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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine Learning (Deep Learning), Computer Vision, Object Detection, Natural Language Processing (NLP), Lifelong Learning, Vision and Language e.g. Visual Question Answering (VQA).

EDUCATION

2016 – now   Ph.D., Imaging Science
                    Chester F. Carlson Center for Imaging Science
                    Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY
                    Adviser: Christopher Kanan
2009 – 2013   B.E, Electronics and Communication Engineering
                    Institute of Engineering Lalitpur, Nepal
                    Project I: Image Processing Based "Ball and Beam" control system
                    Project II: Real Time Nepali Sign Language Recognition using Neural Network

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS

1. RODEO: Replay for Online Object Detection (BMVC 2020)
   Manoj Acharya, *Tyler L. Hayes, and Christopher Kanan*
2. REMIND Your Neural Network to Prevent Catastrophic Forgetting (ECCV 2020)
   Tyler L. Hayes*, Kushal Kafle*, Robik Shrestha*, **Manoj Acharya**, *Christopher Kanan*
3. RITnet: Real-time Semantic Segmentation of the Eye for Gaze Tracking (ICCV 2019) [Winning Submission]
   Aayush Chaudhary*, Rakshit Kothari*, **Manoj Acharya*,** *Shusil Dangi, Nitinraj Nair, Reynold Bailey, Christopher Kanan, Gabriel Diaz, Jeff B. Pelz.*
4. VQD: visual query detection in natural scenes (NAACL 2019)
   Manoj Acharya, *Karan Jariwala, Christopher Kanan*
5. TallyQA: answering complex counting questions (AAAI 2019) [Spotlight presentation]
   Manoj Acharya, *Kushal Kafle, Christopher Kanan*
6. Computer vision based hand gesture recognition for speech disabled persons. Journal of the Institute of Engineering, 2015
   Manoj Acharya, *Diwakar Raj Pant*

* = Equal Contribution

TALKS AND POSTERS
1. "Robust, real-time Semantic Segmentation of the Eye for Gaze Tracking", Frameless Symposium 2019 (Talk)
2. "Know *thy* Enemy: Invasive Species Detection in High Resolution Imagery", WNYISPW 2019. (Poster)
3. On Unifying Deep Generative Models, Mathematics for Deep Learning Reading Group 2019. (Talk)
4. "TallyQA: Answering Complex Counting Questions", Vision and Language Session (Spotlight Talk)
5. "TallyQA: Answering Complex Counting Questions", Reasoning and Complex QA Workshop at AAAI 2019 (Poster + Talk)
6. "TallyQA: Answering Complex Counting Questions", ViGIL workshop at NeurIPS 2018 (Poster)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2013 – 2014   Researcher, PowerTech Nepal
Mentor: Surendra Mathema
Highlights: Developed inhouse display solutions to disseminate health related information for hospitals. Also helped in designing embedded systems for hospitals, micro-hydro projects and disaster response units.

2015 – 2016   Software Developer, IT Expert
Highlights: Developed a dental assistant software in MATLAB for planning and guiding tooth surgeries using 3D printing.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018   Teaching Assistant, Rochester Institute of Technology
Deep Learning for Computer Vision

2016 - 2017   Teaching Assistant, Rochester Institute of Technology
Image Processing and Computer Vision I
Image Processing and Computer Vision II

Fall 2013   Lecturer, Thapathali Engineering College
Image processing and pattern recognition

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Conference Reviews:
- Workshop on Shortcomings of Vision and language (SiVL) at ECCV 2018 and NAACL 2019
- EMNLP 2019
- NeurIPS 2019
- Western New York Image and Signal Processing Workshop (WNYISPW) 2019
- NeurIPS Reproducibility Challenge 2019
- AAAI 2020
- ACL 2020

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages: English, Nepali (mother tongue), Hindi, Spanish (elementary).
Programming Languages: Python, C , C++, LATEX.
Deep/ML Toolboxes: MatConvNet, Scikit-Learn, Pytorch.
Web Development: HTML, CSS, JavaScript.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
- First prize - Facebook OpenEds Challenge, ICCV 2019 AR/VR research workshop (Cash prize + Travel scholarship)
- Travel grant to attend AAAI 2019 conference at Hawaii.
- Best Student Poster Award in the annual RIT graduate showcase.
- Second position in Ethical Hacking competition organized by LOCUS 2011.
- Four years of merit based scholarship for outstanding students at IOE, Pulchowk.