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EDUCATION

University of California San Diego

Master of Science in Computer Science

- Courses: Deep Generative Models, Computer Vision, Design and Analysis of Algorithms

La Jolla, CA

Sept 2022 – June 2024

Expected completion by Fall 2022

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay | GPA: 9.33

Bachelor of Technology with Honors, Major: Computer Science and Engineering

Mumbai, India

Jul 2018 – May 2022

- Activities: Teaching Assistant (Computer Vision: Theory and Lab, Digital Image Processing), CSEA General Secretary
- Courses: Medical Vision, Computer Vision, Reinforcement Learning, Image Processing, Fairness in ML, AI, ML with Graphs

EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Research Intern

Illinois, USA

July 2020 – April 2021

- Replaced the FC computation using gaussian clustering on the convolutional outputs to enhance the FC layer explainability
- Developed a novel algorithm based on shifting and shrinking class clusters as trainable parameters in the convolutional space

University of New South Wales

Research Intern

Canberra, Australia

April 2020 – July 2020

- Employed ResNet in a Siamese network for predicting the 3D registration parameters on synthetically generated femur images
- Incorporated a half dark channel filter algorithm to trim the soft tissue pixels from the clinical knee CT images

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Weak Supervision for Medical Abnormality Classification | IIT Bombay

Fall 2021

- Achieved state-of-the-art segmentation on the BUSI dataset by using Pyramid Scene Parsing and Efficient Spatial Pyramid Blocks
- Developed an end-to-end classifier-segmenter pipeline to classify BUSI images using weak supervision for training the segmenter

Recurrent Neural Networks for Analysing 3D Medical Data | IIT Bombay

Spring 2022

- Formulated 3D MRI images as a time series and tried several time series methods to tackle medical vision problems
- Devised a method to induce artefacts in MRI images by distorting the Fourier domain pixels to simulate patient movement

Conditional Diabetic Retinopathy Image Synthesis | IIT Bombay

Spring 2021

- Incorporated a Pix2Pix Network, conditioned over the DR grade to generate grade-controlled abnormality images
- Optimised the process with a two-stage pipeline by generating the blood vessel structure followed by populating the fundus pixels

Location Controlled Brain Tumour Image Synthesis | IIT Bombay

Spring 2021

- Devised a pipeline for generating location-controlled abnormality in 2D brain MRI images using Controllable GANs
- Designed a rectifier model based on a Context Encoder with a Pix2Pix backbone to generate corresponding healthy images

Matched Filtering Based Convolutional Blocks | University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Summer 2021

- Computed classwise representative filters from the activations of different regions of input images as perceived by conv layers
- Visualised the features extracted by these filters based on their convolutional output at various spatial locations

KEY TECHNICAL PROJECTS

Deep Retinex Decomposition for Low-Light Enhancement

Fall 2021

- Implemented a neural network pipeline for isolating and enhancing the reflectance and the illumination components of images

Domain Adaptable Feature Learning for Localisation

Fall 2021

- Visualised the features learned by the convolutional layers using Class Activation Mappings and Saliency Maps
- Performed Weakly Supervised object localisation for digit detection with a classifier trained to discriminate CIFAR from SVHN

Fischer Faces for Facial Recognition

Fall 2020

- Highlighted the performance of Fischer's LDA for face recognition in varying lighting & intra-class variance conditions

Popular Link Prediction Algorithms for Social Networks

Fall 2020

- Surveyed heuristic-based algorithms like Adamic Adar, Katz Measure, Preferential Attachment on link prediction applications

Face Ageing using GANs

Spring 2020

- Designed and trained a cGAN to induce two-way facial age transformation on images using an AlexNet-based age classifier

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Languages

(Fluent) Python, Git, Matlab, (Familiar) C++, SQL, Bash, Java, C, HTML/CSS, JavaScript, Make

Libraries

PyTorch, OpenCV, Scipy, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Keras, TensorFlow