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

EDUCATION

M.Sc. | Computer Engineering, AI and Robotics

Sep. 2020 - July 2023

University of Tehran,

Current GPA: 18.5/20.0, North American: 3.75/4.0

Tehran, Iran

 Thesis: Risk Sensitivity and 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 (<u>link</u>) **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

- 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. (DOI), (arXiv), (code)
- Hafez Ghaemi, Erfan Mirzaei, and Mahbod Nouri, "BioLCNet: Reward-modulated Locally Connected Spiking Neural Networks." International Conference on Machine Learning, Optimization, and Data Science. Springer, Cham, 2022 (In Press). (arXiv) (code)

CONFERENCES

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

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant October 2022 – Present

Cognitive Systems Lab, and Smart Networks Lab, School of ECE, University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

• Principal investigators: Hamed Kebriaei, Ph.D, Majid Nili, Ph.D

Undergraduate Research Assistant

November 2019 – August 2020

Artificial Intelligence in Mechanical Engineering Lab, University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

- 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

Summer Intern July 2019 – September 2019

Biorobotics Lab, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

Programming educational robots, design of dynamic mechanisms using CAD

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

September 2019 – January 2020

Materials Science Course, School of Mechanical Engineering, University of Tehran

Tehran, Iran

- Lecturing, solving extra problems, grading homework
- Instructor: Ghader Faraji, Ph.D

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 Feb. 2021 news

TOPolito Scholarship Oct. 2020 - Sep. 2022

Awarded to Politecnico di Torino's top international students

Iran's National Elites Foundation Membership

Sep. 2016

Awarded for excellent performance in the Iranian University Entrance Exam

CERTIFICATES

Reinforcement Learning Specialization (link)

October 2021

Coursera, University of Alberta & Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute

Deep Learning Specialization (link)

May 2021

Coursera

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE): Q: 170, V: 162, W: 4.00 (link)

November 2019

Educational Testing Service (ETS)

IELTS Academic: R: 9.0, L: 8.0, W: 7.0, S: 7.0 (link)

October 2021

International English Language Testing System

RELEVANT COURSES

- Machine Learning and Deep Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Reinforcement Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Mathematics in Machine Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Deep Natural Language Processing (Graduate): 4/4

• Introduction to Cognitive Science (Graduate): 4/4

- Network Dynamics and Learning (Graduate): 4/4
- Big Data (Graduate): 4/4

- $\bullet\,$ 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
- Optimization of Mechanical Systems (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Numerical Computation (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Engineering Mathematics (Undergraduate): 4/4
- Computational Neuroscience (Graduate): Audit

SELECTED ACADEMIC PROJECTS

| Federated Deep Learning for Image Classification (<u>code</u>) <i>Python</i> Distributed Learning and Optimization Course, University of Tehran | Fall 2022 |
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| Auditory Attention Task EEG Signal Classifier (code) Python Fifth BCI Competition of Iranian National Brain Mapping Laboratory (NBML) | Spring 2022 |
| Fine-tuning BERT for Multi-lingual Hate Speech Detection and Text Classification (code) Python Deep Natural Language Processing Course, Politecnico di Torino | Fall 2021 |
| A Hybrid Rule-based/Q-learning Hanabi Agent (code) Python Computational Intelligence Course, Politecnico di Torino | Fall 2021 |
| Problems on Flow Optimization, Markov Chains, and Epidemic Models (code) Python Network Dynamics and Learning Course, Politecnico di Torino | Fall 2021 |
| Music Genre Classification using CRNN and Transfer Learning (code) PyTorch Machine Learning and Deep Learning Course, Politecnico di Torino | Spring 2021 |
| Comparison of ML methods for Facial and Emotional Recognition on JAFFE dataset (\underline{code}) <i>Python</i> Mathematics in Machine Learning Course, Politecnico di Torino | Spring 2021 |
| Stock Portfolio Management Using Deep Q-Learning (code) PyTorch Reinforcement Learning Course, University of Tehran | Spring 2020 |
| Applications of Krylov methods, PCA, and SVD in real-world problems (code) Python Computational Linear Algebra Course, Politecnico di Torino | Fall 2021 |
| Waterfilling Power Allocation and LZSS Lossless Compression (code) MATLAB Information Theory Course, Politecnico di Torino | Fall 2021 |
| Object-oriented Design and Implementation of a Basic E-commerce Website (\underline{code}) $C++$ Advanced Programming Course, University of Tehran | Fall 2019 |

PERSONAL INTERESTS

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