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Year in Course: 3rd (Senior)

Topics: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision

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Title: Lecture2Notes: Summarizing Lecture Videos by Analyzing Slides and Classifying Text using Machine Learning

Biography:

Hayden Housen is a senior at Pawling High School who is studying machine learning, computer vision, and natural language processing as part of the Science Research Program. He also is taking the most advanced classes offered to him, which creates a demanding workload. When Hayden is not studying for school or working on his research for Science Research, he is participating in various clubs and activities: In the fall he runs on the Cross Country team while in the winter he participates in mathematics competitions on the Math Team and skis for general enjoyment. Hayden is pursuing a degree in Computer Science in college.

Hayden is investigating an automated approach to summarizing lectures and slide presentations with a goal of being able to convert a presentation into detailed notes. This conversion is based on speech and the content on the slides. The computer learns which sections of the video contain unique slides and will extract the text off of them. Both the transcribed audio and slide content will be analyzed using a machine learning summarization algorithm developed by Hayden. Achieving automatic lecture summarization will be helpful to students and researchers in the machine learning field. This research necessitates a novel approach to document summarization which will be beneficial in future research that wishes to accomplish similar tasks. For the educational impact, there is evidence that the amount of information students record when taking notes has the largest impact of test scores. Additionally, when comparing the test scores of students that took their own notes to students that were provided notes from the teacher, no significant difference was found. Thus, Hayden's research will save both professors and students time and enhance the learning process by providing them with a concrete starting point when learning from a lecture.



Science Research Awards:

1. Top 300 Scholar in Regeneron 2021 Science Talent Search
2. 1st Computational Sciences at 2021 Eastern JSHS
3. 2nd Computational/Physical Sciences at 2021 Upstate New York JSHS
4. Honorable Mention in Senior Division at Dutchess Country Regional Science Fair
5. 3rd Computer Science and Mathematics at Somers 2019 Competition