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Technical Skills

Key Skills Deep Generative Models, ML/DL, Drug Discovery, Single-Cell Genomics

Programming Languages Python, C++

Libraries/Frameworks PyTorch, PyTorch Lightning, Huggingface, Scanpy, Scikit-Learn

Operating Systems Linux, Windows

Mathematics Probability and Statistics, Linear Algebra

Tools Git, LaTeX, Slack, Trello

Work Experience

Wellcome Sanger Institute

Data Scientist

Nov 2022 – Present Hinxton, United Kingdom

Research assistant at Dr. Mo Lotfollahi's lab working alongside >10 PhD students

- Collaborated on 6 ML projects in Single-Cell Genomics and Drug Discovery
- Developed task-specific fine-tuning pipelines on generative and transformer models
- Contributed to ongoing projects like CPA: Compositional Perturbation Autoencoder
- More than 50 reviewed and merged Pull Requests
- Over 300 reviewed commits in 2024

Virasad

Computer Vision Engineer

Jan 2022 – May 2022

Tehran, Iran

- Delivered >95% accuracy solutions for tasks with limited data (15 images per class)
- Spearheaded development on 5 diverse projects meeting client requirements
- Led 2 individual projects, enhancing development pipelines

Projects

CPA: Compositional Perturbation Autoencoder

Wellcome Sanger Institute

- CPA: Paper by Lotfollahi et al. featured on the cover of the Molecular Systems Biology Journal, Paper
- Contributed to and maintaining the official GitHub Repository of the paper
- More than 7 merged Pull Requests to the project
- Code is PyTorch/Lightning based

Car Catalytic Converters Classification

Virasad

- Classified 10 classes with only 15 images per class, optimizing computation
- Split pipeline into 2 classifiers to address data scarcity using Tensorflow

Burr Detection Using Semantic Segmentation

Virasad

• Achieved top performance with 300 images using heavy augmentation in PyTorch

Industrial Defective Bottle Caps Detection

Virasad

 Offered 3 solutions based on OpenCV, SVMs, and deep learning for speed, accuracy, and computation trade-offs

Research Interests (R&D)

Deep Generative Models
Neural Network Optimization & Generalization
Drug Discovery
Adversarial Robustness

Teaching Experience

Sharif University of Technology

Sep 2022 – Present Tehran. Iran

Teaching Assistant

- Machine Learning for Bioinformatics (Graduate Course) | Spring 2023
 - Prepared teaching material on CNNs & AutoEncoders, designed assignments, and coordinated class contests.
- Introduction to Machine Learning | Fall 2022
 - Designed and graded assignments for a class of 150 students, conducted a workshop on Variational AutoEncoders.

Amirkabir University of Technology

Sep 2021 – Mar 2022 Tehran, Iran

Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Image Processing and Neural Networks | Fall 2022
 - Conducted workshops and lectures on OpenCV and Deep Learning for a class of 80 students.
- Advanced Programming with C++ | Spring 2022
 - Designed assignments and projects for a class of 90 students, evaluated student submissions.

Languages

English Full professional proficiency: IELTS Academic Overall 8.0/9.0

Persian Native language

Activities

CWS (Computer Webinar Series)

Head of Sponsoring

Dec 2021 – Sep 2022

Tehran, Iran

• CWS is an event held by the scientific association of mathematics and computer science of AUT

- CWS 2022 was held with more than 9000 participants
- Raised over 90% of the target budget to fund the team and work

Nowbahar Data Science Contest

Mar 2022 – Apr 2022

Coordinator And Question Designer

Tehran, Iran

 Designed questions for the Nowbahar data science and machine learning contest with 400 participants

Mathematics and Computer Science Faculty at AUT

Member of the Students' Guild Council

Oct 2021 – Oct 2022 Tehran, Iran

Honors & Awards

- Achieved top 1% place in Nationwide University Entrance Exam for B.Sc. in Math. and Engineering (~155,000 applicants), Iran, 2020
- Secured 9th place in Machine Learning Contest, Quera Code Cup 6