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Education

• Macalester College, St.Paul, MN

expected May 2021

- o B.A. in Computer Science, Pure Mathematics
- Minor in Philosophy
- o GPA: 3.93/4.0, Dean's List (all semesters)

Research Experience

- 3D Reconstruction: MultiView Stereo and Structure from Motion Spring 2019
 - Explored algorithms which recover 3D model from 2D images using a sequence of Structure from Motion (SfM), Multi View Stereo (MVS), Meshing, and Texturing techniques.
 - Created various datasets of objects, scenes, and crowded scenes and experimented with six state-of-the-art 3D reconstruction pipelines.
 - Provided effective visual comparisons in terms of the sparse point cloud, dense point cloud, and textured surface reconstruction results of each pipeline.
 - Presented original findings and insights in terms of reconstruction results.
- Research Assistant on <u>Cartograph</u> at Prof. Sen's Lab

Summer 2019 - present

- Generated meaning labels for Cartograph, which creates interactive maps that visualize Wikipedia articles in the form of real-world style geographical maps, enabling users explore information geographically and spatially.
- Constructed a joint algorithm of clustering, embedding, and labeling to generate more semantically homogeneous clusters.
- Conducted collaborative research on keyword extraction and cluster labeling algorithms to generate meaningful labels for clusters.
- Conducted 608 user studies on cluster label quality via Amazon Mechanical Turks, performed data analysis and data visualizations on the results from the survey.
- Exploring City Structures and Communities with Traffic Networks

Spring 2018

- Conducted collaborative research on traffic network visualization and graph theory using Python and Gephi, centrality measures, node degrees, and Louvain modularity.
- Explored city structures and communities of eight major cities across the world with traffic networks via trajectory datasets from Uber Movement.

- Identified the main functional, territorial, socio-economical, geographical, or ethnic dividers and compared the main dividers from traffic network with the existing borders defined by other characteristics.
- Performed time series analysis in R on the traffic flow to analyze the underlying structures of eight major cities across the world.

Mathematical Contest in Modeling

- O Designated as Meritorious Winner (top 8% teams in over 10,000 teams).
- Used systems of differential equations to model the spreading of six representative drugs which can account for 96.8% of all reported research targets in the year of 2017.
- Applied a linear regression model to study the geographical characteristics of the distribution of selected drugs to identify the state at which the local growth rate of a specific drug is most correlated to its overall growth rate of the drug.
- Applied a linear regression model to evaluate the relevancy of six socio-economic factors that are doubted to associate with illicit drug usage, including education level, immigration, and whether being a veteran or not.
- Tested the effectiveness of possible solutions targeted at researched factors with salient influence on the spreading of synthetic opioids and heroin.

Teaching Experience

- Jan 2020 present: TA for COMP 128 Data Structures
 - Held weekly tutoring hours and taught stacks, queues, lists, trees, heaps, hash tables, graphs, and algorithms that use these data structures.
 - Graded homework and gave feedback to improve students' coding/annotating style and clarify ambiguous concepts.
- Sept 2019 Dec 2019: TA for COMP 127 Object-Oriented Programming and Abstraction
 - Taught topics including abstraction, decomposition, encapsulation, classes, objects, polymorphism, inheritance, testing, refactoring, events, closures, streams, immutability, parallel programming, and version control.
 - Helped students use object-oriented programming in Java to create graphics, games, and simulations, and explore natural language processing.
- Sept 2018 May 2019: Peer Writing Tutor Macalester Academic Excellence Center
 - Recommended to this position by Philosophy Professor Samuel Asarnow.
 - Helped Macalester peers with a variety of writing projects through brainstorming, organizing thoughts, making outlines, and polishing language.

- Sept 2018 Dec 2018: TA for Applied Multivariable Calculus
 - Held weekly office hours to illustrate concepts in Calculus and help students with homework problems.

Coursework

<u>Computer Science:</u> Introduction to AI/Robotics, Robotics: Perception (Coursera), Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition (Stanford CS231n, self studied online), Object-Oriented Programming in Java, Data Structures, Algorithms Design and Analysis, Software Development, Theory of Computation, Network Science

<u>Mathematics</u>: Applied Multivariable Calculus, Linear Algebra, Abstract Algebra, Combinatorics, Real Analysis, Measure Theory, Representation Theory, Topology, Differential Equations

<u>Statistics:</u> Introduction to Statistical Modeling, Probability, Mathematical Statistics, Machine Learning (Coursera)

Honors and Awards

- 12/2019: Placed 8th out of 60 teams in the Mathematical Association of America North-Central Section (MAA-NCS) Team Competition
- 04/2019: Meritorious Winner (awarded to top 8% among 14,108 teams) in the Mathematical Contest in Modeling
- 02/2018: Outstanding Trial Team in MN Mock Trial Invitational Tournament (5th Place Out of 46 teams)
- 05/2017: Kofi Annan International Scholarship (Four-year scholarship)

Skills

• Programming: Java, Python, R, Julia, C, C++, React, HTML, JavaScript, CSS