Alexander Pashevich

Inria

Grenoble, France

Experience

PhD candidate

Advisor: Cordelia Schmid (h-idx 132)

- Published 5 papers at top-tier conferences in various domains, including imitation and reinforcement learning, robotics, computer vision, natural language processing, transformers, multimodal learning, and sim2real transfer.
- Pioneered robot learning research at Inria under Dr. Schmid's supervision. The lab effort now consists of 15+ people. •
- Introduced methods for learning robot skills outperforming classical approaches by combining learning paradigms. •
- Developed a method to transfer control learned in simulation to real robots by exploiting parallel computations. •
- Supervised 2 interns, taught algorithms to a class of 30 students, collaborated with 4 engineers and 1 PhD student.

Research Intern

Google Research

Sep 2020 – Mar 2021

Sep 2017 – Oct 2021

Advisor: Chen Sun (h-idx 32)

Paris, France

- Improved results on a Vision Language Navigation task by 74% by developing a multimodal transformer architecture.
- Published the work at the ICCV conference (A1, 25.9% acceptance rate).
- Accelerated training of open-source code by 200% by employing a multi-process data loading and LMDB databases. •
- Implemented multi-GPU training with TensorFlow for internal clusters and open-sourced models with PyTorch. •

Feb 2016 – Jun 2016 **Research Intern** Inria Advisor: Radu Horaud (h-idx 64) Grenoble, France

- Invented an outlier detection algorithm achieving state-of-the-art results by leveraging Gaussian mixture models.
- Co-authored a work published in Pattern Recognition Letters journal. Implemented the method in Matlab.

Education

•	Ph.D. Computer Science, Grenoble Alpes University, France. [thesis]	Sep 2017 – Oct 2021
•	M.Sc. Informatics, Grenoble INP, France. [GPA 16.47/20, summa cum laude, top 2%]	Sep 2015 – Jun 2017
	Excellence Scholarship of Grenoble INP (2016); French Government Study Scholarship (2015)	
•	B.Sc. Applied mathematics, MIPT - #3 ranked university in Russia. [GPA 4.51/5, top ~10%]	Sep 2011 – Jun 2015

Skills

•	Technologies:	Python, PyTorch, T	TensorFlow, Uni	x, PyBullet (physics engine),	Dask (parallel	computing).

- Deep imitation & reinforcement learning, control, robotics, computer vision, NLP, transformers. Domains:
- Other: Neural networks, machine learning, distributed GPU & CPU training, data structures, algorithms.

Publications

- Pashevich, Schmid, Sun. Episodic Transformer for Vision-and-Language Navigation. In ICCV 2021 [github] •
- Pashevich, Kalevatykh, Laptev, Schmid. Learning visual policies for building 3D shape categories. In IROS 2020 •
- Strudel, Pashevich, Kalevatykh, Laptev, Sivic, Schmid. Learning to combine primitive skills: A step towards versatile • robotic manipulation. In ICRA 2020 [github]
- Pashevich, Strudel, Kalevatykh, Laptev, Schmid. Learning to augment synthetic images for sim2real policy transfer. In • IROS 2019 [github]
- Pashevich, Hafner, Davidson, Sukthankar, Schmid. Modulated Policy Hierarchies. In Deep RL workshop, NeurIPS 2018
- Marriott, Pashevich, Horaud. Plane-extraction from depth-data using a Gaussian mixture regression model. PRL

Interests

- Fluent in English, French, Spanish, and Russian. •
- Exploring the world by traveling and learning about cultures and history. Visited more than 50 countries.
- Snowboarding, volleyball, and everything related to mountains.