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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

- Machine Learning
- Differential Privacy
- Information Theory
- Statistics

### **EMPLOYMENT**

 Leverhulme Early Career Fellow and Isaac Newton Trust Fellow Statistical Laboratory,
Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics, University of Cambridge

Sep. 2023 to present

Research Associate
Statistical Laboratory,
Department of Pure Mathematics and Mathematical Statistics,
University of Cambridge

- Mentors: Prof. Po-Ling Loh and Dr. Varun Jog

Oct. 2021 to Aug. 2023

### **ACADEMIC AFFILIATION**

Postdoctoral Affiliate
Trinity College Cambridge

Jan. 2022 to present

#### **EDUCATION**

- Princeton University
  - Ph.D. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sep. 2017 to Sep. 2021

- \* Advisor: Prof. Emmanuel Abbe
- \* Dissertation Title:

"Neural Network Learning: A Multiscale-Entropy and Self-Similarity Approach"

• M.A. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

Sep. 2015 to Sep. 2017

\* Advisors: Prof. Emmanuel Abbe and Prof. Sergio Verdú

- \* GPA: 3.972 out of 4
- Sharif University of Technology
  - . B.Sc. in Mathematics
  - B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering (Communications)
    - Project Title: Some Schemes for File Dissemination in Networks Employing Linear Network Coding
    - \* Project Advisor: Dr. Amin A. Gohari
    - \* Total GPA: 18.48 out of 20 Sep. 2010 to Aug. 2015

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- G. Aminian, A. R. Asadi, I. Shenfeld & Y. Mroueh. (2025) Theoretical Analysis of KL-regularized RLHF with Multiple Reference Models. arXiv preprint arXiv:2502.01203
- G. Aminian, A. R. Asadi, T. Li, A. Beirami, G. Reinert & S. N. Cohen (2024) Generalization Error of the Tilted Empirical Risk. (*To appear in the International Conference on Machine Learning 2025*)
- A. Pensia, A. R. Asadi, V. Jog & P. Loh. (2024) Simple Binary Hypothesis Testing under Local Differential Privacy and Communication Constraints. *IEEE Transaction on Information Theory.*
- A. R. Asadi. (2024) An Entropy-Based Model for Hierarchical Learning. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 25(187), pp. 1-45.
- A. R. Asadi & P. Loh (2024) Entropic Regularization of Neural Networks: Self-Similar Approximations. *Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference*, 233, p.106181.
- A. R. Asadi & P. Loh (2023) On the Gibbs Exponential Mechanism and Private Data Generation. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT) 2023.*
- A. Pensia, **A. R. Asadi**, V. Jog & P. Loh. (2023) Simple Binary Hypothesis Testing under Local Differential Privacy and Communication Constraints. *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*.
- A. R. Asadi & E. Abbe. (2022) Maximum Multiscale Entropy and Neural Network Regularization. arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.14614
- A. R. Asadi & E. Abbe. (2020) Chaining Meets Chain Rule: Multilevel Entropic Regularization and Training of Neural Networks. *Journal of Machine Learning Research*, 21(139), pp. 1-32.
- A. R. Asadi, E. Abbe, & S. Verdú. (2018) Chaining Mutual Information and Tightening Generalization Bounds. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, pp. 7245-7254.
- A. R. Asadi, E. Abbe, & S. Verdú, (2017) Compressing Data on Graphs with Clusters. *IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)*, pp. 1583-1587.
- M. Asadi, & A. R. Asadi. (2014) On the Failure Probability of Used Coherent Systems. Communications in Statistics, Theory and Methods, Vol. 43, pp. 2468-2475.
- A. R. Asadi (2013). Problem 96.J with solution, *The Mathematical Gazette*, Vol. 97, No. 539, pp. 345-346, United Kingdom. (Available at https://www.jstor.org/stable/24496830.)
- Ph.D. Dissertation:
  - **A. R. Asadi** (2021) Neural Network Learning: A Multiscale-Entropy and Self-Similarity Approach, Princeton University.

#### **AWARDS AND HONOURS**

- Leverhulme Early Career Fellowship from the Leverhulme Trust and the Isaac Newton Trust (2023present)
- Teaching Assistant Award from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Princeton University (2019)
- Anthony Ephremides Fellowship from the Graduate School at Princeton University (2016)
- Iranian Mathematical Olympiad Bronze Medal (2009)
- Winner of the Tournament of Towns: International mathematical contest certified by the Russian Academy of Sciences (2009)
- Membership of the Iranian National Elite Foundation (2009-present)

### **TALKS**

- Chennai Mathematical Institute, Chennai, India. January 2025
- Department of Mathematical Sciences, Durham University, Durham, UK. May 2023
- Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Lancaster University, Lancaster, UK. Feb. 2023
- Statistical Laboratory, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. Feb. 2023
- Department of Computer Science, ETH Zürich, Switzerland. Feb. 2021
- NSF-Simons Collaboration on the Theoretical Foundations of Deep Learning. Dec. 2020
- Department of EECS, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA. Dec. 2020
- Center for Data Science, New York University, New York, USA. June 2020
- Laboratoire de Physique, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France. May 2020
- Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Toronto, Toronto, Canada. Apr. 2020
- Department of Engineering, University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK. Mar. 2020
- Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, USA. Oct. 2019 (Available at https://youtu.be/YdYXpaE3Tm0)
- Microsoft Research Al, Redmond, Washington, USA. Sep. 2019

#### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICES**

- Co-organizer of the 1st Cambridge Information Theory Colloquium, 21 April 2023.
- Co-organizer of the 2nd Cambridge Information Theory Colloquium, 10 May 2024. http://sigproc.eng.cam.ac.uk/CITC/
- Co-organizer of the 8th London Symposium on Information Theory, 14-16 May 2025.
- Reviewer for:
  - Journal of Machine Learning Research (JMLR)
  - IEEE Transactions on Information Theory
  - Journal of Statistical Planning and Inference
  - Journal of Selected Areas on Information Theory (JSAIT)
  - Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)
  - Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)
  - International Symposium on Information Theory (ISIT)
  - International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)

- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
- Information Theory Workshop (ITW)
- Conference on Information Sciences and Systems (CISS)
- Notices of the American Mathematical Society
- Conference on Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI)

## **RESEARCH INTERNSHIPS AND VISITS**

- Institute of Network Coding, The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, Summer 2014
  - Host: Prof. Raymond Yeung
- Microsoft Research AI, Redmond, Washington, USA, Sep. 2019
  - Host: Prof. Sebastien Bubeck