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Machine Learning PhD Student

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OBJECTIVE

Machine Learning Ph.D. student at Georgia Institute of Technology currently researching human activity recognition for industrial applications and human-robot collaboration. Seven years experience in machine learning, three years' professional experience as a machine learning researcher. Currently looking for summer internships.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Machine Learning

August 2018 - May 2023 (expected)

Georgia Institute of Technology, School of Interactive Computing, Atlanta, GA
Advisors- Thomas Ploetz, Irfan Essa

M.S.c. Computer Science

August 2014 - May 2015

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
GPA: 3.88, emphasis- machine learning and human-computer interaction
Thesis- "AI-Backed Crowd-Sourced How-to Manuals"
Advisor- Philip Guo

B.S. Computer Science

January 2011 - May 2014

University of Rochester, Rochester, NY
GPA: 3.77, Major: Computer Science, Cum Laude, Highest Distinction, Highest Research Honors, Dean's List all but one semester
Thesis- "3D Reasoning in Natural Language Processing"
Advisor- Lenhart Schubert
Remark: publication and oral presentation accepted to Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures (BICA) 2014.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Nokia Bell Labs- Summer Intern

June 2019 - August 2019

- Distributed Machine Learning for Fast Control Loop Prediction: Created a machine learning ecosystem for managing multiple predictors on a 5G network.
Remark- Project selected as one of top summer internship- presented in person to laboratory president.

MIT Lincoln Laboratory: Associate Staff: Software Engineer

May 2015 - August 2018

Sample Projects

MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, MA

- Dynamic Deep Learning: Collaborated with group with diverse skill set to automate optimization of convolutional neural network (CNN) architectures with client/server model. Optimized for image classification on CIFAR-10, CIFAR-100, and custom machine vision/image recognition data sets. Became principal deep learning developer. Utilized Python, Keras, TensorFlow, and super computing techniques (MapReduce).
Remark- Results published in Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR) workshop.
Remark- Patent for network optimization currently pending.
- Deep Learning for Virus Tropism: Led design, experimentation. Built convolutional neural network (CNN) classifier to identify viral tropism from protein sequences in Python, TensorFlow and Keras.
Publication Pending
- Deep Learning for Black Box Detection: Cross-disciplinary project with mechanical engineering team. Demonstrated that convolutional deep neural network (CNN) architectures could be used to find crashed aircraft black-boxes in underwater sonar imagery. VGG-based Image classifier written in Caffe and Python
Remark: First use of deep learning to detect black-boxes in sonar imagery (patent pending).
Remark: Project won MIT Lincoln Laboratory's Tech Office Challenge 2016.
Remark: Basis for Presentation at Acoustic Society America 2017.

MIT Lincoln Laboratory Summer Research Program

May 2014 - August 2014

Intelligent Firewall Policies

MIT Lincoln Laboratory, Lexington, MA

- Implemented forward inference engine in .NET (F#) to find firewall policy anomalies.
- First firewall policy anomaly finder with constraint satisfaction algorithm.
- *Remark: First implementation of a firewall policy checker scalable to enterprise needs.*

- Program written in Python, utilized Blender to build, model, and query 3D simulations from information derived from natural language utterances.
- Collaborative team project.
- Designed and built tools for implementing logical predications, object placement, and versatile helping functions.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

Scarafoni D, Telfer BA, Ricke DO, Thornton JR, Comolli J. Predicting Influenza A Tropism with End-to-End Learning of Deep Networks. *Health security*. 2019 Dec 1;17(6):468-76.

Chan, Michael, et al. "Learning Network Architectures of Deep CNNs under Resource Constraints." *Proceedings of the IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops*. 2018.

Bigelow E., Scarafoni D., Schubert, L., Wilson A. "On the Need for Imagistic Modeling in Story Understanding", *Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures* 2014.

Scarafoni, D., Gordon, M., Lasecki, W., Bigham, J. Comparing Human and Automated Agents in a Coordinated Navigation Domain . *University of Rochester Undergraduate Research Symposium*. April 18th, 2014.

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

Scarafoni, Daniel, Alexander Bockman, and Michael Chan. "Automatic target recognition and geo-location for side scan sonar imagery." *The Journal of the Acoustical Society of America* 141.5 (2017): 3925-3925.

Scarafoni, D., Bigelow, E., Wilson, A., Schubert, L. "Imagistic Modeling in Story Understanding." *University of Rochester Undergraduate Research Symposium*. April 18th, 2014.

Bigelow E., Scarafoni D., Schubert, L., Wilson A. "On the Need for Imagistic Modeling in Story Understanding", *Biologically Inspired Cognitive Architectures*, oral presentation, 2014.

Scarafoni, D., Gordon, M., Lasecki, W., Bigham, J. "Comparing Human and Automated Agents in a Coordinated Navigation Domain ." *University of Rochester Undergraduate Research Symposium*. April 18th, 2014.

Winner: Professors' Choice Award.

PATENTS

Thornton Jason et al., inventor;. *Methods for Learning Network Architectures of Deep Convolutional Neural Networks under Resource Constraints*. U.S Application No. 62/589647. Filing Date November 22, 2017. (pending)

Chan, Michael et al, Inventor. *Methods for Detecting Objects-of-Interest in Underwater Environments*. U.S Application No. 62/443085. Filing Date January 6, 2017. (pending)

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

Nokia Bell Labs UnixWorld Challenge: Outstanding Achievement in Robotic Orchestration

2018 Recipient of \$25000 Raytheon Fellowship

2018 President's Fellow from Georgia Institute of Technology

Remark: Given to a select group of highly qualified doctoral students in the nation.

Winner: 2016 MIT Lincoln Laboratory Tech Office Challenge

Golden Key International Honors Society

Donald M. Barnard Prize

2014 Undergraduate Research Symposium Professor's Choice Award

HackNY Spring 2014: Best Commandline Interface

Big Red Hacks Fall 2014: top 10 finalist

SKILLS

TensorFlow	two years professional experience
Python	three years professional experience
Matlab	two years professional experience
Languages Spoken	Mandarin Chinese, English, Spanish
Other	familiar with most deep learning and scientific frameworks (Caffe, PyTorch, Keras, etc. . .)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CSC171: Introduction to Java Programming

CSC173: Introduction to Formal Systems

CSC242: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence