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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Highly driven and proactive engineer who seeks to utilize my strong analytical and quantitative skills to solve complex business problems in diverse cross-functional teams via data-driven approaches in AI, machine learning and deep learning.

EDUCATION

National University of Singapore (NUS)

Aug 2019 - Present

- Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) in Mechanical Engineering (CAP: 4.71/5.0, First Class Honors).
- Recipient of Dean's List AY2020/2021 Semester 2 (Top 5% of cohort) and Char Yong scholarship AY2020/2021.
- NUS University Scholars Programme (USP) (Only admits top 3% of all 7 schools in NUS annually).
- Awarded NUS USP Scholarship (The Jixun & Serene Scholarship) and USP Honour Roll AY2020/2021.
- Minor in Computer Science and specialization in Robotics.
- Relevant coursework: Machine Learning, AI Projects (CV & NLP), Quantitative Reasoning, Multivariate Calculus.

Jurong Junior College (JJC)

Jan 2015 - Dec 2016

- GCE A-Levels: Subject Combination PCME, Graduated with university IGP (AAB/A).
- Bestowed College Outstanding Leadership Award, EAGLES, Good Character Award, Edusave Scholarships.

WORK EXPERIENCE

DSTA, AI Engineer Intern

Dec 2021 – Present

• Implemented scene segmentation on images and videos using pyTorch mmsegmentation model.

CARRO, Data Scientist Intern

May 2021 - Dec 2021

- Computer vision team co-lead and main coordinator with external stakeholders to ensure key deliverables are met.
- Deployed AWS Lambda functions for automated scripting and used AWS SageMaker for feature extraction of image annotation polygon segmentation and bounding box instances.
- Created scripts that highlight instance segmentation annotation errors, cutting label verification time by 50%.
- Minimize label verification costs and time of up to 50% by creating automatic data labelling and verification pipeline of instance segmentation using custom Mask RCNN model (used pixelwise binary mask IoU comparison).
- Cut image labelling costs up to 74% per image by building an interactive webpage to hire overseas annotators, managed labelling pipeline, costings, and manpower of over 20 overseas annotators via the Supervisely platform.
- Extracted vehicle outline contours using OpenCV for AR overlay display in deployed mobile app camera interface.
- Reduced data preparation time up to 70% by training image classification models to filter 100,000 images.
- Managed data ingestion pipeline and trained object detection model for detection of vehicle damages.
- Performed image processing & automatic wrap perspective algorithms (improved OCR model accuracy by 30%).
- Implemented pre-trained OCR models for text recognition of car license plates and achieved CER up to 10%.
- Conducted signal pre-processing, truncation, and unsupervised classification of audio for acoustic analysis project.
- Carried out exploratory data analysis, data preprocessing, cleaning, imputation, transformation, and augmentation.

Opporizon Global, Business Development and Research Intern

May 2020 - Jul 2020

• Supervised 4 interns as Head Intern Coordinator, developed new global business opportunities (B2B and B2C).

Kruger Engineering Pte Ltd, HVAC Engineer Intern

Feb 2019 - May 2019

- Applied fan engineering theory to quote over 2000 Industrial fans based on specifications requested by clients.
- Conducted acoustic analysis of 200 MV fans for designation of suitable sound attenuators in ducting systems.
- Used CAD, blueprint, and isometric drawings to calculate static pressure for over 500 ACMV systems.
- Innovated fan selection methods using Excel VLOOKUP and Macros, boosting sales team's productivity by 50%.

Singapore Armed Forces, ATGM Platoon Sergeant (BSC)

Jan 2017 - Nov 2018

- Led and trained a platoon of 12 soldiers, planned and managed company and platoon administrative tasks.
- Conducting and Safety Officer for physical training consisting of over 100 stakeholders in the company.

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NUS Fintech Society, Technology Analyst (Machine Learning Department)

Sep 2021 - Present

- Vehicle insurance project (InsurTech) featured in Singapore Fintech Festival (SFF) 2021.
- Trained YOLOv5 model for vehicle damage detection and utilized Flask for inference on a web application.

