# Omkar Ranadive

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## **EDUCATION**

#### **Northwestern University**

Evanston, Illinois

Master of Science in Computer Science, GPA: 4.0/4.0

Sep 2019 – Mar 2021

Coursework: Machine Learning, Statistics, Deep Learning Foundations, Advanced Deep Learning, Data Science Seminar, Statistical Language Modeling, Algorithms, Social Network Analytics Labs/Groups: REALM Lab, MAGICS Lab, AI Journal Club

## K.J Somaiya College of Engineering

Mumbai, India

Bachelor of Technology in Computer Engineering, **GPA: 8.99/10**Aug 2015 – May 2019

Coursework: Machine Learning (Topper), Neural Nets, Image Analysis (Topper), AI, Data Structures, Algorithms, Operating System (Topper)

## Certifications

Deep Learning Specialization (Deeplearning.AI), Machine Learning (Stanford, Coursera)

## Work Experience

## Alchera Labs Applied Scientist

San Diego, California Jul 2021 – Present

• Responsible for researching and developing ML algorithms and applying them across different Alchera products.

## CIERA Researcher | Prof. Vicky Kalogera's Group

Evanston, Illinois Jun 2020 – Jun 2021

## Earthquake Detective | Prof. Suzan Van Der Lee

- Compiled and processed the first ever comprehensive ML benchmark dataset of potentially triggered earthquakes and tremors with 130k+ samples.
- Developed a ML model which uses Wavelet Scattering and Image Convolutions to detect low amplitude earthquake and tremor signals with 90.4% accuracy.
- Developed a retirement algorithm to effectively retire labeled seismic samples on Earthquake Detective a crowdsourcing platform.

## Northwestern University Graduate Research Assistant | Prof. Prem Seetharaman

Evanston, Illinois Jan 2020 – Jun 2020

- Developed Otoworld, an interactive environment for training Reinforcement Learning agents for Computer Audition.
- · Agents are rewarded for "turning-off" sources which are spawned in the environment.
- Agents trained in this environment implicitly learn to separate the sources by learning to maximize the reward.
- Developed a RL agent with a Monaural Separation Model, Spatial Feature Extractor and a Q-Network to navigate this environment.

## K.J Somaiya College of Engineering Research Intern | Prof. Grishma Sharma

Mumbai, India Jan 2018 – Apr 2018

- Researched k-shot learning methodologies and developed a facial recognition system which can be trained on limited data. (k=number of training samples per class).
- The system gives 100% accuracy for k=3 and subjects less than 20. For 20-30 subjects and k=3, accuracy ranges from 80 to 90%.

## Accelo Innovation Machine Learning Intern

Mumbai, India Aug 2017 – Oct 2017

• Implemented depth mapping module using Stereo Vision and achieved a 98% accuracy (2 cm error) for objects up to 5m away. Objects 20m away were estimated with 95% accuracy.

- Implemented object detection module with a combination of Haar Cascades, Histogram of Gradients and a CNN model.
- Implemented lane detection module using Inverse Perspective Mapping.

## **SKILLS**

Languages/Web: Python, Java, R, C, C++, Flask, HTML, CSS, PHP, Javascript, AngularJS, Node.js Analytics/Tools: AWS, Git, Docker, Spark, Tableau, Trifacta, Matplotlib, D3.js

Databases: PostgreSQL, MySQL, MongoDB

Libraries: Pytorch, Tensorflow, OpenCV, Gym, Numpy, Pandas, SkLearn, NLTK, Keras

- PUBLICATIONS 1. O. Ranadive, S. van der Lee, T. Vivian, and C. Kevin, "Applying machine learning to crowd-sourced data from earthquake detective," in AI for Earth Sciences Workshop, Thirty-fourth Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'20), Dec. 2020.
  - 2. O. Ranadive, G. Gasser, D. Terpay, and P. Seetharaman, "Otoworld: Towards learning to separate by learning to move," in Self Supervision in Audio and Speech Workshop, 37th International Conference on Machine Learning, Vienna, Austria (ICML'20), Jul. 2020.
  - 3. K. Joisher, S. Khan, and O. Ranadive, "Simulation environment for development and testing of autonomous learning agents," in 2nd International Conference on Advances in Science & Technology (ICAST'19, Elsevier SSRN), Apr. 2019.
  - 4. O. Ranadive and D. Thakkar, "K-shot learning for face recognition," International Journal of Computer Applications 181 (18), pp. 43-48, Sep. 2018.

## **PROJECTS**

## Reinforcement Learning for High-Frequency Trading

- Developed an environment to process HFT data and maintain a limit-order book in real-time.
- Developed a DDQN agent which leverages the level-2 data to take intelligent trading decisions.

## LinkedIn Network Analytics

- Analyzed how LinkedIn network has changed in the post-COVID era and identified key users using centrality measures and sentiment analysis.
- · Analyzed emergence and changes in communities using k-core decomposition and cluster decomposition algorithms.
- Used SIENA and STERGM models to fit the network and validate hypotheses.

## Analyzing spread of COVID-19 using Graph Neural Networks

- Developed an end-to-end pipeline to process COVID-19 data into graph structures and analyze it.
- Predicted future spread in US states using Graph Convolution Network and Message Passing Network based on census data, time series info, travel data and distances between US states.

## Domain Adaptation using CycleGAN

- Developed a CycleGAN architecture to map simulated images to real-world images to reduce the domain gap between real-world data and virtual environment data.
- Developed a multi-iterative CycleGAN architecture to enhance the GAN output.

## Citizens Police Data Project

- Analyzed crime trends, officers, and incidents using SQL, Tableau and D3.JS.
- Created a co-accusal network of officers and used graph analytics to identify key officers.
- Applied NLP on reports to find important keywords and assign severity scores.

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<ul> <li>MuZero: Learning to plan in unknown environments, AI Journal Club</li> </ul>	Feb 2021
<ul> <li>Earthquake Detection using crowd-sourced data, Data Skeptic Podcast</li> </ul>	Dec 2020
AI for Earth Sciences Workshop, NeurIPS 2020	Dec 2020
Agent57: Surpassing human performance on Atari Games, AI Journal Club	Oct 2020
<ul> <li>Self-Supervision in Audio and Speech Workshop, ICML 2020</li> </ul>	Jul 2020
Imagination and Curiosity in Reinforcement Learning, AI Journal Club	May 2020
Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, AI Journal Club	Feb 2020

## **TEACHING**

May 2020
Feb 2020
2021
2021
2021
2016
2016

Awards	Undergraduate Final Year, Rank 2	2019
	• Winner of IEEE Technical Paper Presentation for the paper "Framework for low cost	2017
	driver-assistance system"	

SERVICE

 Reviewer, PeerJ Computer Science Journal
 Council Member of Computer Society of India 2016-2017