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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA Master of Science in Computer Science (Specialization: Machine Learning) | GPA - 4.0 Aug. 2021 - May, 2023

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani Pilani, India Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) in Computer Science Aug. 2014 - July. 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision, Self-Supervised Learning, Multi-Modal AI, Embodied AI, Generative Models

PUBLICATIONS

ZSON: Zero-Shot Object-Goal Navigation using Multimodal Goal Embeddings (Paper)

NeurIPS 2022

- o Proposed a zero-shot approach for object-goal navigation by encoding goal images into a multi-modal, semantic embedding space via CLIP.
- o Achieved 4-20% improvement for object-goal navigation task over state-of-the-art methods.
- o Showed the importance of using a self-supervised pre-trained visual encoder for zero-shot transfer.

Dance2Music: Automatic Dance-driven Music Generation(Paper) | (Project)

NeurIPS 2021 Workshop

- Worked on generating music conditioned on dance in real-time.
- Used beam search to generate a paired dance and music dataset which was then used to train a deep neural network. Dance frames were represented by poses obtained from OpenPose.

On the Benefits of Models with Perceptually-Aligned Gradients (Paper)

ICLR 2020 Workshop

 Showed the benefit of using low-perturbation bound adversarially trained models for different tasks, such as weakly supervised object localization and zero-shot transfer learning.

Neuro-Symbolic Generative Art: A Preliminary Study (Paper) | (Project)

ICCC 2020

- o Proposed a new genre of art: neuro-symbolic generative art.
- o A progressive GAN was trained over a symbolically generated dataset.

cFineGAN: Unsupervised multi-conditional fine-grained image generation (Paper)

NeurIPS 2019 Workshop

o Developed an unsupervised multi-conditional image generation pipeline on top of a hierarchical GAN. The work was showcased live on stage at Adobe MAX (Sneak Peek), 2019 in front of an audience of 15,000 people. Video link

EXPERIENCE

Adobe

San Jose, CA

ML Intern: Work under patent submission

May 2022 – Aug 2022

- Researched on adapting image based models to video domain via the use case of makeup transfer for video editing.
- o Integrated video temporal consistency to create paired video data using video outputs from image based models.
- o Incorporated Face Mesh to improve lip segmentation and trained Pix2Pix generative model and ConvGRU based recurrent model to achieve superior qualitative and quantitative performance (2.5% increase in color consistency).

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Graduate Researcher under Prof. Devi Parikh and Prof. Dhruv Batra

Aug 2021 - Present

• Working on problems related to multi-modal AI.

Noida, India

Software Development Engineer-2

July 2018 - Aug 2021

- o Worked on Adobe Conversational AI from scratch, designing in-house multilingual intent classifier by utilizing embedding from the Universal Sentence Encoder model. The chatbot is serving $\sim 20,000$ customers daily.
- o Applied HDBSCAN clustering on top of embeddings of low-confidence user utterances to identify new user intents.

PROJECTS

• Unsupervised Domain Adaptation: Used FixMatch consistency to achieve 4% improvement over the state-of-the-art approach for Unsupervised Domain Adaptation from SVHN to MNIST.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Code Quality Jam Champion Award 2022, Adobe: Won this award across 20 intern teams, evaluated on the basis of our research, engineering and coding skills.
- Special Contribution Award 2020, Adobe: Awarded this for my contribution to Adobe Conversational AI, and to the research value of Adobe by publishing 3 works in Computer Vision. Awarded to only 4 employees yearly.
- Code Jam to I/O for Women 2018, Google: Global Rank 27, got invited to attend Google I/O 2018.

Programming Skills

• Languages: Python, C++, Java

Libraries: Pytorch, TensorFlow, OpenCV