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Areas of interest: Self-supervised learning - deep learning - theoretical neuroscience - reinforcement learning - embodied AI

Education

Ph.D. | Computer Science Aug. 2023 – Aug 2027
Mila Quebec - University of Montreal Montreal, Canada

- Advisors: [Eilif Muller, Ph.D.](#), [Shahab Bakhtiari, Ph.D](#)

M.Sc. | Computer Engineering, AI and Robotics Sep. 2020 – August 2023

University of Tehran,

GPA: 18.0/20.0, North American: 3.72/4.0 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

Research Assistant Architectures of Biological Learning Lab (ABL), University of Montreal <ul style="list-style-type: none">Located at CHU Sainte-Justine Research CenterPrincipal investigator: <u>Eilif Muller, Ph.D</u>	August 2023 – Present Montreal, Canada
Research Assistant Systems Neuroscience and AI Lab (SNAIL), University of Montreal <ul style="list-style-type: none">Principal investigator: <u>Shahab Bakhtiari, Ph.D</u>	August 2023 – Present Montreal, Canada
Teaching Assistant Computational Neuroscience Course, <u>Neuromatch Academy</u> , <u>Certificate</u>	July 2023
Graduate Teaching Assistant School of ECE, University of Tehran <ul style="list-style-type: none">Neural Networks Course, instructor: <u>Ahmad Kalhor, Ph.D</u>Game Theory Course, instructor: <u>Hamed Kebriaei, Ph.D</u>	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: <u>Hamed Kebriaei, Ph.D</u>, <u>Majid Nili, Ph.D</u>	October 2022 – August 2023 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: <u>Masoud Shariat Panahi, Ph.D</u>	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: <u>Ghader Faraji, Ph.D</u>	September 2019 – January 2020 Tehran, Iran

Skills

Languages: English (fluent), Persian (native), French (Intermediate), Italian (basic), Arabic (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
Miscellaneous: Linux, Git, Raspberry Pie, Arduino, Simulink, SolidWorks

Awards

Ranked 10 in the 25th Iranian Scientific Olympiad for University Students in Computer Engineering <u>news</u>	Feb. 2021
<u>TOPolito Scholarship</u> 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

Graduate Record Examinations (GRE): Q: 170, V: 162, W: 4.00 (<u>link</u>) Educational Testing Service (ETS)	November 2019
IELTS Academic: R: 9.0, L: 8.0, W: 7.0, S: 7.0 (<u>link</u>) International English Language Testing System	October 2021

Selected Academic Projects

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

Personal Interests

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