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Experience

Software Engineer, Machine Learning Infrastructure

Mountain View, CA

Nuro

Feb 2021 - Jan 2023

- Maintained and improved the efficiency, scalability, and reliability of a distributed training system for large scale reinforcement learning experiments: feature engineering; improving machine utilization; system health monitoring and tracking; AutoML (GCP neural architecture search) integration.
- Streamlined machine learning training and evaluation process on cloud using Airflow, Kubernetes and Terraform. Built a comprehensive continuous monitoring and testing system with Jenkins, BigQuery, Retool and Slack to mitigate model regressions. Improved simulation based unit tests runtime by 80%.
- Identified and improved cloud resource under-utilization, achieving \$300k+ annual savings for model training.

Software Engineer, Computer Vision

Santa Clara, CA

Sep 2020 - Dec 2020

- Responsible for the lane segmentation and 3D object localization onboard modules for autonomous vehicle prototyping and demonstration events. Benchmarked vendor SoC solutions (e.g. Mobileye Q4).

Software Engineer, Deep Learning

Fremont, CA

Inceptio Technology

VinSmart USA

Aug 2019 - Jul 2020

- Designed and delivered the lidar detection module on vehicle middleware using C++ for real-time inference.
- Implemented a smart data pipeline, including storage, parsing, auto curation, analysis and visualization.
- Implemented deep-learning-based 3D object detection algorithms using TensorFlow and TensorRT. Optimized training speed (-20%) and accuracy with TFRecord, Cython, distributed SGDs. Model profiling with C, CUDA, cuDNN and PyTorch.

Research Engineer

New York City, NY

AI & Civil Engineering Lab, NYU

Dec 2018 - May 2019

- End-to-end design and implementation of a geographic 3D city database using spatial ETL tools and PostgreSQL. 3D deep generative model experiments with Pytorch and CUDA.

Data Science Intern

New York City, NY

PepsiCo

Jun 2018 - Aug 2018

- Built an advertisement campaign analysis tool with Pandas, Spark, MS SQL and AWS. Deployed it to production and presented to the New York office leadership team.

Publications

RealCity3D: A Large-scale Georeferenced 3D Shape Dataset of Real-world Cities

Li, Y, Zhao, H., Yu, Z., Feng, C., CVPR Workshop Oral Presentation, 2019

Education

New York University

MS in Data Science

New York City, NY

Sept 2017 - June 2019

The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong

BSc in Statistics, First Class. MPhil in Sociology

Sept 2012 - May 2018

Skills

- Language: Python, C++/C, CUDA, R
- o Machine Learning Platform: PyTorch, Tensorflow, TensorRT. Airflow, Kubernetes, Terraform
- Others: OpenCV, OpenGL. MPI. Spark, Hadoop, PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB.