# Mohammad Karimi

# Senior Data Scientist-KPMG Lighthouse

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# **Highlights**

- Skilled Senior Data Scientist and ML developer having 6+ years of experience in designing and developing end-to-end ML and data science pipelines
- Highly proficient in Natural Language Processing and LLMs, data engineering, and data science with 6+ years of research and industrial experience in developing and deploying data science and machine learning pipelines
- Demonstrated strong leadership, representation, and teamwork by collaborating with diverse clients, eagerly tackling new challenges and adapting flexibly to evolving project demands
- Achieved advanced cloud certifications including Azure AI-102, DP-203, DP-100, DP-900, AI-900, and GCP Professional Data Engineer

# Relevant Work Experience

#### Senior Data Scientist

Jun. 2023 - Present

KPMG Lighthouse, Toronto, ON

- Developed an AI-driven SOC report generator using NLP, Transformers, and local LLMs with instruction fine-tuning and inference acceleration, achieving over 92% accuracy in information retrieval
- Contributed to the development of **nine data science pipelines** for **Bell** on **Vertex AI** to predict customer churn, encompassing processes from **data ingestion** to **model deployment** to predict batch loads of recurrent data
- Transformed and migrated **Prudential Financial's** on-prem solution into **GCP cloud infrastructure**, optimizing **scalability**, security, and cost-efficiency by integrating **LLMs** to handle quick database **queries**
- Designed an end-to-end ML pipeline in Python as an accelerator for KPMG Lighthouse

## Associate Machine Learning Developer

Sep. 2022 - May 2023

AltaML, Edmonton, AB

- Developed and deployed a bias and hate speech classifier based on **Open AI's GPT 3.5 Turbo API** on **Azure** to classify **hate speech** and different types of **biases** from social media posts
- Developed and optimized a deep learning model pipeline on **Azure** for **City of Calgary** to identify road defects based on Google street view panorama imagery
- Implemented and deployed a quick and scalable ML pipeline on Azure for Government of Alberta to predict on over 2.6 billion geospatial satellite imagery data points with an accuracy of +88% using cross-validation
- Gained a deep understanding of **business values** and **agile delivery model** through close collaboration with the clients and the business team

#### Data Scientist and NLP Researcher

Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2022

University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB

- Developed and fine-tuned language models (i.e., n-grams and recurrent neural networks) to identify grammatically incorrect writing from big data resources with an accuracy of +97%
- Implemented a data and ML pipeline to process and predict the **price** of airbnb listings using **XGBoost** with a negligible error rate

• Implemented and fine-tuned ML models from scratch to extract the semantic relation between chunks of a sentence with an accuracy of +87%

## Software Engineer

Sep. 2018 - Jan. 2020

Iranian national robotics team, Tehran, Iran

- Implemented a data acquisition pipeline to collect imagery dataset of objects and employed **YOLO** deep learning algorithm to enable object recognition
- Designed and developed a ML algorithm to enable human robot interaction using speech and prompt processing

#### Education

## M.Sc. in Computer Science

University of Alberta

Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2022 *Edmonton*, *AB* 

B.Sc. in Software Engineering

University of Science and Technology of Mazandaran

Sep. 2015 – Sep. 2019 Mazandaran, Iran

# Technical & Soft Skills

Languages: Python, Java, C++, SQL, C#, JavaScript, PHP, HTML/CSS

NLP: NLTK, Spacy, Gensim, Hugging Face, Stanza, DeepSpeed, PaddlePaddle Libraries: Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, Sklearn, OpenCV, YOLO, Pandas, Numpy

Tools: Azure, Linux, Git, Informatica, Docker, Bash, ROS, Cognos, Google Street View

Database: MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, SQLite, PostgreSQL

Visualizations: Tableau, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly, Microsoft Power BI, LIME, Streamlit

Soft Skills: Management & Leadership, Critical Thinking, Communication, Work Ethic, Time Management,

Creativity

## **Selected Publications**

- Karimiabdolmaleki, M., Farias Wanderley, L., Cutumisu, M., Demmans Epp, C. (2023). Identifying negative language transfer in the English writing of Chinese and Farsi native speakers. European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece, August 22-26.
- Karimi Abdolmaleki, M., Demmans Epp, C., Cutumisu, M. (2022). Automated feedback generation in programming environments: A systematic review. Poster. Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis SIG Poster Session. American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 22-25.

# Community Engagements

#### ML Instructor

#### Alberta AI Association

• Teaching an advanced ML course with more than 15 students, covering NLP topics and MLOps, including data processing, model training, model evaluation, and deployment

#### Guest Speaker

#### **Action for Healthy Communities**

• Demonstrated leadership and presentation skills by presenting ML-related topics to people from different backgrounds