



Athens Living Lab Ideathon Machine Vision : Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning & Computer Vision Challenges

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Intro to Computer Vision

The field of study surrounding how computers see and understand digital images and videos **DeepAl**

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Computer vs. o Machine vision

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The field that trains computers to interpret and understand the visual world **J.G. Shanahan, Berkeley**

Enables computers and systems to derive meaningful information from digital images, videos and other visual inputs IBM





AI/ML simplified

- Neurons: mathematical functions
- Weights: connections between neurons (numerical)
- **Prediction**: Y=X^TW
- Loss function: Comparison metric between prediction and grown truth
- **Deep Learning**: Like simple ML but Model is chaotically big
- Gradient Descent: Optimization algorithm to find the minimum of the loss function
- Training: The process of feeding the ML model with data to allow the learning algorithm to "learn" data patterns (by adjusting the weights)
- Inference: The process of running new (live) data into a trained ML model and calculate output aka prediction

Neural Network (NN) Model



[Kolmogorov,1957] A continuous multivariate function can be expressed on a compact set in terms of sums and compositions of a finite number of single variable functions.





AI/ML & Computer Vision Convergence









Demo: Digit Recognition (1)

- Dataset: MNIST, Gray-scale digits 0-9
- ML Model: CNN (2 convolutional+2 linear layers)
- Tuning: Learning rate=0.001, Training epochs=10
- Image processing: Blurring factor (bf) of Gaussian Noise

Convolutional Neural Network









Demo: Digit Recognition (2)



bf=0

Truth

Prediction



NN score: 98%





Demo: Digit Recognition (3)



Truth	7	1	7	1	6
Prediction	7	1	7	1	6



Truth	6	5	3	7	6
Prediction	6	5	3	7	6



NN score: 97%



Demo: Digit Recognition (4)



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Computer vision apps: ITS



Vehicle & pedestrian detection



Lane detection



Traffic sign recognition

Key Requirements

- Accuracy
- Minimal delays
- ML Model personalization



Computer vision apps: Medical





Skin cancer detection



X-ray analysis e.g. COVID detection



Surgical robotics

Key Requirements

- Accuracy
- Precision & Recall i.e., no false-positives/negatives
- ✓ Data privacy



Computer vision apps: Industrial IoT





Defect detection



Inventory management



Material sorting

Key Requirements

- Accuracy
- Minimal delays
- Processing-light ML tasks (if running on embedded devices)
- Energy-aware ML



Computer vision challenges





DATA SHORTAGE

- Inadequate data quantity
- Restrictions due to privacy
- Low-quality data e.g. shades



BLACK-BOX AI

- No existing theory on AI/ML
- No convergence guarantees
 - Works only by trial and error (resultoriented)
- Based on existing practical guidelines/rules



MANUAL LABELLING

- Requires human interference
- Long process
- Prone to errors



PROCESSING CAPACITY

- Heavy ML models for HD images, videos, etc. usually require GPUs Most ML tasks can be only performed in High Availability Data Centers



OVER-FITTING

- ML model is trained but cannot generalize over new data
- Requires analysis of ML algorithm, parameters, etc.



ENERGY COSTS

GPU operations inflict major energy expenditure



Future Directions: a glimpse















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Thank you! Questions?

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