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

PAPERS

- CONFERENCE 1. O. Ranadive, S. van der Lee, V. Tang, and K. Chao, "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.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. O. Ranadive and D. Thakkar, "K-shot learning for face recognition," International Journal of Computer Applications 181 (18), pp. 43-48, Sep. 2018.

ABSTRACTS

1. M. P. Flanagan, V. Tang, O. Ranadive, A. M. Thomas, and S. van der Lee, "Earthquake detective: Citizen scientists use eyes and ears to classify small seismic events," in AGU Fall Meeting Abstracts, Dec. 2021.

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.

TEACHING

• Invited Lecturer - Machine Learning, ROSES'21, American Geophysical Union	2021
Advanced Deep Learning, Graduate Student Instructor, Northwestern University	2021
Statistical Machine Learning, Graduate Student Instructor, Northwestern University	2021
Machine Learning Workshop, CSI, K.J Somaiya College of Engineering	2016
 Cryptography Workshop, CSI, K.J Somaiya College of Engineering 	2016

Using machine learning to detect wildfires, NICO	Oct 2021
 MuZero: Learning to plan in unknown environments, AI Journal Club 	Feb 2021
Earthquake Detection using crowd-sourced data, Data Skeptic Podcast	Dec 2020
 AI for Earth Sciences Workshop, NeurIPS 2020 	Dec 2020
Agent57: Surpassing human performance on Atari Games, AI Journal Club	Oct 2020
Self-Supervision in Audio and Speech Workshop, ICML 2020	Jul 2020
Imagination and Curiosity in Reinforcement Learning, AI Journal Club	May 2020
Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning, AI Journal Club	Feb 2020
Undergraduate Final Year, Rank 2	2019
 Winner of IEEE Technical Paper Presentation for the paper "Framework for low cost driver-assistance system" 	2017
 Reviewer, PeerJ Computer Science Journal Council Member of Computer Society of India 	2016-2017
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