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Not a very good ML Researcher!

Deep Learning Researcher, <u>Rephrase.ai</u> (GenAI startup recently acquired by Adobe) Senior Machine Learning Engineer, Adobe

2022-Present

Created the video generation model responsible for Adobe acquiring Rephrase.ai

• Led and contributed the most to this proprietary talking heads video generation model.

Key novelties

- **Two-stage model**: Combining unsupervised and supervised stages for more expressive faces and more reference frames in inference.
- **Video Attention Layer**: A new attention layer for videos to generate more realistic images rather than animated looking over-smoothened face textures generated by naive attention.
- Superior Pixel-wise Loss Function: It acts like SSIM loss on pixel values, its gradient and hessian in image plane. It preserves sharpness better than SSIM loss and lipsync better than perceptual loss.
- Adaptive Attention Layer: A way to sufficiently condition the generated image, as concatenating a conditioning token in attention does not provide enough conditioning.

Impact

- Recognized as the best lipsync generation model in comparison to publicly available results, such as those in research papers and Google I/O talking heads demo.
- Adobe estimated its use for auto dubbing movies will make millions of dollars.

(Failed as) Research Fellow, Microsoft Research

2019-2021

Published Generalized Zero-Shot Extreme Multi-label Learning (KDD'21)

- Helped my mentor in developing a novel information retrieval algorithm, resulting in publication.
- Created extreme scale zero shot research datasets addressing challenges in extreme classification.
- Did not go for a Phd.

Education

• BS in Mathematics and Scientific Computing, IIT Kanpur.

2014-2018

Programming

• Python, Pytorch, Github Copilot.

Tourism

• Belgium, Bhutan, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Nepal, Netherlands, Switzerland, Thailand, U.S.