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Alireza Torabian

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Computer science graduate student at York University researching in the field of machine learning calibration with a strong background in mathematics. Experienced in developing machine learning models and the theory behind them. Have done several projects in various areas, especially deep learning, adversarial machine learning, and NLP, mostly using Tensorflow and Keras.

Education

York University *2021-2023 (Expected)*
M.Sc. in Computer Science, Advised by Ruth Urner, *GPA: A+* *Toronto, Canada*

Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic) *2015-2020*
B.Sc. in Computer (Software) Engineering, Advised by Saeedeh Momtazi, *GPA: 3.9/4 (18.25/20) (In the top 10%)* *Tehran, Iran*
Thesis: Design and Implementation of a Persian Automatic Question Answering System

Experience

York University *Jan. 2021 – Present*
Research Assistant, Machine Learning *Toronto, Canada*
- Explored desirable properties of calibration models as well as evaluation metrics and analyzed their feasibility and correspondences.

National University of Singapore, Data Privacy and Trustworthy Machine Learning Research Lab *Jul. 2019 – Sep. 2019*
Research Intern, Adversarial Machine Learning *Singapore*
- Created a black-box adversarial attack to fool face recognition models for enhancing face privacy on social media achieved 35% success rate.
- In face detection attack, the intersection of the detected face and the original face is minimized using PGD.
- The face recognition attack maximizes the similarity of FaceNet embeddings of the recognized face and a target face using PGD.
- Image augmentations are used to apply the attacks on black-box models.

Diaalog *Jul. 2018 – Dec. 2018*
Research and Development Intern, NLP *Tehran, Iran*
- Developed a Persian question answering system in **Python Tensorflow**.
- Using a seq2seq model or clustering by LDA.

Amirkabir University of Technology, Cognitive Robotics Lab *Oct. 2016 – Sep. 2017*
Research Assistant *Tehran, Iran*
- Developed an autonomous exploration algorithm for robots to help them explore a map simultaneously from different starting points in **C++**.
- Tasks: Path planning, Victim detection using image processing.

Skills

Languages	**Python**, **Java**, C++
Machine learning	**TensorFlow**, PyTorch, **Keras**, **Numpy**, **Pandas**, **Scikit-learn**, **NLTK**, Scipy, JAX, OpenCV
Databases	**MySQL**, PostgreSQL, SPARQL, MongoDB
Web Design	**JavaScript**, HTML, CSS, Flask, Express.js
Other Tools	**Git**, **Unix shell**, **Jupyter**

Projects

Alternative Actor and Co-Star Suggestion Using a Graph Autoencoder Model *Apr. 2021*
- Applied a graph autoencoder to a network of actors using **Keras** in **Python** achieved 99.46% accuracy on reconstruction the graph.
- An alternative actor is found by searching the latent space using a K-d tree.
- A co-star is suggested according to the predicted weights from an autoencoder model.

Persian Question Answering System *Aug. 2020*
- Developed a question answering system using a knowledge-base in **Python**.
- SVM and CNN classification models used to classify questions achieved 96% accuracy and F1-score of 92.7%.

Optimization Coursework *Jul. 2019*
- Implemented unconstrained and constrained optimizations, such as line search, trust region, and log barrier for convex problems.

Neural Dialogue System *Dec. 2018*
- Implemented a seq2seq model with an attention mechanism, using **Tensorflow** in **Python**.

Honors and Awards

York University Fellowship, C$62,500 for my master's studies 2021-2022
Second Place in the rescue simulation virtual robot league at RoboCup in Nagoya, Japan 2017
Ranked top 0.5% in nationwide Iranian university entrance exam among 180,000 participants 2015
Member of National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET) 2011-2015