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Education

University of California, Santa Cruz | PhD, Computational Media 09/2018 – 09/2023

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology | BS, Computer Science and Engineering 05/2012 – 02/2017

Work Experience

Graduate Researcher & Teaching Assistant | Computational Media, UCSC

09/2018 - Present

- Developed simulation tools for Autonomous Vehicle (AV) testing
- · Evaluated simulation models using naturalistic driving datasets (HighD, Argoverse)
- · Delivered lectures on Game AI course to undergraduate students

Co-founder & Game Developer | Portbliss Inc., Bangladesh

10/2015 - 05/2018

- Launched 'Heroes of 71' based on Bangladesh Liberation War, 7M+ downloads, 300K+ monthly active user
- Developed 'Mukti Camp' a strategy game under the same narrative with 500k+ downloads

Projects

CogMod | Cognitive modeling of human driving behavior

- · Implemented the CogMod model in python for CARLA Driving Simulator
- Modeled surrounding vehicles with CogMod for critical AV testing scenario generation

JunctionArt | Procedural road network generation tool €

- · Created tools to generate synthetic roads with complex intersections to test AV path planners
- · Performed expressive range analysis to evaluate the complexity of the generated intersections

CruzWay | A modular architecture for AV simulation €

- · Created models for surrounding vehicles to generate emergent scenarios for AV testing
- · Authored two open-source Unreal Engine plugins for modular AV simulation

Heroes of 71 | Third-person shooter game on Andriod 69

- Developed enemy AI and NPC manager
- · Integrated game analytic tools, Ads module and in-app purchase

Skills

- · Python, Anaconda, Carla, PyTorch, Matplotlib, Pandas, NumPy, OpenCV
- · C++, C#, JavaScript, Unreal 4, Unity, Phaser.JS
- Git, OpenDRIVE, OpenSCENARIO

Activities and Awards

- · Organizing 1st SceGen workshop in IEEE IV 2023
- · Reviewer IEEE ITSC 2022, IEEE TOG 2021
- · Recipient Campus 2 Career Youth Award 2016 and National ICT Award 2016

Publications &

- CogMod: Simulating Human Information Processing Limitation While Driving; IEEE IV Symposium 2022
- Procedural Generation of High-Definition Road Networks for AV Testing and Traffic Simulations; SAE IJCAV 2023
- · A Modular Architecture for Procedural Generation of Towns, Intersections and Scenarios for Testing AV; IEEE IV Symposium 2020