Taneem Ullah Jan

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Education

University of Engineering and Technology Peshawar, Pakistan
Bachelor Studies in Computer Science Sep. 2018 – Sep. 2022

Thesis: HTML Code Generation from Images with Deep Neural Networks
Advisor: Dr. Zakira Inayat
CGPA: 3.58/4.0

Professional Experience

AI Research Advisor Sep. 2024 – Present
VOLV AI

- Directing the AI research initiatives in 3D computer vision, focusing on advancing digital human synthesis and virtual try-on technologies for garments and makeup.

Research AI Engineer Jan. 2023 – Dec. 2023
BHuman AI

- Led the development of personalized Generative AI for 1–to–infinity conversational videos.
- Developed advanced audio-driven lip-sync models, the company's flagship product and revenue source.
- Researched and implemented state-of-the-art models in image animation, facial motion transfer, and face-swapping.

Undergraduate Research Assistant Jan. 2022 – Oct. 2022
Advisor: Dr. Zakira Inayat CS&IT AI Lab UET Peshawar

- Developed supervised neural network solutions for image processing and implemented generative models for automated image captioning tasks.
- Contributed to literature reviews and code writing in research projects on contextual intelligence and image similarity.
- Implemented mathematical optimization techniques like SVD, LU Decomposition, and Cross-Entropy Minimization.

Intern Machine Learning Engineer Aug. 2021 – Nov. 2021
[*web link*] NAECO Blue GmbH

- Developed analytical functions and machine learning models for selecting optimal spatial and temporal resolution of weather data for solar and wind energy predictions and insights.
- Conducted research and evaluated weather models and their APIs to support the company's data needs. This led to the implementation of a data pipeline that reduced research and development time by nearly 50%.

Research Projects

LipSyncFace: High-Fidelity Audio-Driven and Lip-Synchronized Talking Face Generation

Advisor: Dr. Zakira Inayat June 2024 – Present

- Developed a two-stage framework for audio-driven talking face generation, addressing the challenge of visual quality and creating a unified training pipeline in lip synchronization.
- Proposed a face generation network to encode visual face information and synchronize lip movements with audio.
- Implemented a rendering decoder to render high-fidelity videos more precisely in lip-sync with faster inference time.

lipsync2: Talking Face Generation with Most Accurate Lip Synchronization Aug. 2023 – Dec. 2023

- Developed a GAN framework for audio-driven lip synchronization, which generates talking faces.
- Implemented a pre-trained discriminator that evaluates the generated faces for whether audio signals and lips are in sync.
- Achieved 10% improvements on Lip-Sync Error Confidence (LSE-C) and 6% improvements on Lip-Sync Error Distance (LSE-D).

face2face: One–Shot Talking Head Video Generation from a Source Image Jan. 2023 – Apr. 2023

- Developed a refinement-based motion transfer method to generate realistic, dynamic talking head videos from a single image, driven by input videos.
- Worked on a pre-trained unsupervised motion synthesis module to estimate hidden motion using flexible grids, addressing the challenge of pose gaps between source and target images.
- Achieved superior performance on benchmarks, exhibiting improvements of $5-10\%$ on animation metrics compared to existing approaches.

face–swapping: Swapping Faces in a Video from a Source Image May. 2023 – Aug. 2023

- Developed an image reenactment and image manipulation framework capable of generating realistic face swapped videos from a single image.
- Proposed an identity injection module for transferring the identity information of the source face into the target face at the feature level.

Publications

Taneem, U. J., and Ayesha, N., Beyond CNNs: Encoded Context for Image Inpainting with LSTMs and Pixel CNNs. 2024. ICTIS-24 and IJIST (VOL. 6 NO. 5 Special Issue 2024). [link]

Taneem, U. J., and Zakira, I. HTML Code Generation from Images with Deep Neural Networks. 2022. JEAS UET Peshawar. [link] (**"Young Undergraduate Researcher"** award)

Skills

- **Programming Languages**: Python, C++, MATLAB, MySQL, LaTeX, Bash Scripting
- **Frameworks/Packages**: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Keras, NumPy, OpenCV, Scikit–Learn
- **Developer Tools**: Git, WandB Monitoring Dashboards, GCP, AWS (*Model Training*)

Awards & Honors

- **Young Undergrad Researcher Award** for Bachelor Thesis in Computer Science (2022)
- **Ranked** 2^{nd}, BS Computer Science; Batch 18^{th} University of Engineering & Technology (2022)
- **Ranked** 2^{nd}, Intermediate Computer Science, Government College Peshawar Batch 2016^{th} (2018)

Extra-Curricular Activities

Head of the Technical Team at Google Developer Student Club (2020-22)

- Arranged meetups, technical talks, and delivered presentations on the impact of AI in education and healthcare at different student societies and clubs.

Member of the Microsoft Student Learn Ambassador Society (2021-22)

Language Ambassador for Pashto at Cohere For AI's AYA Project (2023)