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OBJECTIVE Full-time R&D position

Interests Machine Learning, Image Analysis, Computer Vision

EDUCATION University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, USA 08/2010-present

Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science

Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China 09/2007-06/2010

M.S. in Computer Science

09/2003-05/2007 Sichuan University, Chengdu, Sichuan, China

B.E. in Computer Science

EXPERIENCE Research Intern, IBM Almaden Research Center, San Jose, CA, USA. 05/2014-08/2014 Multi-atlas based Image Segmentation

• Investigated methods of learning from ambiguous labels.

• Investigated atlas based image segmentation methods with different local features and classifiers.

• Implemented atlas based image segmentation framework in Java and matlab.

05/2012 - 08/2012Research Intern, Siemens Corporate Research, Princeton, NJ, USA. Real-time Object Detection in Ultrasound Videos

• Developed and implemented a needle detection method for ultrasound videos.

- Implemented a 3D steerable filtering method to incorporate spatial and temporal information for needle detection in C++ and MFC.
- Incorporated with different features and hough transform to vote the needle segment.

Research Assistant, UNC Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC, USA. 09/2010-present Coupled Dictionary Learning for Image Analysis

- Developed coupled dictionary learning methods for multi-modal image prediction, classification and registration.
- Learning coupled dictionaries based on sparse coding, and applied the learned dictionary to simplify the multi-modal image analysis problems.
- Applied the algorithm to Correlative Microscope images.
- Implemented in VTK, ITK, matlab and C++.

09/2009-03/2010 Research Assistant, Chinese Academy of Sciences, Shenzhen, China Energy based Crowd Motion Analysis

- Developed an energy based crowd motion analysis algorithm based on mutual information.
- Applied the algorithm to detect the crowd abnormal behaviors.
- Implemented in OPENCV and C++.

Research Assistant, Sichuan University, Chengdu, China

01/2008-09/2009

Super-resolution for Ultrasound Speckle Reduction

- Developed a fast and robust super-resolution method for intima reconstruction in ultrasound.
- Applied anisotropic diffusion to reduce speckle with edge enhancement in image reconstruction.
- Implemented anisotropic diffusion method in C++ and GLSL.

Publications

- [1]. Tian Cao, Christopher Zach, Marc Niethammer et al., "Multi-modal Registration for Correlative Microscopy using Image Analogies", Medical Image Analysis (MedIA), Elsevier, 2014.
- [2]. Tian Cao, Vladimir Jojic, Marc Niethammer et al., "Robust Multimodal Dictionary Learning", The 16th International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer Assisted Intervention (MICCAI), 2013.
- [3]. Tian Cao, Christopher Zach, Marc Niethammer et al., "Registration for Correlative Microscopy using Image Analogies", Fifth Workshop on Biomedical Image Registration (WBIR), 2012.
- [4].Bo Wang, Tian Cao, Yuguo Dai, Dong C. Liu, "Ultrasound Speckle Reduction via Super Resolution and Nonlinear Diffusion", the 9th Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV), 2009.
- [5]. Tian Cao, Bo Wang, Dong C. Liu, "Optimized GPU Framework of Semi-implicit AOS Scheme Based Speckle Reducing Nonlinear Diffusion", proceedings of SPIE Medical Imaging (SPIE MI), 2009, Vol. 7259, 2009.
- [6]. Tian Cao, Chaowei Tan, Dong C. Liu, "Adaptive Curve Region based Motion Estimation and Motion Visualization of Cardiac Ultrasound Imaging", the 3rd International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedical Engineering (ICBBE), Vol. 3, pp. 453-457, 2009.
- [7]. Tian Cao, Xinyu Wu, Jinnian Guo, Shiqi Yu, Yangsheng Xu, "Abnormal Crowd Motion Analysis", IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Biomimetics (ROBIO), 2009.

Professional SKILLS

C/C++, Python, Java, Matlab, Bash, ITK, VTK, OPENCV, CUDA, MFC, SQL, GLSL

SELECTED AWARDS Guanghua Scholarship.

2010 Graduate Student Fellowship, Sichuan University. 2007-2010 Student Innovation Award, Sichuan University. 2005-2007 1st prize of China Undergraduate Mathematical Contest in Modeling. 2006