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# Alireza Torabian

Machine Learning Researcher

As a machine learning researcher with a strong math background, I have been involved with different projects in various areas including deep learning, computer vision, adversarial machine learning, natural language processing, and probability calibration.

#### **EXPERIENCE**

York UniversityJan. 2021 – PresentMachine learning researcherToronto, Canada

Proposed a calibration model that outperformed state-of-the-art models by a small margin in terms of ECE.

#### Amirkabir University of Technology, NLP Lab

NLP researcher (Github repo)

Jan. 2020 – Aug. 2020 Tehran, Iran

- Developed a question answering system based on a knowledge-base in Python.
- SVM and CNN classification models used to classify questions achieved 96% accuracy and F1-score of 92.7%.

# National University of Singapore, Data Privacy and Trustworthy Machine Learning Research Lab Computer vision researcher (Github repo)

Jul. 2019 – Sep. 2019

Singapore

Tehran, Iran

- Developed a plugin that obscures images for increased privacy using adversarial attacks, with a 35% success rate.
- Performed facial recognition attack on FaceNet and face detection attack on SSD MobileNet V1 using PGD.
- Used image augmentations to attack black-box models increased success rate by 1.5x.

Diaalog Jul. 2018 – Dec. 2018

Deep learning R&D intern (Clustering github repo), (Language model github repo)

Developed a Persian question answering system in Python Tensorflow.

- Expanded dataset by clustering questions with LDA and using answers interchangeably.
- LSTM Seq2Seq model with Luong-style attention mechanism is used to generate answers.

#### Amirkabir University of Technology, Cognitive Robotics Lab

Research assistant

Oct. 2016 - Sep. 2017

Tehran, Iran

2015-2020

- Developed an autonomous exploration algorithm for robots that won 2nd place in RoboCup 2017.
- Object detection task is performed to detect victims using YOLO model.

#### **EDUCATION**

York University

M.Sc. in COMPUTER SCIENCE, GPA: A+

Toronto, Canada

### Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic)

B.Sc. in Computer (Software) Engineering, *GPA*: 3.9/4

Tehran, Iran

#### **SKILLS**

Languages Python, Java, C++, JavaScript

Machine learning TensorFlow, PyTorch, OpenCV, Keras, Numpy, Pandas, Scikit-learn, NLTK, Scipy, JAX

Databases MySQL, PostgreSQL, MongoDB

Other Tools Git, Unix shell, Jupyter

#### OTHER PROJECTS

#### Alternative Actor and Co-Star Suggestion Using a Graph Autoencoder Model

Apr. 2021

• Applied graph autoencoder to actor network using Keras in Python, achieving 99.46% accuracy in reconstructing the graph.

Github repo

• 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 the autoencoder model.

Optimization Problems Jul. 2019

Optimized unconstrained and constrained convex problems using line search, trust region, and log barrier.

#### 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