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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Deep Learning, Bayesian Methods, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing

EDUCATION

- 2016 - now PhD in COMPUTER SCIENCE
Boston University
Image and Video Computing Group
Deep Learning, Research Adviser: KATE SAENKO
- 2014 - 2015 MSc in APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND COMPUTER SCIENCE
Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology
Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology
Department of Control and Applied Mathematics
Numerical Analysis and Machine Learning, Research Adviser: IVAN OSELEDETS
- 2010 - 2014 BSc in APPLIED MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS
Moscow Institute of Physics and Technology
Department of Innovation and Higher Technology (2012-2014)
Department of Problems of Physics and Energetics (2010-2012)
Computational Linguistics, Research Intern in ABBYY Language Services

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2012 BSc Scholarship for High Academic Results from Innovative Education Foundation
2010 2nd Place for the Project on National High-School Science Fair (Moscow, Russia)

CORE SKILLS

- Tools/Languages: Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Linux, C++, Git
- Selected graduate Bayesian Methods, Machine Learning II, Statistical Learning Theory,
coursework: Pattern Recognition in Bioinformatics, Deep Representation Learning,
Numerical Linear Algebra, Fast Methods for Solving PDEs,
CS591E2: Optimization Methods and their Applications (Theory),
CS591C1: Computational Game Theory,
MA750: Nonparametric and Semiparametric Models

WORK EXPERIENCE

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| now | Research Assistant | BOSTON UNIVERSITY |
| 2017 | Research Intern | HONDA RESEARCH INSTITUTE, USA |
| 2017 | Teaching Assistant/Grader for
CS591: Deep Learning, CS542: Machine Learning | BOSTON UNIVERSITY |
| 2016 | Visiting Student | UMASS LOWELL |
| 2015 | Visiting Student | MIT |
| 2014 | Instructor Machine Learning Elective | INTELLEKTUAL BOARDING SCHOOL, MOSCOW |
| 2014 | Research Intern | ABBYY LS, MOSCOW |
| 2013 | Junior Software Engineer (Python) | ABBYY LS, MOSCOW |

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- 2017 **Stable Adversarial Domain Adaptation**
(IVC Group at BU; at Honda Research Institute USA)
Used the dual formulation of the logistic classifier to turn a min-max problem to a minimization problem to see how it affects stability of domain adaptation, and discussed how to generalize it to non-logistic cases.
- 2017 **VisDA: The Visual Domain Adaptation Challenge (ICCV2017)**
(IVC Group at BU)
Prepared a synthetic dataset and starting code for the classification track, did some of baseline experiments and general challenge website management.
- 2016 **Generating Trees by Following Paths**
(IVC Group at BU; CV Group at UML)
Explored generative modeling of sentence parse trees with linear LSTMs by conditioning nodes on paths that lead to them.
- 2014 **Named Entity Recognition for Russian Language**
(BSc Graduation Project, Internship at ABBYY LS)
Used multiple deep neural embeddings to improve Named Entity Recognition and Detection on a Russian news corpora.

SELECTED COURSE PROJECTS

- 2016 **Gaussian Processes for Convex Smooth Functions**
(CS591: Optimization Methods and their Applications, Boston University)
Derived an additive correction term for Gaussian process so that it takes into account gradient information and first-order lower bounds.
- 2015 **Nonlinear Algebraic Multigrid for Representation Learning**
(Fast Methods for Partial Differential and Integral Equations, Skoltech)
Used Algebraic Multigrid and Full Approximation Scheme to solve equation on dense autoencoder with sparse input.
- 2015 **Tensor SimRank for Heterogeneous Graphs**
(Numerical Linear Algebra at Skoltech, 2015)
Defined a generalization of recursive SimRank graph proximity measure that takes into account kind (color) of entities and relations.
- 2013-2014 **Simple Java Compiler in C++**
(Compiler Architecture, MIPT)
Implemented a "Simple Java" compiler with: intermediate representation, type checking, IR-tree reduction and optimization, stack and register optimizations based on flow-graph analysis and assembly generation.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Co-reviewed papers for NIPS17, CVPR17, ICRA17
- 2015 Participated in Microsoft Research School on Machine Learning, SPb
- 2015 Organized CS Day for high-school students at Skoltech, Moscow