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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY PARIS-SACLAY

MSc Electrical Engineering, Machine Vision and Al Jun 2020 - Jun 2022

UNIVERSITY OF CHILE

MECHANICAL ENGINEER (ENGINEERING DIPLOMA)

Completed Jun 2018

Cum. Grade: 6.2/7.0 (GPA 3.7)

Years of studies: 6

COURSEWORK

Probability and Statistics
Linear Algebra
Optimization
Algorithms and Data Structures
Statistical Machine Learning
CS232N CNNs for Visual Recognition

• Stanford online course. Implemented and published all assignments in israfelsr/CS231n.

Computer Vision Information Theory Image and Video Processing 3D Data Analysis Reinforcement Learning Research Project

• Implemented an unsupervised learning algorithm based on optimal transport to jointly learn the distribution of different datasets (GitHub).

SKILLS

PROGRAMMING

Advanced:

Python • Pytorch • Pandas • Scikit-Learn Intermediate:

Tensorflow • SQL • Java • HuggingFace Familiar:

R • ROS CSS/HTML • VHDL • THREE.js

LANGUAGE

Spanish: Native English: Fluent (C2)

French: Excellent command (C1)

German: Basic (A1)

OTHER HOBBIES

Running Swimming Playing the guitar Animal cognition and behaviour enthusiast

EXPERIENCE

HUGGING FACE | PREDOCTORAL FATIMA FELLOWSHIP

June 2022 - Present

• Experimenting with using Masked Autoencoders as Language Models to represent text as images.

INRIA | RESEARCH INTERN @ STATIFY TEAM

April 2022 - Present | Grenoble, France

- Studying the use of Deep Learning architectures for estimating the viability of a genome in certain environment.
- Implemented Conditional VAEs for generation of genomic data under environmental conditioning.
- Implemented the inference of Gene-Environment association.

COPENHAGEN UNIVERSITY | RESEARCH INTERN @ COASTAL

Oct 2021 - March 2022 | Copenhagen, Denmark

- Part of a team of PhDs and professors working on handwritten recognition in Danish registries.
- Led the experiments on MTL to leverage other datasets and tasks.
- Implemented and evaluated different label encodings for the classification task.

EXCELERATE | SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN

Jul 2021 – Sept 2021 | Copenhagen, Denmark

- Designed and implemented a pipeline that fetched descriptions of university courses and summarized them (code).
- Developed a web scrapper to obtain the courses descriptions.
- Designed and implemented the database to store the different university courses.
- Integrated a pre-trained language model based on the transformer architecture to summarize the coursework of a student.

MUNDOS VIRTUALES | ROBOTICS ENGINEER

Apr 2018 - Nov 2019 | Santiago, Chile

- Designed, prototyped, and manufactured robotics components and machines.
- Developed python scripts for robotic arms involving decision and integration.
- Researched and manufactured state-of-the-art soft robotics for handling objects.
- Fine-tuned a YOLO architecture to detect ripe fruits using self-made dataset.
- Simulated and modeled robotic arms using 3D environments to harvest the fruit.

OTHER PROJECTS

FAILURE DETECTION USING VIBRATION MODES AND CNNs (ENGINEERING THESIS)

- Implemented and compared different mathematical methods for failure detection based on the vibration modes of the material.
- Showed that CNNs trained for semantic segmentation obtain comparable results.

KAGGLE COMPETITIONS: BRAIN MRIS AND CT LUNGS SCANS.

- Improved the classifier performance (+XX% accuracy) by preprocessing the MRI data using contrast enhancement, tissue isolation, and orientation normalization.
- Implemented a multimodal model using CT images and patient tabular data.

Associations in the University of Chile

- Led teams to organise scientific events and faculty projects that involved coordinating around 100 people to host more than 15K visitors.
- Led organization of the university job fair, bringing together more than 60 enterprises and 4000 engineering students.

AWARDS

2022	Fellow	Fatima Predoctoral Fellowship
2020	Fellow	MIT Santander Scholarship: Leading Digital Transformation
2018	Honors	Graduated with the highest academic distinction
2015-2018	Honors	Dean's list
2011	Honors	High School Academic Excellence