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EDUCATION

Koç University Istanbul, Turkey

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, Senior, Full Merit Scholarship

2018 - 2023

Koç University Istanbul, Turkey

Double Major in Electrical and Electronics Engineering

2020 - 2023

Koc University

Istanbul, Turkey

Track in Global Learning & Leadership Program

2020 - 2023

GPA: 3.93/4.00 Transcript Honors: Vehbi Koç Scholar Award for 5+ semesters(+3.5 GPA)

Internship & Research Experience

Koç University Autonomous Vision Group

Jul. 2021 – Present

End-to-End Autonomous Driving

- Working on training RL agents to successfully drive a car in CARLA Leaderboard Challenge with Dr. Fatma Güney and Dr. Barış Akgün
- Researching and creating encoder models for better state representations used in RL training on PyTorch
- Writing and testing Python code to build data flows & simulator APIs

Koç University

Feb. 2019 – Present

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

- Worked as a teaching assistant in three courses: COMP 301 Programming Language Concepts, COMP 132 Advanced Programming, COMP 106 Discrete Maths for CS
- Supplemented computing fundamentals & computer science background

SPARK Autonomous Car Team

Jan. 2020 - Sep. 2021

Co-Founder & Team Captain | ROS, C++, Python, PyTorch, OpenCV, PCL, SVL Simulator

- Built a full-scale autonomous car from scratch by raising about 15.000\$ sponsorship
- Created and wrote tests for the main code base of an autonomous car using Python and C++ with ROS
- Created ML solutions from data collection to deploying on object detection and lane detection stack
- Worked with BDD100K and TUSimple datasets for deep learning tasks
- Created and managed Git repositories and workflows

Barcelona Supercomputing Centre

Jul. 2021 – Aug. 2021

Summer Intern

- Trained DNN models on distributed GPUs and pruned for running them on edge devices
- Used MPI and Horovod to run distributed GPU trainings.

Koç University Intelligent User Interfaces Lab

Dec. 2020 – Jun. 2021

AI Assisted PowerPoint Designer

- Created a PowerPoint add-in to integrate sketch recognition technologies using JavaScript, Office.js and Node.js
- Designed Mongo database systems and deployed to Amazon AWS

Amadeus IT Services

Sep. 2020 – Dec. 2020

Software Engineer Intern

- Created <u>Scrumier</u>, a tool for easier work log entry to JIRA and visualizing sprint data better
- Created backend, frontend, database and deployed to Google Cloud by containerizing microservices

Projects

World on Rails(Reproduction) | RL, IL, CARLA, Julia, Knet

Oct. 2021 – Present

• Reproducing ICCV 2021 paper "Learning to Drive from a World on Rails" on CARLA using Julia and Knet as a Deep Learning course project

Introduction to AI Projects | Python

Oct. 2020 - Jan. 2021

 Implemented Berkeley's CS188 in my course that included: Q-Learning Agent from scratch and Hidden Markov Models

Stanford University Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school)

Jun. 2020 - Jun. 2021

University Innovation Fellow

- After a design thinking process, created a comprehensive calendar portal for events and courses called KULendar
- Created a community of fellow innovators to aid in project implementations and foster innovative culture on campus

Teknofest, Robotaxi Full-Scale Autonomous Car Contest

Sep. 2021

SPARK Team - One of the 4 teams that completed the race track

Yapı Kredi Technology, Hack the Bank Hackathon

Feb. 2021

1st Prize Recipient

Teknofest, Robotaxi Full-Scale Autonomous Car Contest

Apr. 2020

SPARK Team - 1st Place Among 42 Other Universities in Preliminary Design & Simulation Phase

Koc University

Aug. 2018

Full Merit Scholarship - 178th out of 2 million students in university placement exam

Extracurricular Experience

KU AI and Robotics Society(AIRS)

Oct. 2019 – Jun. 2021

Co-Founder & President

- Founded a society to promote and encourage creating projects in AI and Robotics
- Founded SPARK Autonomous Car teams

Koç University Business Club

Oct. 2018 - Jun. 2020

Board Member

• Organized 21 career-related workshops in Business Trip, one of the biggest university career events in Turkey with its 500+ participants and 250+ crew members which satisfied every participant according to feedback surveys

Koç University Debate Club

Oct. 2018 – Jun. 2019

Member

• Two times quarter-finalist in nation-wide tournaments, competed in an international tournament in Netherlands

Technical Skills

Languages: Python, C++, MATLAB, Java, JavaScript, Scheme(Lisp)

Frameworks: ROS, Simulink, Node.js, Vue.js, Spring Boot

Libraries: PyCharm, Open CV, NumPy, Matplotlib

Developer Tools: Jupyter, Git, Docker, Google Cloud Platform, VS Code, PyCharm, IntelliJ, Jira