NUS Entrepreneurship Society (NES), Deputy Director of Sponsorships

Sep 2020 - Sep 2021

- Networked and source for sponsorships to provide financial support for NES events.
- Organize and source for renowned speakers for NES entrepreneurship webinars.

NUS RoboMasters, Mechanical Engineer

Sep 2020 – Oct 2021

- Team placed 4th globally (1st in SEA) for DJI RoboMasters University Championship Online Competition 2021.
- Designed and fabricated Standard robot chassis using SolidWorks to ensure it meets allowable stress, strain deformation requirements via Finite Element Analysis (FEA).
- Researched vehicle dynamics, wheel skiing and sensitivity analysis of rollover to improve robot chassis design.

NUS Bumblebee Autonomous Systems, Mechanical Engineer

Sep 2019 – Sep 2020

• Designed and constructed Hornet 5.0 Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (AUV) actuator arm & ball dropper to represent NUS in the Singapore AUV Challenge 2020 (SAUVC 2020).

PROJECTS

SignPose: Real Time LSTM Keypoint Dynamic Sign Language Detection (Code)

Oct 2021 – Present

- Trained Keras LSTM Model for real-time sequential classification of dynamic sign language via Flask web app.
- Utilized pre-trained Mediapipe library for detection of facemesh, hand pose, body pose estimation.
- Implemented interactive overlay display on webcam interface based on facemesh landmark mappings.

AlphaSign: Real Time Sign Language Object Detection (Demo) (Code)

Oct 2021 – Present

- Built tensorflow.js web application that recognizes real-time American Sign Language (ASL) alphabets in the browser via client-side prediction using Tensorflow object detection models and WebGL backend.
- Fine Tuned MobileNetv2 and EfficientNet from Tensorflow 2 object detection model zoo with mAP up to 0.995.

GPT-2 Text Generation: Trump Rally Speech (Code)

Aug 2021 - Sep 2021

- Created Streamlit web app with adjustable text prompt, word limit, temperature, and top-p input parameters.
- Fine Tuned GPT-2 Text Generation Model on Donald Trump's Rally Speeches using aitextgen.

Tkinter GUI: COCO Annotation Viewer (Code)

June 2021 - Jul 2021

• Python Tkinter GUI .exe desktop app for visualization of polygon segmentation and bounding box annotations.

DSTA BrainHack 2021 – TIL AI Camp, Computer Vision & Audio Processing

Shopee Code League 2021 – Programming Contest

AWS Build On Singapore 2020 - Finalist Top 40 Teams (Institute Category)

NUS InnoVenture Case Competition 2020 - Best Pitch Award

Jun 2021 – July 2021

Mar 2021 – Mar 2021

Jul 2020 – Sep 2020

Jul 2020 – May 2020

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Programming Languages: Python | SQL | C++ | HTML | CSS | Javascript | MatLab | Excel VBA.

Libraries/Frameworks: TensorFlow | Tensorflow.js | Keras | PyTorch | TensorBoard | Weights & Biases | OpenCV | Tkinter | SciKit-Learn | Pandas | Numpy | Seaborn | Matplotlib | Librosa | NLTK | TextBlob | BeautifulSoup | Tweepy | Mediapipe | Hugging Face | Streamlit | Pytesseract | EasyOCR | Pillow.

Tools: Git | Github | Docker | Flask | JupyterLab | Google Colab | Anaconda | VS Code | Tableau | Notion | MS Office.

Cloud: GCP Data Science & Machine Learning | AWS SageMaker, Lambda, S3, CloudWatch, CLI, Mechanical Turk.

Technical Skills: Telegram Bots | Machine Learning | Deep Learning | Computer Vision | NLP | Image & Audio Processing | Data Crawling, Scraping, Cleaning, Wrangling, Imputation & Visualization | Virtual Environments | Flutter | CSWP Solidworks Mechanical Design | Autodesk Fusion 360 | Accounting | Arduino | Statistics | Google Sheet & Excel Marcos.

Non-Technical Skills: Leadership | Project Management | Problem Solving | Collaboration | Planning | Initiative | Adaptability | Communication | Presentation | Writing | Curiosity | Creativity | Business Acumen.

Languages: English | Mandarin.

Interests: Volunteering | Travelling | Equity Investment | Table Tennis | Hiking.