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# **EDUCATION**

# **Northeastern University**

Boston, MA

Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering

August 2022

Concentration: Computer Vision, Machine Learning and Algorithms

GPA: 3.9/4.00

Coursework: Deep Learning, Fundamentals of Computer Engineering, Applied Probability and Statistics

# **Australian National University**

Canberra, Australia

Bachelor Of Engineering (Honors)

July 2019

Concentration: Mechatronic Systems GPA: 5.75/7.00

#### **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

- **Programming Languages:** Python, C++, SQL
- **Python Libraries:** Numpy, Pandas, TensorFlow, Pytorch, OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib, SHAP, H2O, SciPy
- Tools: PySpark, MATLAB, Git, Jupyter, MySQL, Anaconda, LaTeX, Visual-Studio, Gazebo, Docker, JIRA, Confluence, AWS-S3, AWS-EC2
- **Machine Learning:** Ensemble models, Random Forest, Gradient Boost, XGBoost, Decision tree, KNN, SVM, K-Means

#### WORK EXPERIENCE

## Squark Inc. (no-code Al SaaS and API for prediction/forecast models)

# **Python Developer (Data Science)**

Dec 2022-Present

- Responsible to build feature extraction and data curation pipeline.
- Presented model explainability features through SHAP (SHapley Additive exPlanations) summary graphs.
- Developed a weighted-averaging technique to present Variable Importance for H2O based Stacked-Ensemble model.
- Integrated multi-thread processing to speed up the process for model explainability through SHAP.
- Altered the codebase to adapt the significantly faster Polars library instead of Pandas to download, store and clean the training data.

# **Massachusetts General Hospital (Harvard Medical School)**

# **Machine Learning Research Intern**

Jan 2022-Jun 2022

- Implemented a self-supervised denoising network to denoise MRI scans (helped in reducing the time required for patients to complete an MRI scan).
- Achieved average PSNR results at least 1.5dB higher compared to relevant single image based denoising methods for Additive White Gaussian Noise.
- Assessed the model with real world noisy dataset (PolyU) and attained an average PSNR value of 37.52 dB, similar in comparison to the best performing model at 37.55 dB.

#### **AI Skunkworks (Northeastern University)**

# Graduate Student Researcher (Arxiv)

Dec 2021-Dec 2022

- Designed a python-based pipeline to generate a synthetic dataset of 565,292 MNIST-style grayscale images representing 1,812 unique glyphs in styles of 1,355 Google-fonts for typography analysis.
- Published an introductory paper for the dataset on the Arxiv platform as a first author and trained a custom CNN-based classification model to identify non-Latin glyphs with ~97% accuracy.
- Inspected glyph identities and eye-tracking tools to effect real time mapping of type (fonts) to cognitive properties; generated "Panose" number identities used to characterize fonts for the entire dataset.

#### PROJECT EXPERIENCE

# **Northeastern University**

# Time Frequency Weighted Overlapping Group Shrinkage for Speech Denoising Aug 2022-Dec 2022 (GitHub)

- Adapted the 11-norm cost term to sparsify speech samples iteratively and introduced a mixed-norm non-separable penalty term to promote group sparsity and remove residual noise.
- Customized a time-frequency weight matrix to make the algorithm effective with impulsive noise.
- The project paper is currently under review for the IEEE-ICASSP conference.

## **Northeastern University**

## Siamese network for object-tracking (GitHub)

Jan 2021-Apr 2021

- Reported a detailed literature review for the ResNet-50 based Siamese Box Adaptive Network (SiamBAN) for single object-tracking.
- Modified the template patch for track using correlation between initial, t-1 and search frames to detect occlusion and improve inference-time tracking performance when multiple object instances were present.
- Displayed differentiation of target object by model when partial occlusion and multiple instances of the object were present with qualitative testing on sample VOT-2018 video dataset.

# KEY PERSONAL PROJECTS WITH GITHUB HYPERLINKS

- <u>Image-based Sudoku Solver (C++)</u>: applied key image-processing and constraint problem solving techniques to solve a sudoku puzzle through the image of an unsolved puzzle.
- <u>LSTM-based single instrument music generation</u>: Represented guitar and violin samples as midi files to train the LSTM-based RNN model to predict after every 100 notes. For music generation, supplied a sequence of random 100 notes with a random offset value to generate 500 output notes.
- <u>ML Research Paper Reviews</u>: Comprehensive review of recent papers that focus on Advances in Computer Vision and techniques to induce sparsity with Big Data.
- <u>ML-based Data Insights for NGO</u>: Performed synthetic data generation, sentiment analysis on volunteer feedback and used data from a volunteer's visit log to generate scikit-learn based classification/regression models.

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- ANU College of Engineering and Computer Science International Partnership Scholarship
- Bronze medal on Kaggle for typography dataset (<u>TMNIST</u>, <u>TMNIST\_Glyphs</u>) and 2-year data hosting sponsorship by AWS