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## EDUCATION

May 2018 New York University, Courant Institute

M.Sc. in Computer Science, GPA:3.95/4

June 2016 Koc University, College of Engineering

B.Sc. in Electrical and Electronics Engineering, GPA: 3.99/4.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, GPA: 4.02/4.30, 2<sup>nd</sup> in class Spring 2016 Nanyang Technological University, Exchange

Singapore, Singapore

## PROGRAMMING SKILLS

> 5000 lines Python  $\circ$  Java  $\circ$  Bash

> 2000 lines  $C \circ (py)Spark \circ (py,Lua)Torch \circ Javascript/d3.js \circ git$ 

Familiar CSS/HTML • OpenMPI/MP • CUDA • Assembly • C++ • Lisp/Scheme

### Work & Research Experience

#### Summer 2017 Amazon, AWS EC2

Seattle, United States

Software Development Engineer(SDE) Intern: Auditing Big-Data

- Wrote 3000+ lines of pyspark/python-code using 14 different API/library for auditing TBs of data
- Resulting spark program was able to reach 50mb/s per node processing speed and scaled linearly

# Summer 2016 University of Amsterdam, ILPS Group

Amsterdam, Netherlands

Research Intern: Comparing Word Embeddings

- Reviewed the literature and the code to highlight the difference at hyperparameter selection.
- $\bullet$  Written 500+ lines of bash-script to systematically train and evaluate word2vec and GloVe models with different hyperparameters on a cluster runs TORQUE

## Summer 2015 Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (EPFL), IIG

Lausanne, Switzerland

Research Intern: Modelling Human Stepping

- $\bullet$  Processed 3D marker data sequence to detect steps and their locations on 2D plane, which led to a short paper published in CASA '16
- Wrote a full-paper remotely along with an online .js implementation summing up to 4000+ lines of MATLAB/javasript which is accepted to MIG '16 as poster

# Projects<sup>1</sup>

# Fall 2016 Neural Network Pruning, Python/Bash

Computer-Vision Class Project

- Implemented network pruning with various criterion in Torch7 and performed experiments with bash scripts on NYU's cluster Mercer.
- $\bullet$  Wrote 1500+ lines of code in 6 weeks utilizing 5 different api-library along with a report and literature review of 15+ papers.

### Fall 2015 Facial Expression Detection, Matlab/Bash

B.Sc. Graduation Project

- $\bullet$  Built a Rasperry-Pi based facial expression detecting art-installation (overall 900+ lines of c-python-matlab code), which is exhibited on campus.
- Created a dataset of facial expressions from 80 students and trained a NN based model.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

2016 Fulbright Scholarship & NYU GSAS Tuition Scholarship, for M.Sc. at NYU

2011 Ranked 1<sup>st</sup> in Turkey, in College Entrance Exam (LYS) out of more than a million people

2013-2016 American Football College Team Captain, led the team in offense

2011 **Semahat Arsel Scholarship**, most prestigious full scholarship for the B.Sc. at Koc University

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>more at evcu.github.io