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EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Master of Science in Computer Science — (Specialization: Machine Learning) Aug. 2021 - Present

Thesis Advisor: Prof. Devi Parikh

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani

Pilani, India

Bachelor of Engineering (Hons.) in Computer Science; GPA: 8.35/10.0

Aug. 2014 - July. 2018

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Computer Vision, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing

EXPERIENCE

Georgia Institute of Technology

Atlanta, GA

Graduate Researcher under Prof. Devi Parikh

Aug 2021 - Present

• Working on problems related to creative multi-modal AI.

Adobe

Noida, India

Software Development Engineer-2

July 2018 – Aug 2021

- o Chatbot: Worked on Adobe Conversational AI from scratch, starting with Microsoft LUIS and Rasa, and moving on to designing in-house multi-lingual intent classifier by utilizing embedding from Google's Universal Sentence Encoder (USE) model. The chatbot is serving \sim 20,000 customers daily.
- o User Intent Identification: Applied HDBSCAN clustering algorithm on top of embeddings of low-confidence user utterances to identify new intents.
- o Zero-shot Intent Classification: Worked on a PoC for designing a zero-shot pipeline for user intent identification using pre-trained BART model which alleviated the need to re-train model over each new intent.

PUBLICATIONS

Dance2Music: Automatic Dance-driven Music Generation

Paper link

Under Review

- o Proposed an approach to generate music conditioned on dance in a real-time fashion.
- o Used beam search based offline approach 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.

Neuro-Symbolic Generative Art: A Preliminary Study

Paper link

ICCC Short Paper 2020

- o Proposed a new genre of art: neuro-symbolic generative art (NSG). A progressive GAN was trained over a symbolically generated dataset.
- Evaluated the creativity of NSG vs. the creativity of the original symbolic data through human studies.

On the Benefits of Models with Perceptually-Aligned Gradients

Paper link

ICLR 2020 Workshop: Towards Trustworthy ML

 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.

cFineGAN: Unsupervised multi-conditional fine-grained image generation

Paper link

NeurIPS 2019 Workshop: Machine Learning for Creativity and Design 3.0

- Developed an unsupervised multi-conditional image generation pipeline.
- o Given two images, the pipeline generates an image that has the shape of first and texture of second image.
- o The work was selected as one of the top 11 projects to be showcased live on stage at Adobe MAX (Sneak Peek), 2019. Video link

PROJECT

• Sentiment Analysis: Used sentiment analysis to study the impact of social cause marketing advertisements on users by analyzing their comments extracted from YouTube.

PROGRAMMING SKILLS

• Languages: Python, C++, Java

Libraries: Pytorch, OpenCV, Scikit-learn, Numpy