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EDUCATION

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

Master of Science in Information Systems, **GPA: 3.77**

Coursework: Machine Learning, Big-Data Intelligence & Analytics, Data Structures & Algorithms, Parallel Computing

Expected August 2020

K. J. SOMAIYA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Bachelor of Engineering in Electronics and Telecommunications Engineering

Jun 2012 - May 2016

SKILLS

Languages | Cloud: Python, NumPy, MATLAB, C++, BASH, Markdown, Google Cloud, Amazon AWS, CircleCI
Frameworks | APIs: OpenCV, PyTorch, Keras, Scikit-Learn, Tensorflow, XGBoost, HPC, SpaCy, NLTK, Git, Docker

EXPERIENCE

UII AMERICA INC. | COMPUTER VISION RESEARCH INTERN

SEP 2019 - JAN 2020

- Improved multi-threaded real-time inference pipeline by **50%** on Nvidia P5000 GPU enabled Docker using DensePose correspondence estimation and accomplished a stream rate of **20 to 21 FPS**
- Worked on skeletal tracking in human body by utilizing Astra Pro Depth camera and annotated RGBD images in C++ for obtaining end-to-end mesh recovery of human body on NVidia RTX 2080 GPU

NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY | GRADUATE TEACHING & RESEARCH ASSISTANT

JAN 2019 - APR 2020

- Graded assignments, constructed Hackerrank quizzes and helped students with Machine Learning and Python queries
- Conducted Python and Deep Learning workshops for a batch of **100 - 150** students and mentored them
- Developed auto-modeling solutions using H2O for analyzing any data provided into the system

INVIDEO | SOFTWARE ENGINEER

SEP 2017 - MAY 2018

- Scaled up video production rate for clients from **30 videos/day** to **300 videos/day** using Python and OpenCV
- Improved software efficiency by **10%** while reducing video rendering time by **10 mins/video** by incorporating face detection using Convolutional Neural Networks for automated text positioning using AWS EC2 R3X-Large instances
- Parsed new articles for understanding language semantics using Spacy and NLTK for text-to-video translation

PROJECTS

INTERPRETABILITY IN IMAGE SEGMENTATION TECHNIQUES (PyTorch, Python, OpenCV)

- Currently working on demystifying black-box Segmentation algorithms using Grad-CAM, Grad-CAM++ and Score-CAM
- Understanding the layer specific feature maps in Semantic, Instance and Panoptic Segmentation algorithms

GENDER AND AGE PREDICTION FROM FACE IMAGES (PyTorch, Python, OpenCV)

- Developed multi-threaded pipeline for real-time webcam stream based Age and Gender inference using OpenCV
- Trained custom models with Local Response Normalization using Parallel Computing on Google Cloud Tesla T4 GPU's

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE (ASL) DETECTION (OpenCV, PyTorch, Python)

- Extracted features using Sobel, Gabor and Watershed filters and classified images using VGG-16 and VGG-19 models
- Observed multi-GPU performance of model training on Discovery High-Performance Computing platform

TEXT-TO-IMAGE METAMORPHOSIS USING ATTNGANS (PyTorch, Python, NumPy)

- Utilized Bidirectional LSTM based attention model for attending important language semantics from a text description
- Implemented Conditional GAN architecture with Kullback-Leibler divergence loss to generate specific bird images

MOUSE BRAIN MRI IMAGE CLASSIFICATION WITH DATA PARALLELISM (Keras, Python, OpenCV)

- Performed distributed data acquisition and auto stitched images to obtain high resolution training dataset
- Built ResNet-50, Inception-ResNet and ResNeXt-50 models with Data parallelism for classifying 3D MRI brain views

AMAZON PRODUCT REVIEW SENTIMENT PREDICTION (NLTK, Python)

- Scraped 5000 Amazon Kindle product reviews using Selenium and predicted user ratings using Naive Bayes
- Utilized Word, character and N-Gram level TF-IDF vectors for inferring ratings on scale of 1-5 from textual reviews

LEAF IDENTIFICATION USING HARLICK TEXTURE ANALYSIS (Tensorflow, Python, NumPy, OpenCV)

- Applied Gray-Level Co-occurrence (GLCM) based Harlick Texture Analysis for extracting leaf texture characteristics
- Used GoogleNet and Inception modules for classification on Amazon EC2 instances with auto-scaling

KING COUNTY HOUSING PRICE PREDICTION (XGBoost, Scikit-Learn, Python, Pandas)

- Analyzed data using significance tests and VIF analysis and observed multicollinearity and correlation among variables
- Studied difference of predictions using Generalized Linear Models, Gradient Boosting Machines and Random Forests

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)