KUNAL KOTKAR

EDUCATION

Masters in Computer Science, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY, GPA - 3.84/4

Bachelors in Computer Engineering, UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI, GPA - 9.6/10

Relevant Courses: Computer Vision, Object Oriented Software Engineering, Data Structures, Advanced Algorithms, Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Software System Design, Natural Language Processing, Large Language Models, Augmented Reality

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming Languages Python, Java, C#, C/C++, JavaScript, HTML/CSS, Kotlin, SQL
- Frameworks and Libraries OpenCV, PyTorch, Scikit-learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib, TQDM, TensorFlow, NNI, Selenium, Bootstrap, ReactJS, Angular, NodeJs, Flask, HuggingFace, PyDicom, Sagemaker
- Software Tools Docker, CVAT, VSCode, GPUs, MATLAB, Git, AWS (EC2, S3), Unity, MongoDB, MicroDICOM Viewer, MS Excel, Firebase

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Computer Vision Engineer | SURGICAL VISION SYSTEMS INC, BALTIMORE

- Spearheaded the creation of a comprehensive dataset comprising **7,800+ images of surgical instruments** using an Astra 2 camera for capturing both color and depth images, generating high-quality point clouds.
- Enhanced an existing pipeline using **ROS2** Iron, Segment Anything (SAM), and **GroundingDINO** to accurately identify and locate surgical instruments. Successfully integrated robotic arm control to pick and place instruments within a **60-second** timeframe.
- Trained YOLO11 and SAM2 models on the dataset, achieving a mAP50 score of 93.6% demonstrating significant detection accuracy.

Machine Learning Research Engineer | HEPIUS INNOVATION LAB, BALTIMORE

- Generated and managed a dataset from DICOM files, enabling the deployment of deep learning models (Yolov8, DETR, SSD) for tasks such as injury detection with detection accuracy as high as 99.5% and detection up to 58 frames per second.
- Developed and trained state-of-the-art models (SAM, TransUNet, DeepLabv3) for automated segmentation of anatomical structures within the spinal cord, gaining a mean IOU of **82%** for the spinal cord anatomy.
- Engineered a **Docker** and AWS cloud environment facilitating medical professionals' use of the Computer Vision Annotation Tool.

PROJECTS

LLM Prompt Recovery | Python, PyTorch, Llama | [GitHub]

- Identified original prompts from outputs of large language models (LLMs) on a custom generalized dataset with a Rouge Score of 65%.
- Implemented diverse model architectures including full Parameter efficient Fine-Tuning (PEFT), Representation Fine-tuning (ReFT), and Quantized Long Range Adaptation (QLoRA), achieving significant improvements in prompt recovery accuracy.

LifeSavAR: An AR First Aid Guide | Unity, C#, Mixed Reality Tooklit (MRTK) | [GitHub]

- Designed an AR application for Microsoft HoloLens for emergency medical guidance, automating testing for real-time assistance.
- Integrated Vuforia and MRTK for overlay on a Torso phantom, enhancing the real-time assistance capability for non-medical users.

Predicting Ejection Fraction using Segmentation guided Video Vision Transformers | Python, PyTorch, Computer Vision | [Poster]

- Transitioned the EchoNet-Dynamic and integrated segmentation with transformers to predict cardiac function with high accuracy.
- Accomplished a mAE of **5.81** in predicting Ejection Fraction and secured an AUC score of **91%**.

Twitter Sentiment Analysis Platform: Covid-19 Insights | NodeJS, IBM Cloud

- Developed a web platform leveraging **Node-Red** and **IBM Watson Services** to analyze sentiment and emotions in tweets on Covid-19 and lockdown from March '20 to Sept '20, offering a snapshot of public sentiment during the period.
- Developed a platform for real-time sentiment analysis, showcasing my ability to manage and implement automated testing solutions.

AWARDS

| Joel Dean Excellence in Teaching Award JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY | April 2024 |
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| Best Project Award – LLM Prompt Recovery NLP Self Supervised Models | May 2024 |

PUBLICATIONS

"Injury Localization and Anatomical Segmentation in Ultrasound Spinal Cord Images," [Publication in Progress]

- Presenting an ultrasound spinal cord dataset of **10,223 DICOM images**, benchmarking state-of-the-art object detection for injury localization and semantic segmentation models for anatomical labeling.
- Attained high-performance metrics in injury detection using Yolov8 with accuracies up to **99.5%** and excelled in segmentation of spinal cord anatomy in humans, achieving a Dice score of **84.66%**, demonstrating effective zero-shot generalization for clinical translation.

"Mime3D - A Patient Monitoring System," ACCAI 2022. Published in IEEE Xplore [paper link]

- Engineered a system integrating **IMU sensors** and the **ESP32S NodeMCU WiFi** module to transmit data through Arduino to a remote server; this was subsequently relayed to a web interface with a **3D human model**, mirroring real-time human motions within Unity.
- Successfully emulated limb movements of volunteers from Bhabha Atomic Research Center engaged in sports activities.

"Employee Attrition Using Machine Learning And Depression Analysis," ICICCS 2021. Published in IEEE Xplore [paper link]

- Employed the Goldberg Depression Questionnaire and harnessed a Random Forest Classifier algorithm on a custom dataset to predict employee attrition with 86% accuracy.
- Designed a user-friendly Flask-based website for seamless visualization of the analysis results.

May 2024

July 2022

July 2024 - Present

Jan 2023 - May 2024