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Education

Brown University

Providence, RI • 2016 – 2021

- PhD. in Computer Engineering, MSc. in Applied Mathematics (GPA: 4.0)
- *Research Focus:* Discrete Optimization for Image Segmentation and Data Analysis.
- *Adviser:* Pedro F. Felzenszwalb..

University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis

Sophia-Antipolis, France • 2014 – 2015

- MSc. in Computer Science, *with Honors*
- *Supervisor:* Marc Antonini.

Federal University of Ceará

Fortaleza, Brazil • 2011 – 2015

- BEng. in Telematics Engineering, *Magna cum Laude*
- *Supervisor:* Fátima N. Sombra de Medeiros.

Work Experience

Computer Science Department at Haverford College, Visiting Assistant Professor

Haverford, PA • 2021 –

- Teaches the introductory course in to Computer Science and co-teaches Foundations of Data Science. In the spring, will teach Data Structures and Machine Learning.
- Advises a seven undergraduate students (seniors and juniors) in research projects in the areas of biomedical image segmentation, data science for education and unsupervised deep learning.

Laboratory for Engineering Man/Machine Systems (LEMS), Research Assistant

Providence, RI • 2016 – 2021

- Worked on new algorithms for clustering in graphs and hypergraphs with application to clustering and subspace clustering.
- Developed two algorithms to unsupervisedly estimate the color distributions in the regions of an image and use them to efficiently segment it using Graph-cuts • Developed the connection between the problem of Topic Modeling and Image Segmentation.
- Proposed a multi-view spectral image segmentation algorithm that incorporates long range relationships for global appearance modeling • The method provided a natural interpretation for the cut criteria and was able to greatly outperform traditional spectral segmentation methods.
- Generalized the Normalized Cuts Algorithm to leverage expert segmentation information via a penalty function • The proposed method was able to add global appearance and other segmentation cues, such as seeds, to the original spectral framework.

Informatics, Signals and Systems Laboratory (I3S), Research Assistant

Sophia Antipolis, France • 2014 – 2015

- Studied 3D and 2D/3D shape descriptors for view-based indexing and retrieval of 3D meshes • Proposed the application of learning algorithms such as boosting and SVMs to classify 3D models using these descriptors

Vision, Images and Signals Laboratory (LABVIS), Research Assistant

Fortaleza, Brazil • 2013 – 2014, 2015 – 2016

- Designed several algorithms to SAR image segmentation using the statistical information extracted directly from the images • Published three journal papers on these findings.
- Designed a level set algorithm for general image segmentation problems • Presented this work in one of the main image processing conferences (ICIP).
- Worked on new algorithms for biomedical image segmentation (cervical cell and fundus images, specifically) and for improving shape retrieval tasks with applications to in healthcare datasets • Published the results in journal and conferences papers.

Teaching & Advising Experience

Teaching.....

Data Structures, Main Instructor

Haverford College • Spring, 2022

Machine Learning, Co-Instructor

Haverford College • Spring, 2022

Introduction to Computer Science, Main Instructor and Course Designer

Haverford College • Fall, 2021

Foundations of Data Science, Co-Instructor

Haverford College • Fall, 2021

Artificial Intelligence and Deep Learning, Instructor and Course Designer **Brown University • Summer, 2019**

- Designed and taught course on Deep Learning entirely designed to high-schoolers with none or very little background on Calculus and Algebra • The class had a duration of 60h and included homeworks and class assignments on Jupyter/IPython.

Introduction to Matlab, Instructor and Course Designer **Federal University of Ceará • Jan – Feb, 2013**

- Short course (16 h) on the basics of Matlab and its applications in engineering • The course content and materials, which included a 90-page long Matlab tutorial in Portuguese written in \LaTeX ([link](#) to download), were compiled by me specially for this class.

Machine Learning and Pattern Recognition (ENGN 2520), Teaching Assistant **Brown University • Spring, 2019**

Linear Systems (ENGN 1570), Teaching Assistant **Brown University • Fall, 2020**

Research Advising and Metoring.....

Undergraduate and Masters Research Projects, Research Advisor

- Silvia Alemany and Olufemi Obiwumi **Bryn Mawr College and Haverford College • Fall, 2021 –**
Estimating Coherent Appearance Models for Segmentation using Non-Negative Matrix Factorization.
- Iryna Khovryak and Yuxuan Sun **Haverford College • Fall, 2021 –**
Leveraging Graph Structure in Fundus Images for Blood Vessel Segmentation using Graph Neural Networks.
- Frederick Gould **Haverford College • Fall, 2021 –**
Majorization-Minimization Algorithms for Deep Learning-based Unsupervised Image Segmentation.
- Jacob Zimmerman **Haverford College • Fall, 2021 –**
Global Modeling for Noise2void-Based Deep Unsupervised Image Restoration.
- Rahul Palnitkar **Haverford College • Fall, 2021 –**
New Sparse Graphs with Global Modeling for Spectral Image Segmentation.
- Keeton Martin **Haverford College • Fall, 2021 –**
Using Deep Learning to Estimate Item Response Theory Parameters.
- Pedro Polanco **Brown University • Summer, 2020 – Spring, 2021**
Unsupervised Deep Image Segmentation with Gaussian Processes.

Direct Reading Program in Applied Math, Mentor **Brown University • Spring, 2019 – Fall, 2020**

- Advised undergraduate research projects on topics related to the mathematical foundations of Deep Learning.

Other.....

The Sheridan Teaching Seminars, Certified Participant **Brown University • 2020 – 2021**

- Received teaching certificates on Reflective Teaching (I) and Course Design (II) from Brown's Sheridan Center for Teaching and Learning. These intensive programs certificates recognize one's ability to develop their teaching practice in order to support diverse learners (I), while developing professional and inclusive courses' syllabi (II).

