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EDUCATION

University of Toronto

Toronto, ON

Honours Bachelor of Science in Computer Science; GPA: 3.94/4.00

Sep. 2021 - Jul. 2025

EXPERIENCE

SocialAI Research Group

Toronto, ON

Research Student

Sep. 2022 - Present

- Designing Research Studies: Collaborated with lab members to design research studies on emergent social behaviors such as collective action through reinforcement learning (Q-learning) in a simulated environment.
- **Gem**: Helped develop Gem, a general-purpose Python reinforcement learning framework with a focus on accessibility for social scientists to quickly develop and deploy simulated studies.
- **Refactoring**: Refactored and packaged experimental scripts into a higher-level RL interface as a step towards making Gem a general-purpose framework.

aUToronto Toronto, ON

2D Object Detection Team Member

Sep. 2022 - Present

- Data Curation: Collected and curated traffic-oriented image datasets to train aUToronto's 2D perception system for self-driving while factoring in variations in perspective while driving.
- \circ MLOps: Intergrated WandB into the training pipeline, improving optimization efficiency by $\sim 20\%$ through *automatic tracking hyperparameters and performance metrics* across experiments to replace manual Excel tracking.

MOZI AI

Remote Work

 $Software\ Intern$

Jul. 2020 - Aug. 2020

- Knowledge Graph: Implemented features for a knowledge graph-based *gene annotation tool in Python* using OpenCog AtomSpace.
- \circ **Parser**: Generated parsers to extract data from large Atomese files using ANTLR to replace line-based parsing, improving graph visualizer performance by $\sim 10\%$.
- \circ Software Testing: Created and developed software testing frameworks to automatically identify and resolve code errors, *improving development iteration speeds by* $\sim 10\%$.

PUBLICATIONS

Granular Analysis of Pretrained Object Detectors

ICAIIC Conference Paper

Authors: Eric Xue, Tae Soo Kim

Feb 2022

- Published in the 2022 International Conference on Artificial Intelligence in Information and Communication.
- Project Lead: Designed and performed experiments for fundamental deep learning research as the first author.
- Image Perturbation: Implemented various image perturbations to simulate imperfect image conditions in the real world, demonstrating a decrease in accuracy by up to 25%.
- Subgroup Analysis: Performed detailed analysis on the effect of various perturbations on pretrained object detection models such as *YOLOv3* and *Faster R-CNN* using the KITTI dataset.
- Discovered that geometric effects resulted in greater degradation of performance than those of color.

Projects

- YumoBot: Built a dice-roller bot for TRPGs on Discord messaging platform using Discord.js. with *MongoDB* to store and organize user data and refactored code to accommodate updates to the Discord API.
- **Personal Website**: Designed and developed a personal website to showcase past projects with Next.js, and implemented decorative animations and transitions using CSS.
- \circ Coveet: Built Coveet, a program that analyzes *Twitter user sentiment* using Python in collaboration with a partner. Parsed, analyzed and visualized over 10GB of tweets with NLTK.
- BuddyBreed: Published an iOS app that identifies a dog's breed from a single photo with 90% accuracy by adopting ResNet-50 model for predictions and using Firebase to store uploaded photos and communicate with server.

Programming Skills

• Languages: Python, JavaScript, Java, Swift, C

Technologies: Firebase, MongoDB, Next.js, Unity

• Machine Learning: PyTorch, NanoDet, WandB