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I am a Ph.D. candidate, advised by **Prof. David Jacobs** at the University of Maryland, College Park. I am broadly interested in computer vision. I am currently working on : **Leveraging deep generative models such as GANs for geometry estimation (depth, normals ) via unsupervised domain adaptation; latent diffusion models for text-based segmentation of real and AI generated images.** Some more areas of computer vision I am interested in are : Inverse Rendering; Video classification; and Inpainting. I am highly interested in collaborating with researchers from the industry to work on fascinating ideas in computer vision.

## PUBLICATIONS

- Koutilya PNVR, Bharat Singh, Pallabi Ghosh, Behjat Siddiquie, David Jacobs. “**LD-ZNet : A Latent Diffusion Approach for Text-Based Image Segmentation.**” In Proceedings of the International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023.
- Koutilya PNVR, Hao Zhou, and David Jacobs.“**SharinGAN : Combining Synthetic and Real data for Unsupervised Geometry Estimation.**” In Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2020.
- Hanson Alex\*, Koutilya PNVR\*, Sanjukta Krishnagopal, and Larry Davis.“**Bidirectional Convolutional LSTM for the Detection of Violence in Videos.**” The European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) Workshops, 2018.

## INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Dec 2022 | Amazon GO, Seattle, WA

May 2022

- Explored the utility of various text-to-image generative models for text-based segmentation of images.
- Demonstrated the use of latent diffusion models (LDMs) pretrained on large-scale internet data for text-based segmentation.
- Proposed novel ways to utilize features from the internal stages of the LDM to improve the segmentation performance by nearly **6% on real images and 20% on AI-generated images.**

Text-Based Image Segmentation Real Images AI generated Images Diffusion models Stable Diffusion

Dec 2020 | Project NEON, STAR LABS, Campbell, CA

May 2020

- Worked with team of researchers on various audio-visual and self-supervised learning techniques.
- Prototyped novel learning algorithms in large scale production system for various audio and video synthesis approaches.
- Integrated solutions in cross language technology stack consisting of Python, C++ and CUDA.

Audio-visual Computer Vision Self-supervision for Audio-Video modalities Deep Learning Pytorch

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Present

Aug. 2017

Ph.D. Candidate | Computer Vision, UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, College Park

- Text-based segmentation of real and AI generated images by leveraging text-to-image latent diffusion generative model pretrained on large-scale internet data.
- Self-training methods such as knowledge-distillation targeted for monocular depth estimation.
- Domain Adaptation between synthetic and real datasets for applications such as Monocular Depth Estimation of outdoor scenes and Face Normal Estimation.
- Violence detection in videos using a Bidirectional ConvLSTM network.
- Guided Inpainting using Generative Adversarial Networks that can enable the use of different car images as guides to edit cars in street view scenes.

Computer Vision Generative models - GANs and Diffusion models Text-Based Image Segmentation Domain Adaptation Depth and Normal Estimation Knowledge-Distillation Inverse Rendering Video classification Guided Inpainting

Aug. 2023

Aug. 2022

Generative AI Research Consultant, Vchar.ai

- Explored the utility of generative models such as diffusion models for editing applications - Virtual Try-On, Fashion clothes inpainting, Human model synthesis, Image personalization

Generative models - GANs and Diffusion models Virtual Try-On Clothes Inpainting Model Synthesis Personalization

## EDUCATION

Current

3.93

Ph.D. | Computer Vision, University of Maryland, College Park

2017

3.9

M.S. | Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Maryland, College Park

2015

8.22

B.Tech. | Electrical Engineering, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, India

## SKILLS

Deep Learning frameworks   Pytorch, TensorFlow, TFLearn, Keras  
Other technical skills   Tensorboard, OpenMPI, OpenMP, LaTeX, Linux, Visual Studio Code, Git

## TECHNICAL PROJECTS

### DOMAIN ADAPTATION BETWEEN SYNTHETIC AND REAL DATASETS FOR GEOMETRY ESTIMATION

MAY 2019 - DEC 2019

- Implemented a novel way of utilizing GANs to train deep networks that can minimize the domain gap between synthetic and real images for performance improvement in geometry estimation tasks.
- Demonstrated the performance gain for Monocular Depth Estimation and Face Normal Estimation tasks.
- Reduced the absolute error in testsets of KITTI by 23.77% and Make3D by 6.45% over the state-of-the-art.
- Improved the face normal prediction by 4.3% for  $Acc < 20$  deg metric for the Photoface dataset over the state-of-the-art.

Domain Adaptation   Monocular Depth Estimation   Face Normal Estimation   GANs   Synthetic and Real datasets   Pytorch   Tensorboard

### VIOLENCE DETECTION IN VIDEOS USING BIDIRECTIONAL CONVLSTM

APRIL 2018 - JUNE 2018

- Developed a novel Bidirectional Convolutional LSTM network followed by an elementwise max-pooling layer to obtain better Spatio-temporal representations for detecting violence in videos.
- Demonstrated the superiority of our method on the Hockey fights, Movies and Violent-Flows datasets over previous state-of-the-art methods.
- Signified the importance of all our modules : BiConvLSTM, elementwise maxpool, temporal encoding via ablation studies.

Violence Detection   Bidirectional ConvLSTM   Elementwise Max Pool   Spatio-temporal encoding   Pytorch

### PARALLEL IMPLEMENTATION OF SMO AND MODEL SELECTION ALGORITHMS FOR SVMs

MAR 2017 - MAY 2017

- Efficiently parallelized the Sequential Minimal Optimization (SMO) and Model Selection (MS) algorithms that define an optimal SVM classifier using OpenMPI, OpenMP and Hybrid frameworks in C++ on deepthought2 cluster.
- Studied the parallel version on several cluster configurations such as nodes and threads/core and over several datasets, such as MNIST, not-MNIST, CORDNA, A9a, Splice, etc.
- Model selection is performed on 900 models and the best one is chosen that gives the least validation error.
- A huge speedup of 173 is observed for the Hybrid implementation of MS-SMO on not-MNIST for 16 node configuration.

OpenMP   OpenMPI   Sequential Minimal Optimization (SMO)   Support Vector Machines (SVM)   High Performance Computing

## REFERENCES

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