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## Education

### Stanford University
*Stanford, CA*

MASTER OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE (CONCENTRATION: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) *Sep. 2020 - Exp. May. 2022*

- Department of Computer Science

### Purdue University
*West Lafayette, IN*

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING *Aug. 2016 - May. 2020*

- Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, GPA: 4.00/4.00
- Graduated with Highest Distinction

## Industry Experience

### Google
*Seattle, WA*

SOFTWARE ENGINEERING INTERN *Sep. 2019 - Dec. 2019*

- Worked with the Google Cloud AI team on using Model Distillation to create Explainable AI by generating rules that explain Deep Learning models
- Created a system to tune the complexity of rules generated, number of rules generated, and accuracy of the Deep Learning model
- Implemented Soft Decision Trees, Random Forests, and Gradient Boosted Decision Trees to compare their trade-offs for Model Distillation

### Qualcomm
*San Diego, CA*

MACHINE LEARNING INTERN *May. 2019 - Aug. 2019*

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

### Publicis Groupe
*Bengaluru, India*

DATA SCIENCE INTERN *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

## Research Experience

Google Scholar: [LINK] | Research Interests: Computer Vision, Artificial Intelligence, Signal Processing

### DARPA SC2 Research
*West Lafayette, IN*

RESEARCH ASSISTANT *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

### Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship
*West Lafayette, IN*

RESEARCH FELLOW *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 for 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%)

## Publications

### ACCEPTED/PUBLISHED

[$J2$] Xingchen Wang, Shengtai Ju, Xiwen Zhang, **Sharan Ramjee**, Aly El Gamal. "Efficient Training of Deep Classifiers for Wireless Source Identification using Test SNR Estimates". IEEE Wireless Communication Letters **(WCL)**, Apr. 2020 [LINK]

[$C1$] 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)**, Jul. 2019 [LINK]

[$J1$] **Sharan Ramjee**, Shengtai Ju, Diyu Yang, Xiaoyu Liu, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. "Fast Deep Learning for Automatic Modulation Classification". IEEE Machine Learning for Communications Emerging Technologies Initiatives **(MLCETI)**, Jan. 2019 [LINK]

[*J*5] **Sharan Ramjee**, Shengtai Ju, Diyu Yang, Xiaoyu Liu, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. "Ensemble Wrapper Subsampling for Deep Modulation Classification". Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking **(TCCN)**, May. 2020 [PREPRINT]

[*J*4] Xiwen Zhang, Tolunay Seyfi, Shengtai Ju, **Sharan Ramjee**, Aly El Gamal, Yonina C. Eldar. "Fast Deep Learning for Wireless Interference Identification". Submitted to IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking **(TCCN)**, Apr. 2020

[*J*3] **Sharan Ramjee**, Aly El Gamal. "Efficient Wrapper Feature Selection using Autoencoder and Model Based Elimination". Submitted to IEEE Signal Processing Letters **(XPL)**, Jan. 2020 [PREPRINT]

## Talks

**QoS Optimization with ML**  —  *San Diego, CA*
QUALCOMM APPLIED MACHINE LEARNING (QAML) SYMPOSIUM 2019 [LINK]  —  *Aug. 2019*

**Deep Learning for Interference Identification: Band, Training SNR, and Sample Selection**  —  *Cannes, France*
IEEE SIGNAL PROCESSING ADVANCES IN WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS (SPAWC) 2019 [LINK]  —  *Jul. 2019*

**Deep Neural Network Architectures for Modulation Classification using PCA**  —  *West Lafayette, IN*
THE SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) SYMPOSIUM [LINK]  —  *Aug. 2018*

**A PyTorch Framework for Automatic Modulation Classification**  —  *West Lafayette, IN*
THE SUMMER UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (SURF) SYMPOSIUM [LINK]  —  *Aug. 2018*

**An Introduction to Deep Learning for Style Transfer**  —  *West Lafayette, IN*
PURDUE IEEE COMPUTER SOCIETY (CSOCIETY) SYMPOSIUM 2018 [LINK]  —  *Jan. 2018*

## Peer Reviews

**WCL2020**, IEEE Wireless Communication Letters  —  *May. 2020*
**TCCN20**, IEEE Transactions on Cognitive Communications and Networking  —  *Apr. 2020*
**TCOM19**, IEEE Transactions on Communications  —  *Feb. 2020*
**WCL2019**, IEEE Wireless Communication Letters  —  *Jan. 2020*
**CL2019**, IEEE Communication Letters  —  *Nov. 2019*
**SPAWC19**, IEEE Signal Processing Advances in Wireless Communications  —  *Jul. 2019*

## Activities

**Purdue IEEE Computer Society (CSociety)**  —  *West Lafayette, IN*
PRESIDENT [LINK]  —  *Aug. 2017 - Aug. 2019*

- 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 - Aug 2019*

- 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 - Aug. 2019*

- 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

## Skills

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| **Languages** | Python, C, Java, Shell Scripting, MATLAB |
| **Hardware** | System Verilog, Embedded C, Assembly |
| **Libraries** | TensorFlow, PyTorch, OpenCV, scikit-learn |
| **Other** | Git, LaTeX |
| **OS** | Android, Linux, ROS |

# Honors & Awards

**Graduation with Highest Distinction**, Purdue University                                 *May. 2020*
**Ideas and Innovation Tournament (I$^2$TC) Qualifier**, Purdue University                  *Feb. 2020*
**Eta Kappa Nu (Beta Chapter) Outstanding Junior Scholarship**, Purdue University          *2019-2020*
**Eli Shay Scholarship**, (3 times) Purdue University                                       *2017-2020*
**Dean's List**, (8 times) Purdue University                                               *2016-2020*
**Wolfram Alpha Award**, MadHacks (University of Wisconsin-Madison)                         *Nov 2018*
**Engineering Design Excellence Award**, Purdue University                                 *Dec. 2016*
**12$^{th}$ Board Exam Scholarship**, DRDO                                                 *May. 2016*
**OpenMRS Award**, Google Code-In                                                          *Dec. 2014*
**10$^{th}$ Board Exam Scholarship**, DRDO                                                 *May. 2014*

# Teaching Assistant

**Microprocessor Systems and Interfacing**                                      *West Lafayette, IN*
ECE 362 - PURDUE UNIVERSITY                                                                  *Spring 2019*

**ASIC Design Laboratory**                                                       *West Lafayette, IN*
ECE 337 - PURDUE UNIVERSITY                                                                  *Spring 2019*

**Advanced C Programming**                                                       *West Lafayette, IN*
ECE 264 - PURDUE UNIVERSITY                                                                  *Spring 2019*

**Electronic Measurement Techniques**                                            *West Lafayette, IN*
ECE 207 - PURDUE UNIVERSITY                                                                  *Fall 2018*

**Programming Applications For Engineers**                                       *West Lafayette, IN*
CS 159 - PURDUE UNIVERSITY                                                                   *Spring 2018*

# Projects

**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

# Certifications

**Machine Learning**                                                            *Stanford University*
COURSERA [LINK]                                                                             *Sep. 2017*

**Introduction to Python**                                                                       *IBM*
COGNITIVE CLASS [LINK]                                                                      *May. 2017*

# Relevant Coursework

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| **ECE 496** | Deep Learning and Neural Networks |
| **ECE 469** | Operating Systems Engineering |
| **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 |