

# Sharan Ramjee

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## Research Interests

Computer Vision, Signal Processing, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, and Artificial Intelligence

## Education

### Purdue University

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING WITH MINORS IN MATHEMATICS AND ECONOMICS

- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, GPA: 4.00/4.00

West Lafayette, IN

Aug. 2016 - Exp. May. 2020

## Experience

### Qualcomm

MACHINE LEARNING INTERN

San Diego, CA

May. 2019 - Aug. 2019 (Present)

- Working with the ML Application Analysis Team on using Deep Learning to make Qualcomm Snapdragon chips more power efficient
- Upgrading the automation tool of the QoS logger to run multimedia applications on Android P and parse log files
- Generating LSTM models using Neural Architecture Search (NAS) to estimate QoS parameters for minimal power consumption

### DARPA SC2 Research

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

West Lafayette, IN

May. 2018 - Present

- Researcher at the Purdue DARPA SC2 Research Team (BAM!) in collaboration with Texas A&M [\[LINK\]](#)
- Qualified for the final round (will take place in Dec 2020) of the DARPA SC2 challenge and won \$750,000 in funding from DARPA for finishing in the top 10 teams in the 1st round and \$375,000 for finishing in the top 5 teams in the 2nd round

### SURF 2018

RESEARCH FELLOW

West Lafayette, IN

May. 2018 - Aug. 2018

- Designed Deep Learning models for modulation classification with a focus on online training for network tuning using PCA, LDA and Autoencoders aided by selective SNR training Wireless Signal Modulation Classification using Deep Neural Networks with Prof. Aly El Gamal [\[LINK\]](#)
- Currently hold the record for the highest classification accuracy (99%) with the RML dataset (previous record – 93%)

### Publicis.Sapient

DATA SCIENCE INTERN

Bengaluru, India

May. 2017 - Jul. 2017

- Rebuilt the “pandas” library in python and converted it into libraries in Apache Spark, Apache Flink, and TensorFlow
- Created clusters in TensorFlow for generating a distributed network that enabled efficient data processing
- Performed big data analytics using Apache Spark, Hadoop and Microsoft Azure

## Publications

### ACCEPTED/PUBLISHED

[C1] Xiwen Zhang, Tolunay Zeyfi, Shengtai Ju, **Sharan Ramjee**, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. “Deep Learning for Interference Identification: Band, Training SNR, and Sample Selection”. IEEE Signal Processing Advances in Wireless Communications (**SPAWC**), 2019 [\[LINK\]](#)

[J1] **Sharan Ramjee**, Shengtai Ju, Diyu Yang, Xiaoyu Liu, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. “Fast Deep Learning for Automatic Modulation Classification”. Submitted to IEEE Journal on Selected Areas in Communications (**JSAC**), 2019 [\[PREPRINT\]](#)

### UNDER REVIEW

[C2] **Sharan Ramjee**, Aly El Gamal. “Efficient Wrapper Feature Selection using Autoencoder and Model Based Elimination”. Submitted to Neural Information Processing Systems (**NIPS**), 2019 [\[PREPRINT\]](#)

[J2] **Sharan Ramjee**, Shengtai Ju, Diyu Yang, Xiaoyu Liu, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. “Data Driven Subsampling for Automatic Modulation Classification”. Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking (**TCCN**), 2019

[J3] Xiwen Zhang, **Sharan Ramjee**, Tolunay Seyfi, Shengtai Ju, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. “Band Selection using Deep Learning for Interference Identification”. Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking (**TCCN**), 2019

## Talks

### Deep Learning for Interference Identification: Band, Training SNR, and Sample Selection

IEEE SIGNAL PROCESSING ADVANCES IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS (SPAWC) 2019 [\[LINK\]](#)

Cannes, France

Jul. 2019

### Deep Neural Network Architectures for Modulation Classification using PCA

THE SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) SYMPOSIUM [\[LINK\]](#)

West Lafayette, IN

Aug. 2018

### A PyTorch Framework for Automatic Modulation Classification

THE SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) SYMPOSIUM [\[LINK\]](#)

West Lafayette, IN

Aug. 2018

## Honors & Awards

**Eli Shay Scholarship**, (3 times) Purdue University

2017-2019

**Wolfram Alpha Award**, MadHacks (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Nov 2018

**Dean's List**, (6 times) Purdue University

2016-2019

**Engineering Design Excellence Award**, Purdue University

Dec. 2016

**12<sup>th</sup> Board Exam Scholarship**, DRDO

2016

**OpenMRS Award**, Google Code-In

Dec. 2014

**10<sup>th</sup> Board Exam Scholarship**, DRDO

2014

## Activities

### Purdue IEEE Computer Society (CSociety)

West Lafayette, IN

PRESIDENT [\[LINK\]](#)

