AINAZ EFTEKHAR

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EDUCATION

University of Washington (UW)

Seattle, WA

Ph.D. in Computer Science and Engineering

09/2022 - present

• GPA: 4.0/4.0, Advisor: Prof. Ali Farhadi and Prof. Ranjay Krishna.

Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Lausanne, Switzerland

Visiting Student Researcher in VILAB

09/2021 - 08/2022

• Advisor: **Prof. Amir Zamir**

Sharif University of Technology

Tehran, Iran

B.S. in Computer Engineering

09/2017 - 08/2022

• GPA: 19.22/20

PUBLICATIONS

Selective Visual Representations Improve Convergence and Generalization for Embodied-AI

Ainaz Eftekhar*, Kuo-Hao Zeng*, Jiafei Duan, Ali Farhadi, Ani Kembhavi, Ranjay Krishna.

In Submission, 2023

Omnidata: A Scalable Pipeline for Making Multi-Task Mid-Level Vision Datasets from 3D Scans

Ainaz Eftekhar*, Alexander Sax*, Jitendra Malik, Amir Zamir.

ICCV 2021

Puzzle-AE: Novelty Detection in Images through Solving Puzzles

Mohammadreza Salehi, Ainaz Eftekhar*, Niousha Sadjadi*, Mohammad Hossein Rohban, Hamid R. Rabiee

Arxiv, 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (AI2)

Seattle, WA

Research Intern, Supervisors: Ani Kembhavi, Ranjay Krishna

06/2023 - 09/2023

- Team: Perceptual Reasoning and Interaction Research (PRIOR)
- Project: Selective Visual Representations for Embodied-AI (In Submission)

Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne (EPFL)

Lausanne, Switzerland

Research Intern, Supervisor: Amir Zamir

09/2020 - 08/2022

- Visual Intelligence and Learning Lab (VILAB)
- Project: Omnidata: A Pipeline for Making Multi-Task Mid-Level Vision Datasets (accepted at ICCV 2021)

Sharif University of Technology

Tehran, Iran

Research Assistant, Mohammad Hossein Rohban

09/2019 - 09/2020

Project: Self-Supervised Approaches for Anomaly/Novelty Detection in Images and Videos

Indian Institute of Technology (IIT)

Kharagpur, India

Research Intern, Supervisors: Abir Das, Pabitra Mitra

07/2019-09/2019

• Project: Reducing effects of severe dataset imbalance using CycleGANs

PROJECTS AND RESEARCH

Selective Visual Representations for Embodied-AI (Allen Institute for AI)

04/2023 - 10/2023

A parameter-efficient approach to filter visual stimuli for Embodied-AI tasks (inspired by selective attention in humans).

Omnidata: A Pipeline for Making Multi-Task Mid-Level Vision Datasets (EPFL)

09/2020 - 10/2021

A pipeline to generate "steerable" multi-task vision datasets by parametrically sampling and rendering 3D scans

Anomaly Detection in Images and Videos (Sharif University of Technology)

09/2019 - 09/2020

Self-supervised approaches and adversarial robust training for anomaly detection in images and videos.

Reducing the Effect of Severe Dataset Imbalance in Image Classification (IIT Kharagpur) 07/2019 – 09/2019 Reducing the effect of dataset imbalance by training an end-to-end CycleGAN-Classifier architecture

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

| University of Washington Deep Learning | 2024 |
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| Sharif University of Technology Artificial Intelligence, Discrete Structures, Data Structures and Algorithms, Advanced Programming | 2018-2020 |
| Honors and Awards | |
| EPFL Summer Research Fellowship, Ecole polytechnique federale de Lausanne | 2021 |
| Top 5% Academic Ranking, Sharif University of Technology | 2020 |
| Ranked 92 th in Iranian Nationwide University Entrance Exam (Among +300,000), | 2017 |
| Bronze Medal, Iranian National Math Olympiad | 2015, 1016 |
| Gold Medal in the 9th International Mathematics Contest, IMC (Singapore) [certificate] | 2013 |

SKILLS

Programming: Python, Java, C/C++, LaTeX

Machine Learning Tools: PyTorch, OpenCV, scikit-learn, NumPy, pandas, matplotlib

Distribution and Deployment Tools: Kubernetes, Docker, Github's CI/CD

Languages: Persian (native), English (advanced, TOEFL score:109), French (Basic)

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

University of Washington

• Deep Robotic Learning (CSE 599 G), Deep Learning (CSE 493G1), Computational Neuroscience (CSE 528 A)

Sharif University of Technology

• Digital Image Processing (graduate), Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Signals and Systems, Advanced Information Retrieval, Linear Algebra, Probability and Statistics, Design of Algorithms, Data Structures

Online MOOCs

• CS231n: Convolutional Neural Networks for Visual Recognition by Stanford, Deep Learning Specialization by deeplearning.ai, Machine Learning by Stanford-Online.

Machine Vision and Learning Winter School

• Brain Engineering Center and Cognitive Science School, IPM, Iran [certificate]

ACADEMIC SERVICES

| Student Volunteer at ICCV 2023 Helped with different logistic tasks at the conference [certificate] | 10/2023 |
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| Member of Executive Team in Sharif Artificial Intelligence Challenge Sharif University of Technology | 03/2018 |
| Member of Executive Team in the ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest Sharif University of Technology | 12/2017 |