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EDUCATION

Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

Roorkee, India

Bachelor of Technology in Electronics and Communication Engineering; GPA: 8.36/10.0)

July.2016 - Present

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RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

BCMI Lab, SJTU

Shanghai, China

Supervised by Dr Lu Hongtao and Dr Debasis Ghosh

August 2019 - Present

- Studying the problem of continual learning in neural networks and the problem of catastrophic interference
- Specifically interested in a setting where the information signal from the task boundaries is not made available to the model beforehand

Research Project

Roorkee, India

Dr Partha Pratim Roy

September 2018 - December 2018

- Worked on the problem of text detection from images especially text inclined at an angle
- Experimented with an approach which could learn a more general quadrilateral shape instead of a regular rectangular bounding box by introducing parameters to offset the co-ordinates of a rectangular bounding box
- Designed experiments to test this idea against the present state of the art approaches in text detection

Research Project

Roorkee, India

Dr Biplab Banerjee

December 2017 - February 2018

- Designed and conducted experiments on various architectures that were based on the idea of Siamese neural networks
- Conducted an extensive literature survey over the problem of stereo vision

Internships

BCMI Lab, SJTU

Shanghai, China

Supervised by Dr Lu Hongtao

May 2018 - July 2018

- Studied the literature on the then state of the art object detection networks
- Performed a comparative study on two-stage and one-stage object detectors to determine the advantages and disadvantages of each approach
- Put together an implementation of Mask R-CNN to gain a better understanding of some of the ideas introduced in that particular paper

American Express

Bengaluru, India

May 2019 - July 2019

Machine Learing Engineer

- Involved in the development of architectures based on CNN's as an alternative to the RNN based architectures; effort to achieve better performances in terms of time and speed
- Implemented a CNN model using the principles established in Neural Ordinary Differential Equations; established the initial benchmarks for this model to motivate further internal research
- Proposed a change in the data preparation strategy which led to a significant increase over the previously established in-house benchmarks

ExpertNet-PyTorch

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- Implemented and open-sourced the ideas presented in the CVPR 2017 paper "Expert-gate: Lifelong learning with a network of experts"
- Designed and conducted experiments to enable testing these ideas on a lower scale (in terms of the size of the datasets used and computational resources required)

MaS-PyTorch

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- Implemented and open-sourced the ideas presented in the ECCV 2018 paper "Memory Aware Synapses: Learning what (not) to forget)"
- o Minimized the redundancies present in the author's implementation

Mask RCNN

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- Worked on developing an open sourced version of Mask R-CNN built using PyTorch
- Was a part of GitHub Trending when released to the public

PredictX: Open Health Hackathon

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- A recommender system that the team built which predicted colleges (among a limited number of options) and grades using the datasets of the students from Kaggle
- \circ Trained model gave a commendable accuracy of 77.6 % on the predictions made. Model was also substantially resistant to outliers

Course Project: Computer Architecture

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- Developed an implementation of a 24 bit RISC processor in Verilog
- Used a self developed Instruction Set Architecture
- Optimized performance by implementing necessary pipelining protocols

Optical Character Recognition for the submission of forms

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• Part of a team responsible for the development of a module that could recognize the package number (delivery services) using convolutional neural networks

Steps: Smart India Hackathon

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• Developed a chatbot for a proposed platform for startups and investors to enable direct communication regarding funding between the interested parties

RELEVANT COURSES (INCLUDING ONLINE)

- o CS231N: CNNs for Visual Recognition; Stanford course by Dr Andrej Karpathy
- o Reinforcement Learning: UCL course by Dr Dave Silver
- o deeplearning.ai: Coursera courses by Dr Andrew Ng
- o Digital Image Processing: Part of coursework at IIT Roorkee
- o Linear Algebra: Part of coursework at IIT Roorkee

ACHIEVEMENTS

- o ComedK 2016: Ranked 3 among a pool of more than ten thousand applicants for the examination
- JEE Advanced 2016: Ranked 1247 among a pool of hundred thousand applicants for the examination
- o Smart India Hackathon: The team made it to the final round alongside 250 other teams selected nation-wide

• Languages:Python, C++, Verilog

Technologies: PyTorch, Keras, Tensorflow, Git, Linux