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Research

Speech Recognition, Speaker Diarization and Role Recognition,

Interests

Machine Learning

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Electrical Engineering

started Aug 2016

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.

Current GPA: 3.95/4.00

M.Sc., Electrical Engineering

expected Dec 2018

Apr 2016

University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A.

Current GPA: 4.00/4.00

Diploma (5-years degree), Electrical and Computer Engineering

National Technical University of Athens, Athens, Greece

Thesis: Robust Acoustic Features for Distant Speech Recognition

GPA: 9.34/10.00

WORKING EXPERIENCE University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, U.S.A

Signal Processing and Interpretation Laboratory (SAIL)

Graduate Research Assistant

May 2017 to present

Supervisor: Prof. Shrikanth Narayanan

- Combining Speaker Role Recognition (SRR) with other speech processing modules (e.g. diarization, speech recognition) in order both to improve the performance of SRR itself and to provide useful information to the module it is combined with.
- Leading the team that develops a real-world system which, given recordings of psychotherapy sessions, gives feedback to the therapist. This is used in practice for computer-aided therapist training.

National Technical University of Athens, Athens, Greece

Computer Vision, Speech Communication and Signal Processing Group (CVSP)

 $Under graduate\ Research\ Assistant$

Feb 2015 to Mar 2016

Supervisor: Prof. Petros Maragos

- Explored the Teager-Kaiser Energy Operator for energy estimation in speech signals.
- Did a comparative study of acoustic feature sets for distant speech recognition, with an emphasis to those based on the AM-FM speech model.

Czech Technical University in Prague, Prague, Czech Republic

Biomedical Data and Signal Processing Group (BioDat)

Research Intern Mar 2016 to Jun 2016

Supervisor: Assoc. Prof. Lenka Lhotska

• Developed a novel algorithm for automatic sleep staging from polysomnographic signals, motivated by ideas used in speech recognition.

Teaching

Society of Astronomy and Space, Volos, Greece

Experience Teaching Assistant

Summer 2011 & 2012

Preparation for the International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

 ${\bf Software}$

Programming Languages:

SKILLS Python, UNIX shell scripting, MATLAB, C

 $extensive\ experience$

C++, Java, ML, R, Prolog, SQL

familiarity

Tools:

Kaldi Speech Recognition Toolkit, OpenFST library, Tensorflow, Keras Deep Learning library,

GRADUATE Coursework

Random Processes, Probability, Statistics, Pattern Recognition, Deep Learning, Machine Learning from Signals, Machine Learning Theory, Mathematics of High-Dimensional Data

AWARDS AND

Annenberg Ph.D Fellowship

Aug 2016 to present

University of Southern California DISTINCTIONS

Travel Grant

Sep 2018

International Speech Communication Association (ISCA)

Honorable Mention

Sep 2010

4th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics, Beijing, China

3rd Award of Success

Mar 2010

15th Pan-Hellenic Student Competition on Astronomy and Space Engineering

Conference Publications

- 1. N. Flemotomos, Z. Chen, D.C. Atkins, and S. Narayanan, "Role Annotated Speech Recognition for Conversational Interactions", 2018 IEEE SLT Workshop. (accepted)
- 2. N. Flemotomos, P. Papadopoulos, J. Gibson, and S. Narayanan, "Combined Speaker Clustering and Role Recognition in Conversational Speech", Proc. Interspeech 2018.
- 3. N. Flemotomos, V.R. Martinez, J. Gibson, D.C. Atkins, T.A. Creed, and S. Narayanan, "Language Features for Automated Evaluation of Cognitive Behavior Psychotherapy Sessions", Proc. Interspeech 2018.
- 4. K. Singla, Z. Chen, N. Flemotomos, J. Gibson, D. Can, D.C. Atkins, and S. Narayanan, "Using Prosodic and Lexical Information for Learning Utterance-level Behaviors in Psychotherapy", Proc. Interspeech 2018.

SERVICE AND Voluntary Work

Hellenic Student Association of USC

Student volunteer and board member

Jan 2018 to present

IEEE Engineering in Medicine & Biology Society NTUA Student Chapter Sep 2014 to Jun 2015

- Inaugurated partnership with the Scientific Society of Medical Students in Greece.
- Co-organized and supervised events aiming at the dissemination of the scientific knowledge of Bioengineering and the cooperation between students, professors, and researchers, such as Apps4Med, a 2-week-long event focused on mobile health app development, with workshops, presentations, and a hackathon on mHealth apps.

Student volunteer Sep 2013 to Jun 2014

7th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics

Student volunteer Aug 2014

Greek Astronomy magazine "Ouranos"

Member of the writing team Sep 2012 to Mar 2015

AEGEE-Athina

Volunteer (organisation aiming at a democratic, diverse Europe) Sep 2012 to Sep 2013

LANGUAGES

Greek, Native Speaker English, Proficient Level French, Intermediate Level

Japanese, Beginner Level

Certificate of Proficiency in English Diplôme Approfondi de Langue Française (DALF C1-C2) Level N5 of the Japanese-Language Proficiency Test