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EDUCATION

- New York University** New York, United States
• *Master of Science in Computer Engineering with current GPA 4.0/4.0 (expected)* Sep. 2023-May 2025(expected)
Courses: Machine Learning, Probability and Stochastic Processes, Computing Systems Architecture, Advanced Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Computer Network
- Nankai University** Tianjin, China
• *Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Science with GPA 87.79/100* Sep. 2019-June 2023

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

- NVIDIA Corporation-System Software Engineering Intern (Full-time)** Santa Clara, United States
• *Manager: Farzin Aghdasi* May. 2024-Aug. 2024
Develop and experiment on multimodal large language models. Focusing on video language models, iterating with data and alignment training.
 - **Data Scaling for Video Language Models:** Conducted data scaling experiments for existing multimodal large language models.
 - **Preference Training for Multimodal Large Language Model:** Design and executed experiments for preference training with multimodal large language models.
- Baidu Inc.-Algorithm Research And Development Intern (Full-time)** Shenzhen, China
• *Mentor: Xintong yu* Dec. 2022-Aug. 2023
Research and develop in the fields of modern Generative Artificial Intelligence. Analyse problems related to Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Generative Machine Learning. Design solutions during cross modality AI-system constructing. Contributed projects are listed:
 - **Ernie4/Baidu-Wenxin Yiyan(Mar.-Aug. 2023): Research** in the fields of Large Language Models and Cross Modality Models. Develop and experiment on multimodal Large Language Model Baidu-Wenxin Yiyan.
 - * **Cross Modality Data Construct:** Research, design and construct data for cross modality training. Contributed 4 million samples of data for Multimodal-Erniebot training originated from Web coarse.
 - * **Cross Modality Model Experiment:** Research, design, train and evaluate the multimodal language models. Especially focusing on enabling the Multimodal Model with grounding ability. Contributed in curriculum evaluation of Large Language Models and Multimodal Models
 - **Ernie-Vilg2/Baidu-Wenxin Yige(Dec. 2022-Feb. 2023): Research** and develop on Ernie-Vilg2, a Chinese Diffusion image generative model. Improve the algorithm for better performance. The encountered problems and contributions are listed below:
 - * **Diffusion Process Accelerate:** Research and experiment on accelerating methods for diffusion models.
 - * **Extended Controllable Modules Design:** Design extra modules and training process for ernie-vilg2, achieving 20% improvement on performance with better control.
 - * **Specialized Image Generative Model Finetune:** Finetune diffusion models with artistic images for better image generation. Achieve 23% performance gain under human evaluation.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCES

- PLLaVA: Parameter-free LLaVA Extension from Images to Videos for Video Dense Captioning** Bytedance Inc.
• *Advisor: Daquan Zhou* Dec. 2023-Apr. 2024
Construct a SOTA Video Large Multimodal Language Models with superior video captioning and video question answering ability. Conduct Comprehensive Study of it's Understanding for Video Modality.
 - **Video-Language Model Training:** Implement training pipeline for Video large language model training.
 - **Video-Language Model Evaluation:** Conduct comprehensive evaluation for large video language models.
- ChatAnything: Facetime Chat with LLM-Enhanced Personas** Open-sourced Project
• *Advisor: Daquan Zhou* Apr. 2023-Nov. 2023
Utilize current foundation models to reinvent the pipeline for arbitrary personas talking head. Achieve using text prompt to run everything.
 - **Face Control for initial frame:** Incorporate the diffusion control method to ensure the generated initial frame to fit in the talking head module.
 - **Mixture of Diffusers/Voices:** Utilize Large Language Models for zero shot arbitrary module selection with user input. Ensure the consistency between different modal generation.
 - **Evaluation Dataset:** Construct evaluation dataset for the specifical pipeline. Enable the automatic evaluation for the designed methods.
- Style Image Generation with Text Prompt Diffusion Models** Media Computing Lab, Nankai University
• *Thesis Advisor: Qibin Hou* Sep. 2022-June 2023
Propose novel strategy for style image generation with diffusion models. Narrow the gap between the research of image style transfer and image generation. Main contributions are listed below:
 - **Leverage Style Transfer for Diffusion Models:** Design latent style loss and optimization strategy for latent diffusion models. Overcome the difficulty of rare style generation and transferring with diffusion models.
 - **Propose Pipeline for Style Image Generation and Style Transfer with Latent Diffusion Models:** Propose a novel latent style image generation and transfer pipeline. Raised the CLIP score of generated style images significantly compared to baselines.