Publications

Preprint.....

- [6] **J. F. S. R. Neto** and P. F. Felzenszwalb, *Spectral image segmentation with global appearance modeling*, 2020. eprint: [arXiv:2006.06573](#).

Journal Papers.....

- [1] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, P. F. Felzenszwalb, and M. Vazquez, "Direct estimation of appearance models for segmentation," *SIAM Journal on Imaging Sciences*, vol. 15, no. 1, pp. 172–191, 2022.
- [2] F. H. D. Araújo, R. R. V. Silva, F. N. S. Medeiros, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, P. H. C. Oliveira, A. G. C. Bianchi, and D. Ushizima, "Active contours for overlapping cervical cell segmentation," *International Journal of Biomedical Engineering and Technology*, Jan. 2021.
- [3] A. M. Braga, R. C. Marques, F. N. Medeiros, J. F. R. Neto, A. G. Bianchi, C. M. Carneiro, and D. M. Ushizima, "Hierarchical median narrow band for level set segmentation of cervical cell nuclei," *Measurement*, p. 109 232, 2021.
- [7] A. C. Carneiro, J. G. Lopes, M. M. Souza, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, F. H. Araújo, R. R. Silva, F. N. Medeiros, and F. N. Bezerra, "Parameter optimization of a multiscale descriptor for shape analysis on healthcare image datasets," *Pattern Recognition Letters*, Jun. 2019.
- [8] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, A. M. Braga, R. C. P. Marques, and F. N. S. Medeiros, "Level-set formulation based on an infinite series of sample moments for sar image segmentation," *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Sep. 2019.
- [11] L. C. Neto, G. L. B. Ramalho, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, R. M. S. Veras, and F. N. S. Medeiros, "An unsupervised coarse-to-fine algorithm for blood vessel segmentation in fundus images," *Expert Systems with Applications*, Feb. 2017.

- [12] R. H. Nobre, F. A. A. Rodrigues, R. C. P. Marques, J. S. Nobre, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, and F. N. S. Medeiros, "SAR image segmentation with renyi's entropy," *IEEE Signal Processing Letters*, Nov. 2016.
- [13] F. A. A. Rodrigues, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, R. C. P. Marques, F. N. S. de Medeiros, and J. S. Nobre, "SAR image segmentation using the roughness information," *IEEE Geoscience and Remote Sensing Letters*, Feb. 2016.

Conference Papers.....

- [9] A. C. Carneiro, J. G. F. Lopes, **J. F. S. R. Neto**, M. M. S. Souza, and F. N. S. Medeiros, "On the evaluation of cost functions for parameter optimization of a multiscale shape descriptor," in *IEEE Symp. on Signal Process. and Inf. Technol. (ISSPIT)*, Feb. 2017.
- [10] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, A. M. Braga, F. N. S. Medeiros, and R. C. P. Marques, "Level-set formulation based on Otsu method with morphological regularization," in *IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP)*, Sep. 2017.

In Preparation.....

- [5] **J. F. S. R. Neto** and P. F. Felzenszwalb, "Penalized normalized cuts," 2021.

Thesis.....

- [4] **J. F. S. R. Neto**, "New model-based algorithms for image segmentation," PhD's Thesis, Brown University, 2021.
- [14] —, "SAR image segmentation using level-sets," Bachelor's Thesis, Federal University of Ceará, 2015.
- [15] —, "View-based indexing and retrieval of 3D meshes using machine learning," University of Nice Sophia Antipolis, 2015.

Academic Service & Engagement

Journal Peer-reviewer.....

- IEEE Journal of Selected Topics in Applied Earth Observations and Remote Sensing Jun, 2016
- ISPRS Journal of Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing May, 2018; Feb, 2022
- International Journal of Computer Vision Jan, 2020
- Artificial Intelligence Review Dec, 2020
- IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence May, 2021

Memberships.....

- Sigma Xi Scientific Research Honor Society (*Associate Member*, earned by nomination) Jun, 2019 –
- Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics - SIAM (*Graduate Student Member*) Jan, 2019 –

Talk.....

- "Penalized Normalized Cuts" at Joint Mathematics Meetings 2022 Seattle, Apr 2022

Workshop Organization / Participation.....

- Computer Vision Semester Program at ICERM (*Attended*) Spring, 2019
- Undergraduate Workshop on Scientific Writing (*Organizer*) Oct, 2013 • Mar, 2014 • Oct 2014 • Oct, 2015

Other.....

- Applied Math/ICERM Machine Learning Journal Club (*Co-organizer*) Jan, 2019 – Mar, 2020
- 2021 Brazil Conference at Harvard & MIT (*Staff Member and Co-organizer*) Oct, 2020 – Jun, 2021

Awards

Prize.....

- Sigma Xi Prize (excellence in research in Electrical Sciences and Computer Engineering at Brown U.) 2018

Scholarships and Grants.....

- Brown University's School of Engineering Graduate Fellowship 2016 –
- BRAFITEC (*Brésil-France Ingénierie et Technologie*) Full Scholarship for Masters studies in France 2014 – 2015
- CNPq (Brazilian National Agency for Scientific Research, in Portuguese) Research Grant 2013 – 2014

Skills

Languages: Portuguese (*Mother Tongue*), English (*TOEFL Score: 109*), French (*Professional Working Proficiency*)

Technical: Matlab, Python (*Numpy, Scikit-Learn, Keras, TensorFlow*), C++ (*OpenCV, Qt*), Git, \LaTeX / Beamer

References

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