NIKUNJ LAD

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EDUCATION

Northeastern University | College of Engineering, Boston, MA   *Expected August 2020*
Master of Science in Information Systems, **GPA: 3.68 / 4.0**
Coursework: Machine Learning, Big-Data Intelligence & Analytics, Data Structures & Algorithms, Deep Learning, Parallel Computing

Mumbai University | K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai, MH   *Jun 2012 – May 2016*
Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering
Coursework: Neural Networks & Fuzzy Logic, Image Processing, Operating Systems, Object-Oriented Programming Paradigms

SKILLS

Languages	Python, NumPy, C++, Markdown, BASH Scripting, MATLAB
Databases & Cloud	SQLite, MongoDB, AWS (EC2, S3, RDS, CloudFormation, Code Deploy, DynamoDB, CloudWatch), Packer
Frameworks & APIs	OpenCV, PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-Learn, XGBoost, Discovery High-Performance Computing Cluster, Nvidia GPUs and CUDA, SLURM
SDLC & Versioning	Agile, Waterfall, Iterative, Git (Bitbucket, GitHub), CircleCI, Docker
Certifications	Machine Learning (**Stanford University**), Python Specialization (**University of Michigan Ann-Arbor**)

EXPERIENCE

College of Engineering, Northeastern University, Boston   *Jan 2019 – Present*
Graduate Teaching & Research Assistant
- Currently exploring Image Segmentation techniques like Semantic, Instance and Panoptic and understanding their differences.
- Currently working on implementing Text-to-Image Metamorphosis using MirrorGANs and deploying the system on Discovery High-Performance Computing Cluster using SLURM Workload Manager.
- Conducted Deep Learning workshops for students and managed a batch of 100+ students.

United Imaging Intelligence, Cambridge   *Sept 2019 – Jan 2020*
Computer Vision Research Intern
- Implemented a multi-threaded architecture for real time inference of patients on Nvidia P5000 GPU enabled Docker using dense pose estimation, thereby achieving a real time FPS of ~20-21, a 50% increase in stream rate than before
- Worked on skeletal tracking in human body using Astra Pro Depth camera and acquired RGBD images while annotating them for obtaining end-to-end mesh recovery of human body on NVidia RTX 2080 GPU.

InVideo – Video automation startup, Mumbai   *Sep 2017 – May 2018*
Computer Vision Developer
- Integrated scripts using Python with OpenCV and scaled up video production rate for clients from 30 videos/day to 300 videos/day
- Improved software efficiency by 10% while reducing video rendering time by 10 min/video by implementing face detection using Convolutional Neural Networks for automated text positionings using AWS EC2 R3X-Large instances

K. J. Somaiya College of Engineering, Mumbai   *Apr 2017 – Aug 2017*
Research Assistant
- Implemented a feature extraction method named I-Vectors for better classification of speech disorder signals in MATLAB and improved classification accuracy of algorithm by 6%
- Developed a Gaussian Mixture Model (GMM) based Universal Background Model (UBM) for speaker identification and voice analysis thereby yielding 98% accuracy with proposed technique

PROJECTS

Brain Mapping of Mouse Brain | Broad Institute Challenge (Keras, Python3, OpenCV)   *Jul 2019 – Sept 2019*
- Performed distributed data acquisition by auto stitching images to obtain training dataset
- Developed an algorithm for classifying sagittal, coronal and horizontal views of mouse brain images using ResNet-50, Inception-ResNet and ResNeXt-50 Convolutional Neural Network architectures and trained the system in parallel using 2 Tesla T4 GPUs

Leaf Identification using Texture Analysis (Python3, PyTorch)   *Oct 2018 – May 2018*
- Implemented Inception-v1, Inception-v3 and Inception-v4 architectures in PyTorch to identify leaf species to create a leaf search engine using Gray-Level Co-occurrence matrices (GLCM) based Haralick Texture Analysis
- Designed a modularized neural network architecture while achieving an accuracy of 85% on cross validation data and evaluated the model using log-loss, AUC, ROC, Confusion Matrix, Precision, Recall and Cross Entropy scores

American Sign Language (ASL) Detection System (OpenCV, Keras, Python3)   *Jan 2018 – Mar 2018*
- Acquired ASL dataset consisting of 78000 sign images and preprocessed the data using data augmentation techniques like translation, rotation and scaling. Applied LeNet5, VGG16 and AlexNet architectures for classification.
- Applied Sobel, Gabor and Watershed filtering algorithms to detect texture, edges and segment the images while achieving 98% accuracy on test data with ROC of 0.98

PUBLICATIONS

Nikunj R. Lad, J. H. Nirmal, Kshipra D. Naikare. **Total Variability Factor Analysis for Dysphonia Detection**. International Journal of Information Technology - Springer. 2019, Vol. 11, Issue 1, pp 67–74 (Won best paper award)