Vaishnav Potlapalli

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Education

New York University Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciencies

Sep. 2023 - Dec 2024

Masters of Science in Computing, Entrepreneurship and Innovation GPA: 3.94/4.0

New York City, NY

Relevant Courses: LLVMs, Big Data and ML Systems, Foundations of Computer Networks

Honors: M. Michael Waller Master's Fellowship

Mahindra Ecole Centrale

Aug.2016 - May 2020

Bachelor in Technology in Computer Science

Hyderabad, Telangana

Publications

PromptIR: Prompting for All-in-One Blind Image Restoration

NeurIPS 2023

Vaishnav Potlapalli, Syed Waqas Zamir, Salman Khan, Fahad Shahbaz Khan

• Proposed an implicit prompt-learning based approach for All-in-One blind Image Restoration. Achieves SoTA performance on multiple image restoration tasks, without any prior degradation information.

Sketch3T: Test-Time Training for Zero-Shot SBIR

CVPR 2022

Aneeshan Sain, Ayan Kumar Bhunia, Vaishnav Potlapalli, Pinaki Nath Chowdhury, Tao Xiang, Yi-Zhe Song

• Introduced a novel test-time training paradigm for zero-shot sketch-based image retrieval that adapts to new categories and sketch distributions using a single sketch, outperforming state-of-the-art methods.

GREC 2021 MediTables IIIT

Akshay Praveen Deshpande, Vaishnav Potlapalli, Ravi Kiran Sarvadevabhatla

• Built a new dataset and semantic segmentation model for camera captured medical document images.

Experience

Floma Inc

June 2024 - August 2024

Machine Learning Intern

- Developed a computer vision-based tool using an ensemble of **Segmentation** and **Object-detection** models to detect various visual elements in display ads, enabling automatic asset identification and labelling.
- Worked on a Multimodal LLM-based AI agent that generates and renders dynamic display ads from text copy and visual assets. Developed an SVG creation and editing tool used by the agent to construct display ads in various sizes and formats, enabling seamless customization and editing.

MBZ University of Artificial Intelligence

July 2022 - July 2023

Research Assitant - Computer Vision (Advisor: Dr. Salman Khan)

- Proposed and implemented a novel Visual transformer based prompt-learning framework for All-in-one blind Image Restoration / Enhancement called **PromptIR**, which achieved **SoTA** performance improving over previous methods by 0.9 dB on dehazing, deraining and denoising benchmarks. Work presented as part of Neurips 2023
- Adapted computer vision based continual learning techniques L2P, DualPrompt methods for video action recognition improving performance over previous techniques by over 10% accuracy and 14% BWF, on several public benchmarks.
- Studied parameter-efficient finetuning techniques to improve downstream performance of Multimodel LLM models.

Dhan AI

April 2020 – April 2022

Machine learning Engineer

- Developed an ensemble of BERT-based Classifiers to enhance the NER engine, resulting in a 12% accuracy improvement in internal benchmarks on entity recognition and sentiment classification, significantly improving the primary product of the company, which was a Patient Life Cycle Managment Chatbot.
- Optimized model serving API using Nvidia TensorRT, increasing the model throughput by 25%, enabling close to realtime performance for the chatbot, across the customer organization.
- Rewrote the application testing pipeline to utilize increased parallelism and Redis cache to reduce CI/CD time by 60% that enabled rapid development of new features.

Projects

ROBOMUSE- Mobile robot platform | ROS, OpenCV, PyTorch, C++, Python

September 2019 – January 2020

• Developed an autonomous robot's vision system, implementing stereo calibration algorithms with custom stereo cameras for depth imaging. Optimized YOLO and SSD for advanced object recognition in RGBD images.

PhysioLive: Virtual Assistant for Physio Therapy | Django, Tensorflow, C++, PythonMay 2018 - August 2018

• Created an app leveraging human pose estimation with CMU Openpose to correct patient postures in physiotherapy. Developed the backend with Django. Secured 1st place among 34 teams at the Novartis MedTech Hackathon

Technical Skills

Computer Vision: OpenCV, Slam, Object Detection, Semantic Segmentation, Image Restoration, GAN, VAE, CNN, ViT Languages/Frameworks: Python, Java, C/C++, CUDA, TypeScript, Pytorch, TF, Transformers, Django, MySQL