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Areas of interest: Computational neuroscience - reinforcement learning - game theory - deep learning - multi-agent learning and optimization

EDUCATION

M.Sc. | *Computer Engineering, AI and Robotics*

Sep. 2020 – July 2023

University of Tehran,

Current GPA (20/32 Credits): 18.8/20.0, North American: 3.85/4.0

Tehran, Iran

- **Thesis:** Cumulative Prospect Theory in Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning and Markov Games.

Advisors: [Hamed Kebriaei, Ph.D.](#), [Majid Nili, Ph.D.](#)

M.Sc. | *Data Science and Engineering (Program taught in English)*

Sep. 2020 – July 2022

Politecnico di Torino,

GPA: 26.3/30.0 (103/110), North American: 3.7/4.0

Turin, Italy

- **Thesis:** Decentralized Value-Based Reinforcement Learning in Stochastic Potential Games ([link](#))

Advisors: [Fabio Fagnani, Ph.D.](#), [Giacomo Como, Ph.D.](#)

B.Sc. | *Major: Mechanical Engineering, Minor: Computer Engineering*

Sep. 2016 – Sep. 2020

University of Tehran,

Overall GPA: 16.24/20.0 (3.35/4.0), Major: 16.24 (3.3), Minor: 16.26 (3.4)

Tehran, Iran

- **Thesis:** Design and Implementation of a Smart Camera Slider Controller Using Deep Reinforcement Learning ([code](#))

Advisor: [Masoud Shariat Panahi, Ph.D.](#)

PUBLICATIONS

- **Hafez Ghaemi***, Erfan Mirzaei*, and Mahbod Nouri*, BioLCNet: Reward-modulated Locally Connected Spiking Neural Networks. Machine Learning, Optimization, and Data Science: 8th International Workshop, LOD 2022, Certosa di Pontignano, Italy, September 19–22, 2022, Revised Selected Papers, Part II. Cham: Springer Nature Switzerland, 2023. *: equal contribution. ([DOI](#)), ([arXiv](#)) ([code](#))
- Mahbod Nouri*, Faraz Moradi*, **Hafez Ghaemi***, Ali Motie Nasrabadi, Towards real-world BCI: CCSPNet, a compact subject-independent motor imagery framework, Digital Signal Processing, 2022, 103816, ISSN 1051-2004. *: equal contribution. ([DOI](#)), ([arXiv](#)), ([code](#))

CONFERENCES

- The 8th International Conference on Machine Learning, Optimization, and Data Science, September 2022, Siena, Italy ([link](#)).
- The 2nd Advanced Course and Symposium on Artificial Intelligence and Neuroscience, September 2022, Siena, Italy ([link](#)).

EXPERIENCE

Graduate Teaching Assistant Neural Networks Course, School of ECE, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instructor: Ahmad Kalhor, Ph.D	February 2023 – July 2023 Tehran, Iran
Graduate Teaching Assistant Game Theory Course, School of ECE, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Instructor: Hamed Kebriaei, Ph.D	February 2023 – July 2023 Tehran, Iran
Research Assistant Cognitive Systems Lab, and Smart Networks Lab, School of ECE, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal investigators: Hamed Kebriaei, Ph.D, Majid Nili, Ph.D	October 2022 – Present Tehran, Iran
Undergraduate Research Assistant Artificial Intelligence in Mechanical Engineering Lab, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Member of the project team developing a mobile application that monitors human neck posture using front camera input and head pose estimation.Principal investigator: Masoud Shariat Panahi, Ph.D	November 2019 – August 2020 Tehran, Iran
Summer Intern Biorobotics Lab, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Programming educational robots, design of dynamic mechanisms using CAD	July 2019 – September 2019 Tehran, Iran
Undergraduate Teaching Assistant Materials Science Course, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Lecturing, solving extra problems, grading homeworkInstructor: Ghader Faraji, Ph.D	September 2019 – January 2020 Tehran, Iran

