistant | Advisors: Dr. Minh Do (UIUC), Dr. Hieu Pham (VinUniversity) | May 2023 - October 2023

- Developing a deep learning model that improved the accuracy of MRI knee structure segmentation, addressing challenges in manual segmentation and leading to more robust patient treatment plans.
- Implementing U-Net, conducted extensive error analysis, and proposed future improvements for model performance through the integration of spatial relationships and proposed loss function.

Portability of Software Across Hardware

Research Assistant | Advisors: Dr. Sara Hooker (C4AI), Dr. Neil Thompson (MIT) | October 2022 - October 2023

- Investigated the portability of popular ML libraries across types of hardware type.
- Collected and modified tests for 210+ functions in TensorFlow, PyTorch, and JAX and assessed the functions' portability across different GPUs and TPUs.
- Wrote up the paper and will be presenting the publication as a poster at NeurIPS 2023.

Supervised Machine Learning Based Heuristics for the Quadratic Multidimensional Knapsack

Undergraduate Researcher | Advisor: Dr. Dick Forrester (Dickinson College) | January 2023 - May 2023 Project: Supervised Machine Learning Based Heuristics for the Quadratic Multidimensional Knapsack Problem

- Implemented DBSCAN and Linear Regression to solve the Quadratic Multidimensional Knapsack.
- Outperformed the heuristic method for a GAP value of 2%.

Convolutional Neural Networks for Static Backgrounds

Undergraduate Researcher | Advisor: Dr. John MacCormick (Dickinson College) | August 2022 - December 2022

- Exploited static backgrounds when analyzing images using Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs).
- Visualized CNN filters to demystify image processing in static image recognition.
- Analyzed the impact of removing translation invariance by using Locally Connected layers a variety of Convolutional layers where weights are unshared - and obtained 93.7% F1 score on our toy dataset.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Mathematics & Computer Science Department, Dickinson College

Teaching Assistant | September 2021 - Present

- Working with professors to assist, mentor, and tutor students in Introduction to Computing (COMP 130). Single Variable Calculus (MATH 170), and Multivariable Calculus (MATH 171).
- Holding weekly review sessions and guiding students with homework and quizzes.

SKILLS

- Languages: Python, Java, R, SQL, C++
- **Technologies/Frameworks**: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, JAX, Scikit-Learn, Numpy, Pandas, Scrapy, Matplotlib, Git