Aug. 2017 - Present

- Led several teams in the completion of projects for the Purdue Spark Challenge that is held every semester
- Served as the product manager for the 'Neural Style Transfer using Hardware Convolution' project (Spring 2019) and served as the head of the data analysis team for the 'QUEVIHN: Biomedical Robot' project (Fall 2018) [\[LINK\]](#)

### Autonomous Motorsports Purdue (AMP)

West Lafayette, IN

SOFTWARE TEAM LEAD [\[LINK\]](#)

Nov. 2018 - Present

- Led the software team for the development of SLAM algorithms in preparation for the autonomous racing competition held every May [\[LINK\]](#)
- Successfully developed computer vision software using the YOLOv2 for the Velodyne LiDAR [\[LINK\]](#)
- Created on-boarding documents to get new recruits up to speed with the Robot Operating System (ROS) framework

### Undergraduate Research Society of Purdue (UGRSP)

West Lafayette, IN

FOUNDING AMBASSADOR [\[LINK\]](#)

Oct. 2018 - Present

- Served as the founding ambassador for the College of Engineering to help guide students with research
- Taught students how to present their research, conduct literature reviews, write journal/conference papers
- Engaged in outreach and spreading awareness to recruit a diverse group of students that were passionate about research

## Teaching Assistant

### Microprocessor Systems and Interfacing

ECE 362

West Lafayette, IN

Spring 2019

### ASIC Design Laboratory

ECE 337

West Lafayette, IN

Spring 2019

### Advanced C Programming

ECE 264

West Lafayette, IN

Spring 2019

### Electronic Measurement Techniques

ECE 207

West Lafayette, IN

Fall 2018

### Programming Applications For Engineers

CS 159

West Lafayette, IN

Spring 2018

## Skills

**Languages** Python, C, Java, Shell Scripting, MATLAB

**Hardware** System Verilog, Embedded C, Assembly

**Libraries** Keras, TensorFlow, scikit-learn, OpenCV

**Other** Git,  $\LaTeX$

**OS** Android, ROS, Linux (Ubuntu)

## Projects

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### StrataGem | Fintech Android App

Madison, WI

MADHACKS 2018 – UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON [\[LINK\]](#)

Nov. 2018

- StrataGem is an integrated platform to take care of all your finances - Personal Banking to Investment Advisory
- Won the “Wolfram Alpha Award” sponsored by Wolfram Alpha and the “Best Payment Solution” award sponsored by Authorize.net
- Written in Java and XML for Android with ML merger prediction and sentiment analysis algorithms written in Python

### Vitamin.AI | Health & Fitness Android App

West Lafayette, IN

BOILERMAKE VI – PURDUE UNIVERSITY [\[LINK\]](#)

Oct. 2018

- Vitamin.AI is a Computer Vision driven health & fitness tracking Android App that is an upgrade to FitScan, another android app I made in 2017 [\[LINK\]](#)
- Uses Google Cloud Vision API to classify brand names and AR to detect the size/calories of the products consumed
- Automatically schedules a run for the user using Google Maps APIs so that the user burns the calories that were consumed on that day

### USB AHB-Lite | ASIC SoC Module

West Lafayette, IN

SoC TEAM

Dec. 2018

- USB Full-Speed Bulk-Transfer Endpoint AHB-Lite SoC Module facilitates bulk transfers of data from a USB Endpoint to a Host
- Coded in SystemVerilog with an emphasis on the ASIC design aspects with regards to the AHB-Lite Slave Interface, Data Buffer, Protocol Controller, USB RX, and USB TX that consist of the submodules for the SoC top-level module

### QUEVIHN | Biomedical Robot

West Lafayette, IN

PURDUE IEEE COMPUTER SOCIETY

Nov. 2017 - Jan. 2018

- QUEVIHN is a Biomedical Robot that utilizes several sensors (Interfaced using an STM32F0DISCOVERY board) and deep learning classification algorithms to accurately diagnose a disease ailing a patient
- Lead a team of IEEE members that enabled the data collected from the robot's frontend and hardware to communicate with the backend servers

## Relevant Coursework

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**ECE 496** Deep Learning and Neural Networks

**ECE 404** Computer Security

**ECE 368** Data Structures and Algorithms

**ECE 362** Microprocessor Systems and Interfacing

**ECE 337** ASIC Design Laboratory

**ECE 296** Deep Learning for Wireless Communications

**ECE 295** Introduction to Data Science

## Certifications

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### Machine Learning

COURSERA [\[LINK\]](#)

Stanford University

Sep. 2017

### Introduction to Python

COGNITIVE CLASS [\[LINK\]](#)

IBM

May. 2017