SKILLS

Languages: English (fluent), Persian (native), Arabic (basic), Italian (basic)
Programming (ordered by decreasing proficiency): Python, MATLAB, C/C++, SQL, MongoDB, Julia, R, Java
Machine learning frameworks (ordered by decreasing proficiency): PyTorch, Scikit-Learn, Keras, Tensorflow
Other soft and hard skills: Linux, Git, Raspberry Pie, Arduino, Simulink, SolidWorks

AWARDS

Ranked 10 in the 25th Iranian Scientific Olympiad for University Students in Computer Engineering news	Feb. 2021
TOPolito Scholarship Awarded to Politecnico di Torino's top international students	Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2022
Iran's National Elites Foundation Membership Awarded for excellent performance in the Iranian University Entrance Exam	Sep. 2016

CERTIFICATES

Reinforcement Learning Specialization (link) Coursera, University of Alberta & Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute	October 2021
Deep Learning Specialization (link) Coursera	May 2021
Graduate Record Examinations (GRE): Q: 170, V: 162, W: 4.00 (link) Educational Testing Service (ETS)	November 2019
IELTS Academic: R: 9.0, L: 8.0, W: 7.0, S: 7.0 (link) International English Language Testing System	October 2021

RELEVANT COURSES

- Machine Learning and Deep Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Mathematics in Machine Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Network Dynamics and Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Reinforcement Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Introduction to Cognitive Science (Graduate): 4/4
- Deep Natural Language Processing (Graduate): 4/4
- Big Data (Graduate): 4/4
- Computational Linear Algebra (Graduate): 4/4
- Game Theory (Graduate): 4/4
- Information Theory (Graduate): 3/4
- Artificial Intelligence (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Advance Programming (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Distributed Optimization and Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Numerical Computation (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Engineering Mathematics (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Computational Neuroscience (Graduate): Audit

SELECTED ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Distributed Cooperative Multi-Agent Reinforcement-Learning in Markov Games (code) <i>Python</i>	Fall 2022
Distributed Learning and Optimization Course, University of Tehran	
Gossip Training for Image Classification with Deep Learning (code) <i>Python</i>	Fall 2022
Distributed Learning and Optimization Course, University of Tehran	
Federated Deep Learning for Image Classification (code) <i>Python</i>	Fall 2022
Distributed Learning and Optimization Course, University of Tehran	
Auditory Attention Task EEG Signal Classifier (code) <i>Python</i>	Spring 2022
Fifth BCI Competition of Iranian National Brain Mapping Laboratory (NBML)	
Fine-tuning BERT for Multi-lingual Hate Speech Detection and Text Classification (code) <i>Python</i>	Fall 2021
Deep Natural Language Processing Course, Politecnico di Torino	
A Hybrid Rule-based/Q-learning Hanabi Agent (code) <i>Python</i>	Fall 2021
Computational Intelligence Course, Politecnico di Torino	
Problems on Flow Optimization, Markov Chains, and Epidemic Models (code) <i>Python</i>	Fall 2021
Network Dynamics and Learning Course, Politecnico di Torino	
Music Genre Classification using CRNN and Transfer Learning (code) <i>PyTorch</i>	Spring 2021
Machine Learning and Deep Learning Course, Politecnico di Torino	
Comparison of ML methods for Facial and Emotional Recognition on JAFFE dataset (code) <i>Python</i>	Spring 2021
Mathematics in Machine Learning Course, Politecnico di Torino	
Applications of Krylov methods, PCA, and SVD in real-world problems (code) <i>Python</i>	Spring 2021
Computational Linear Algebra Course, Politecnico di Torino	
Stock Portfolio Management Using Deep Q-Learning (code) <i>PyTorch</i>	Fall 2020
Reinforcement Learning Course, University of Tehran	

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Podcasts, classic novels, psychological thrillers and hard sci-fis, philosophy, chess, traveling