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RESEARCH SUMMARY

My general research interests are in artificial intelligence (AI), machine learning (ML), and sequential decision-making under uncertainty, focusing on their applications to real-world problems in engineering and scientific domains. My current research revolves around developing fast and effective Bayesian Optimization (BO) methods and applying them to real-world problems.

EDUCATION

Washington State University, Pullman, WA Fall 2019 – Present
Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science
Advisor: Prof. Jana Doppa
Research: *Use-Inspired Bayesian Optimization for Engineering Design: From Circuits to 3D Printing and Materials*

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran 2019
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science
Research: *Design and development of scalable algorithms for graph-matching in large ride-sharing networks*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Washington State University, Pullman, WA Aug 2019 – Present
Description: Focused on ML research by developing novel Bayesian optimization algorithms for diverse engineering applications. Collaborated with multi-disciplinary teams on real-world challenges, analyzed large datasets, and published findings through top-tier publications and international conferences.

Software Engineer - Machine Learning Intern, Meta May 2024 - August 2024
Description: Played a key role in creating a supervised training dataset by feature engineering and set up an online pipeline for ML methods to increase the precision and recall of compromise detection models.

Teaching Assistant, Washington State University, Pullman, WA Aug 2019 – Dec 2023
Courses: Big Data, Machine Learning, Advanced Data Structures, Algorithm Design and Analysis
Description: Helped enhance student understanding through dedicated teaching methods, grading feedback for exams and assignments, conducting office hours including individual assistance and clarification on course materials, and preparing and presenting demonstration sessions to supplement lectures.

Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Rahnema Dec 2018 – Mar 2019
Description: Played a key role in developing a recommendation system using deep learning methods. Responsibilities included designing and implementing ML models, collaborating with the software development team, and conducting data analysis to identify trends for system improvement.

Teaching Assistant, Sharif University of Technology Fall 2015 – Fall 2018
Courses: Introduction To Programming(Java), Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Data Structure Design, Introduction To Programming(C/C++)
Description: Responsibilities included Designing creative, analytical problem sets and programming projects, preparing and presenting demonstration sessions to supplement lectures, grading assignments and exams, and conducting office hours.

Front-End Web Development Intern, Chi Co. Sept 2016 – Dec 2016
Description: Specialized in Front-End design and development, utilizing HTML, CSS, JavaScript, and Bootstrap frameworks. Played a key role in creating responsive and user-friendly web interfaces, ensuring cross-browser compatibility, and integrating dynamic content for an enhanced UX.

Algorithm Design and Programming Instructor, *Farzanegan-1*

June 2014 – Sept 2014

Description: Taught algorithm design and advanced C++ programming to highschool students. Developed a curriculum emphasizing essential algorithms and problem-solving techniques, and conducted practice contests to enhance students' computational skills. .

PUBLICATIONS

- A. Ahmadian, S. Belakaria, and J. Doppa **Non-myopic Multi-objective Bayesian Optimization.** *38th Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2024 (Under review).
- A. Ahmadian, E. Chen, S. Sparks, A. Deshwal, J. Doppa, and K. Qiu **Machine Learning Enabled Design and Optimization for 3D-Printing of High-Fidelity Presurgical Organ Models** *Journal of Advanced Materials Technologies*, 2024.
- A. Ahmadian, S. Belakaria, and J. Doppa **Pareto front-Diverse Batch Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization.** *The 38th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)*, 2024.
- A. Ahmadian, S. Belakaria, J. Doppa **Preference-Aware Constrained Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization.** *7th Joint International Conference on Data Science & Management of Data (ACM CODS-COMAD)*, 2024.
- A. Ahmadian, S. Belakaria, J. Doppa **Preference-Aware Constrained Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization for Analog Circuit Design: An Information-Theoretic Approach.** *Workshop on ML for Systems at Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2022.
- S. Belakaria, Z. Zhou, A. Ahmadian, J. Doppa, and D. Heo. **Multi-Output Switched-Capacitor Converter Design Optimization via Machine Learning.**
- A. Ahmadian, A. Deshwal, S. Belakaria, C. Simon, and J. Doppa. **Bayesian Optimization for Design of Metal-organic Frameworks.** (*In preparation*)

SKILLS

- Python(pandas, numpy, scipy, pytorch, botorch, scikit-learn), R, SQL, MATLAB, C, C++, Java
- Data Analysis, Data Visualization, Mathematical Modeling, Statistical Modeling, Algorithm Analysis, Data structures, Discrete Mathematics, Graph Theory, Statistics, and Problem-Solving theoretically and practically
- Web development (Django, Python, CSS, HTML, JS, VueJS), L^AT_EX, Linux, Bash, git

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Design of Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization Algorithms,

Aug 2019 – Present

Description: Developing fast and scalable multi-objective Bayesian optimization methods for science and engineering applications.

Machine Learning to Optimize 3D Printing,

Dec 2021 – Dec 2023

Description: Designing a multi-objective Bayesian Optimization method to optimize 3D printing of human body organs for pre-surgical training.

Bayesian Optimization to Accelerate Hardware Design,

Aug 2021 – Dec 2022

Description: Designing a robust Multi-Objective Bayesian Optimization method to optimize a high conversion ratio converter's efficiency as well as settling time.

Bayesian Optimization for Metal-Organic Frameworks,

July 2021 – June 2022

Description: Design a multi-objective Bayesian optimization algorithm to select optimal metal-organic framework (MOF) structures from a library of materials for hydrogen-powered vehicles.

Ride-Sharing graph matching,

Oct 2018 – May 2019

Description: Developing a scalable algorithm to find the most efficient matching for a ride-sharing system in a mega city network graph.

Social Network Sentiment Analysis,

Jan 2018 – July 2018

Description: Using sentiment analysis to Find the relationship between fake news and its prominent attributes in order to classify news sources that are mostly fake and predict the type of news(fake, true, misleading,...).

AWARDS AND HONORS

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award from Voiland College of Engineering Washington State University	2022
Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award from EECS Department Washington State University	2022
Selected amongst the top 40 people from 1800 candidates through three rounds of exams for Rahnema College ML internship	2018
Ranked in the first 0.5% (791 out of 191,551 participants) in the national university entrance exam (Math and Physics major)	2014
Ranked in the first 0.1% (122 out of 99,104 participants) in the national university entrance exam (English Literature major)	2014

MISCELLANEOUS

Program Committee Member - Reviewer

- **Conferences:** AAAI(2023, 2024, 2025), AAAI 2025 AI for Social Impact Track, ICLR 2025, NeurIPS WiML workshop(2023, 2024), ICAPS(2021)
- **Journals:** IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man, and Cybernetics

Technical/Professional Events

- Selected to Participate in Meetings for Professional Growth
 - CRA-WP Graduate Cohort for IDEALS - 2024
 - CRA-WP Graduate Cohort for Women - 2020, 2021, 2022
- Presentations/Talks
 - AAAI 2024 - Student Abstract Program - Oral Presentation.
 - SRC TechCon 2022 - Presenting our work on "Preference-Aware Bayesian Optimization to Accelerate Hardware Design".
- Volunteer Work
 - AAAI 2024, WiML Workshop (NeurIPS 2021, NeurIPS 2022), ICML 2022

REFERENCES

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