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SUMMARY

Doctoral candidate in computer vision and machine learning, mathematically inclined and interested in applied research. Ability to explain complex concepts in a precise and concise manner.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Computer Vision Research Intern at Mitsubishi Electric Research Labs

Summers 2018, 2019 | with Michael Jones

- Developed a new benchmark dataset, new evaluation protocol and baseline algorithms for video anomaly detection hoping to nudge research in a more meaningful direction.
- Developed a novel video anomaly detection algorithm that learns a metric with a Siamese CNN from source datasets and uses it to subsequently score video patches in a target dataset.
- Generalized the Siamese CNN approach to process data across multiple scales and perform transfer learning through domain-adversarial training for better generalization.
- Wrote the most comprehensive survey on Video Anomaly Detection to-date.

Data Science Intern at Samsung Research America

Summer 2017 | with Rui Chen

- Built a logistic regression pipeline on Spark to predict attributes of users based on historical Samsung Mobile Pay transaction information, to be used to provide personalized user experiences.
- Performed market segmentation of Samsung Mobile Pay users in Spark in order to facilitate targeted marketing campaigns towards groups with similar interests.
- Debugged an issue with AI assistant Bixby's deep natural language processing unit.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Computer Science from North Carolina State University

Aug 2014 – Dec 2019 (expected) | with Ranga Raju Vatsavai

GPA: 4.0

- Dissertation on 'Anomaly Detection in Videos'.
- Developed novel statistical anomaly localization technique for climate data.
- Reproduced code for papers that proposed a convolutional auto-encoders to perform video anomaly detection using TensorFlow. [30+ ★s, 10+ forks on GitHub](#)
- Performed highly optimized large-scale distributed training and classification of satellite imagery in the US using deep networks on the latest Intel Xeon CPUs.

B.E. (Hons.) in Computer Science from BITS-Pilani, Dubai

2010 – 2014

GPA: 3.51

PUBLICATIONS ([GOOGLE SCHOLAR](#))

- **Ramachandra, B.**, Gadiraju, K. K., Vatsavai, R. R., Kaiser, D. P., & Karnowski, T. P. (2016). Detecting extreme events in gridded climate data. *Procedia Computer Science*, 80, 2397-2401. **(Best Paper Award)**
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Dutton, B., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2019). Anomalous cluster detection in spatiotemporal meteorological fields. *Statistical Analysis and Data Mining: The ASA Data Science Journal*, 12(2), 88-100.
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Vatsavai, R. R., & Jones, M. (2019). Street Scene: A new dataset and evaluation protocol for video anomaly detection. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1902.05872*. (under review - 2019).
- **Ramachandra, B.**, & Jones, M. (2019). Learning a distance function with a Siamese network to localize anomalies in videos. (under review - 2019).
- **Ramachandra, B.**, Nawathe, P., Monroe, J., Han, K., Ham, Y., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2018). Real-Time Energy Audit of Built Environments: Simultaneous Localization and Thermal Mapping. *Journal of Infrastructure Systems*, 24(3), 04018013.
- **Ramachandra, B.***, Dutton, B.*, & Vatsavai, R. R. (2019). Estimating a Manifold from a Tangent Bundle Learner. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1906.07661*.
- Chen, Z., **Ramachandra, B.**, Wu, T., & Vatsavai, R. R. (2018). Relational Long Short-Term Memory for Video Action Recognition. *arXiv preprint arXiv:1811.07059*.
- Chen, Z., Vatsavai, R. R., **Ramachandra, B.**, Zhang, Q., Singh, N., & Sukumar, S. (2016, December). Scalable nearest neighbor based hierarchical change detection framework for crop monitoring. In *2016 IEEE International Conference on Big Data (Big Data)* (pp. 1309-1314). IEEE.
- Chen, Z., **Ramachandra, B.**, & Vatsavai, R. R. (2017, July). Hierarchical change detection framework for biomass monitoring. In *2017 IEEE International Geoscience and Remote Sensing Symposium (IGARSS)* (pp. 620-623). IEEE.

PROJECTS ([GITHUB](#))

- Implemented manifold-aware density estimator using Python, Manifold Parzen Windows, which outperforms the naïve Parzen Windows estimator.
- Implemented the G-means clustering algorithm using R, that can automatically pick an optimal number of clusters in a domain independent fashion.
- Parallelized Gaussian process regression on GPUs using CUDA dynamic parallelism.
- Augmented a sparse point-cloud mapping library, ORB-SLAM2, to perform real-time SLAM using thermal sensors for energy audits of buildings.

TECHNICAL PROFICIENCY

Python; TensorFlow; Matlab; R; C++; CUDA C; Apache Spark

SERVICE

Reviewer: WACV ['20], ICDM ['19], KDD['18], PKDD ['19], SDM ['19, '18], PAKDD ['18], SSTO ['17], SSTDM ['16, '17], ACM GIS ['17].

AWARDS

- Best paper award at ICCS 2016.
- NCSU College of Engineering student travel award 2016.