Ali Mortazavi

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EDUCATION

University of Victoria, Victoria, BC, Canada

Ph.D. Computer Science,   2021 –
Under supervision of Prof. Nishant Mehta
Online Learning

Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Tehran, Iran

M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence,   2017 – 2020

Amirkabir University of Technology (Tehran Polytechnic), Tehran, Iran

B.Sc. Computer Software Engineering,   2013 – 2017
CGPA: Overall   **18.47 / 20 (3.78/4)**
            Selected Course   **19.33 / 20 (4/4)**

INTERNSHIP

Shanghai University of Finance and Economics, Shanghai, China

Visiting Research Student at Institute for Theoretical Computer Science
Under supervision of Prof. Nick Gravin   Summer 2019
Online Stochastic Matching

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Online Learning
- Algorithmic Game Theory
- Mechanism Design
- Online Algorithms

PUBLICATIONS

Cristóbal Guzmán, and Nishant Mehta, and Ali Mortazavi."Best-case lower bounds in online learning" Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 34 (2021).

ATTENDED CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS

- **Winter Seminar Series in advanced topics of computer science**   Jan 2020
  Talks on "Computational Concentration of measure and robust learning" by Omid Etesami, "Fairness in Clustering" by Mohammad Mahdian, "Price of competition and Dueling Games" by Sina Dehghani, etc.

- **Workshop on Data Science and Combinatorial Algorithms**   April 2019
  An introduction to "Mechanism Design and Differential Privacy" by Dr. Mahdian, "Clustering and stable instances" by Prof. Salavatipour, and other talks.

- **Short course on Information Design**   December 2018
  An introduction to information design by Prof. Haghpanah.

- **Block Chain and Cryptocurrency**   February 2018
  An introduction to Block Chain Mechanism and different Cryptocurrency systems. By Prof. Hatami and Prof. Salavati.

- **Journal Club at IPM**   Augest 2017 - October 2017
  Weekly seminars in Cognitive Science hosted by Prof. Abbasian.

- **Workshop on Game Theory**   February 2017
  An introduction by Prof. Salavati to Game Theory Concepts.

HIGHLIGHTED COURSES					
• Probability and Statistics	20/20	• Algorithm Design	20/20
• Stochastic Processes	20/20	• Advanced Topics in Algorithms	20/20
• Machine Learning Theory	A+	• Theory of Computation	20/20
• Collective Decision Making	A+	• Discrete Mathematics	17.5/20
• Probabilistic Graphical Models	17/20	• Alg. for Convex Optimization	A+
• Statistical Machine Learning	20/20	• Computational Geometry	19.3/20

POSTS

- **Online Stochastic Matching** [Link]
- **Baraess Paradox and Smartphone Navigator Applications** [Link]
- **Why mean squared error** [Link]

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **Algortithms and Data Structures**, Teaching Assistant   spring and fall 2021
  Under Supervision of Prof. Nishant Mehta (nmehta@uvic.ca)
- **Probability and Statistics**, Teaching Assistant   spring 2018
  Under Supervision of Prof. Amirhaeri (haeri@aut.ac.ir)
- **Special Class for Olympiad Preparation**, Instructor   spring 2017 and 2018
  Intro. To Theory of Computation, Algorithm Design
- **Algorithm Design**, Teaching Assistant   spring 2017
  Under Supervision of Prof. Rahmati (zrahmati@aut.ac.ir)
- **Algorithm Design**, Teaching Assistant   spring 2016
  Under Supervision of Prof. Mousavi (srm@aut.ac.ir)

ACADEMIC PROJECTS

Image Denoising and Segmentation Using Markov Random Field [code][report]
Optimizing energy function using Simulated Annealing, Comparing different color spaces results.
Text Summarization [code][report]
Extracting important sentences as a summary using page rank algorithm and word2vec.
Text Classification [code][report]
Using different metrics (mutual information, information gain, etc.) for extracting important words for document classification task.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- University of Victoria Scholarship for Graduate Student Award   2021
- **Ranked 3rd** (out of 100) in term of Cumulative GPA among students of computer engineering of 2013 Entrance   2017
- Awarded as Outstanding Student in Amirkabir University of Technology 2015-2017
- Awarded direct admission to M.Sc. program in **Artificial Intelligence** at *Amirkabir University of Technology* as Talented Undergraduate Student   2017
- **Ranked 19th** in the Final Stage in **National Scientific Olympiad** of Computer Engineering   2016
- Qualified in the Selection Exam of **National Scientific Olympiad** of Computer Engineering   2016
  Qualified as 9th among the students in all the Universities in the Tehran Region
- **Ranked 1st** in the Department of Mathematics Team Selection Exam   2015
- **Ranked Top 0.8%** In The Country-wide University Entrance Exam   2013