# Aseem Saxena

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### Education

### PhD in Artificial Intelligence

Mar '21 - Current

Oregon State University

Corvallis, Oregon, United States of America

Current GPA: 3.86/4.0

### B.E(Hons) in Electrical and Electronics Engineering

Aug '11–May '16

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani

Pilani, India CGPA: 7.34/10.00

### M.Sc(Hons) in Biological Sciences

Aug '11-May '16

Birla Institute of Technology and Science Pilani

Pilani, India CGPA: 7.34/10.00

### Experience

## Graduate Research Assistant

## Oregon State University

Jun '21-Present

Prof Alan Fern

- · Multi-Task Learning for Grape Cold-Hardiness Prediction
- · Sim-to-real Learning of Footstep Constrained Bipedal Locomotion.
- · Combining Perception and Control for Bipedal Locomotion.
- · Teaching Assistant ME 430 Systems Dynamics and Control

#### AI Engineer

## Panasonic, Singapore

Jan '19–Jan '21

Technology innovation team

- · Bayesian Optimization for Material Design.
- · Multi Object Tracking Using Kalman filters for state estimation and Hungarian algorithm for data association.
- · Deep Learning for Gaze Estimation.
- · Edge Deployment of Deep Learning Models Deploying pytorch models on Android by converting to ONNX and using OpenCV as a backend for inference.

### Researcher

### National University of Singapore

Sep '17-Jul '18

Adaptive Computing Lab, Prof David Hsu

- · Imitation Learning for autonomous driving in an unstructured environment. Publishing research at Robotics: Science and Systems (RSS) 2019.
- · Feature rich visualization tool based on Python Tkinter to visualize and debug QMDPNet, a deep learning algorithm for solving POMDPs.
- · Robust position controller on the Fetch robot.

#### Research Assistant

## Robotics Research Center, International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad, India

Apr '17-Jul '17

Mahindra Driverless Car Challenge

· Robust system for traffic sign detection, recognition and tracking.

## Computer Vision Engineer Ducere Technologies Pvt Ltd Hyderabad, India

Jul '16-Apr '17

· Low cost LiDAR system using a Teraranger One ToF sensor on a pan tilt unit for 3D scanning.

### Research Assistant

## Robotics Research Center, International Institute of Information Technology Hyderabad, India

Jun '15-Jul '16

- · End-to-end learning based approach for visual servoing in diverse scenes. Publishing work at International conference of Robotics and Automation (ICRA) 2019.
- · Implementation of 'Guess from Far Recognise when Near', a system for object search in unknown environments via frontier based navigation, far object recognition using 2D image segmentation and near object recognition using a bag of words model trained on 3D point clouds.
- · Deep Learning for Table Interest Point Detection using cues from semantic segmentation and vanishing lines.
- · Automating GrabCut for Multilabel Image Segmentation Multi label image segmentation without user guidance by learning a Gaussian mixture model for each label and performing alpha expansion algorithm using MRF2.2 Library.

Research Intern Strand Life Sciences Pvt. Ltd. Bangalore, India

May '14-Jul '14

· Decision Trees and Support Vector Machines for classifying cancerous mutations.

## Scholarships and Certificates

Kishore Vaigyanik Protsahan Yojana Fellowship(KVPY)

Department of Science and Technology, Government of India.

All India Rank 1 - National Cyber Olympiad

Climate Reality Leadership Corps

2010

## Publications

### Multi-Task Learning for Budbreak Prediction

Aseem Saxena, Paola Pesantez-Cabrera, Rohan Ballapragada, Markus Keller, Alan Fern

Workshop on AI for Agriculture and Food Systems,

Association for Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI) 2023(Accepted)

### Paper Grape Cold Hardiness Prediction via Multi-Task Learning

Aseem Saxena, Paola Pesantez-Cabrera, Rohan Ballapragada, Kin-Ho Lam, Markus Keller, Alan Fern

IAAI (Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence), 2023 (Accepted)

### Paper Formalizing the Problem of Side Effect Regularization

Alexander Matt Turner\*, Aseem Saxena\*, Prasad Tadepalli

Equal Contribution, NeurIPS ML Safety Workshop 2022 (Accepted)

### Paper Sim-to-Real Learning of Footstep-Constrained Bipedal Dynamic Walking

Helei Duan, Ashish Malik, Jeremy Dao, Aseem Saxena, Kevin Green, Jonah Siekmann,

Alan Fern, Jonathan Hurst

IEEE ICRA (International Conference on Robotics and Automation), 2022 (Accepted)

### Paper Exploring Convolutional Networks for End-to-End Visual Servoing

Aseem Saxena\*, Harit Pandya\*, Gourav Kumar, K. Madhava Krishna

Equal Contribution, IEEE ICRA

(International Conference on Robotics and Automation), 2017 (Accepted)

Paper LeTS-Drive: Driving in a Crowd by Learning from Tree Search

Panpan Cai, Yuanfu Luo, Aseem Saxena, David Hsu, Wee Sun Lee RSS (Robotics Science and Systems) 2019 (Accepted) Paper

### Relevant Coursework

Intelligent Agents and Decision Making, Deep Learning, Optimization, Linear Algebra, Data Analysis in Social Science, Fundamentals of Statistics, Machine Learning, Complex Analysis, Multivariate Calculus, Differential Equations, Probability and Statistics, Control Systems, Signals and Systems, Communication Systems, Object Oriented Programming

### Skills

Distributed Computing Ray

Deep LearningPytorch, Tensorflow, CaffeComputer VisionOpenCV, Point Cloud Library

Robotics Platforms Nvidia Omniverse, Mujoco, Robot Operating System(ROS), Unity, Gazebo, OpenR

**Programming Languages** Python, C/C++, JAVA, MATLAB

Audio and Video Editing Logic Pro X, Final Cut Pro X, Cubase, Kdenlive, Audacity

### **Extra-Cirrucular Activities**

Faculty Relations Chair at the AI Graduate Student Association in Oregon State University. (2022)

Faculty Relations Chair at the Robotics Graduate Student Association in Oregon State University. (2021)

the gradient.pub - Writing articles on recent developments and long term trends in Artificial Intelligence.

Amateur Triathlete

Stanford Scholar Initiative - Active Participant

Guitarist, Bassist, Vocalist and Keyboardist at Music Club BITS Pilani.