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Education

- **Sharif University of Technology** — Tehran, Iran

  B.Sc. in Computer Engineering — *September 2020 – September 2025*
  Supervisor: Dr. Hamid Beigy

  - **GPA:** 18.86 / 20 (3.85 / 4.0)
  - **Courses (Grades out of 20):**
    - Reinforcement Learning (Graduate Course) - Ongoing
    - Deep Learning (Graduate Course) - Ongoing
    - Natural Language Processing (Graduate Course) - 19.8
    - Fundamentals of 3D Computer Vision - 18.7
    - Modern Information Retrieval - 20
    - Machine Learning - 19.6
    - Artificial Intelligence - 19.6
    - Linear Algebra - 20
    - Engineering Probability and Statistics - 20
    - Advanced Programming - 20
    - Fundamentals of Programming - 20
  - **Teaching Assistants:**
    - Natural Language Processing (Graduate Course)
    - Modern Information Retrieval (2 Semesters)
    - Machine Learning (3 Semesters)
    - Artificial Intelligence (2 Semesters)
    - Linear Algebra
    - Engineering Probability and Statistics
    - Database Design (4 Semesters, 2 as Head TA)
    - Mobile Programming (Head of iOS Homework)
    - Web Programming
    - Software Testing
    - Advanced Programming (3 Semesters, 2 as Head of a Homework)
    - Fundamentals of Programming (3 Semesters, 1 as Head of a Homework)
    - Theory of Machines and Languages
    - Computer Simulation
    - Computer Networks
    - Computer Structure and Machine Language

Research Interests

- Computer Vision
- Natural Language Processing (NLP)
- Deep Learning
- Machine Learning

Work Experiences

- **Artificial Intelligence Intern** — Sokhan AI

  Internship — *June 2024 - September 2024*

  - Focused on Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR) systems, specializing in fine-tuning **Whisper model** with public and proprietary Persian datasets.
  - Achieved an approximately **10% reduction in Word Error Rate (WER)**, outperforming both the company's previous ASR system and fine-tuned open-source versions of Whisper.
  - Contributed a bug-fix pull request to Hugging Face's Transformers library, which was merged, resolving an issue encountered during Whisper model fine-tuning that was consistent with similar reported issues.
  - After the internship, continued part-time to finalize ASR evaluation pipeline, benchmarks, and documentation, and hand off a reproducible training and evaluation setups.

- **Software Development Intern** — Rahnema College

  Internship — *August 2022 - November 2022*

- ○ Selected from nearly **900 participants** for this Tapsi-sponsored boot camp.
- ○ Gained experience in **Front-End** (TypeScript, React.js), **Back-End** (Node.js), **Android Development** (Kotlin), and **DevOps** (Docker, CI/CD).
- ○ Worked as part of the front-end team on the FPL project alongside five other team members.

Research Experiences

- **Number Understanding in LLMs** — Qatar Computing Research Institute
  Supervisor: Dr. Ehsaneddin Asgari (QCRI) — *April 2025 - Present*

  - ○ Studying LLM numeric reasoning across different domains.
  - ○ Building benchmarks and analyzing error patterns.
  - ○ Exploring prompting, data augmentation, and light fine-tuning to boost performance.

- **AI-Driven Referee Recommendation System for Scientia Iranica Journal** — Sharif University of Technology
  Supervisor: Dr. Shohreh Kasaei (IP Lab) — *February 2024 - Present*

  - ○ Contributing to an AI project for Scientia Iranica, a journal of Sharif University of Technology.
  - ○ Developing an AI model to **automate referee selection** for submitted articles, streamlining the peer-review process.
  - ○ Designed an AI-based system to identify professors' expertise based on their published papers.

- **Abductive Reasoning in LLMs** — Sharif University of Technology
  Supervisors: Dr. Mohammad Hossein Rohban (RIML Lab) and Dr. Mahdi Jafari Siavoshani (INL Lab) — *May 2025 - August 2025*

  - ○ Conducted structured literature review on abductive reasoning, from formal foundations to applications in LLMs.
  - ○ Compiled datasets and surveyed state-of-the-art papers.
  - ○ Ran preliminary evaluations of LLMs on abductive benchmarks.

- **Research Survey on Compositional Problems of Stable Diffusion Models** — Sharif University of Technology
  Supervisors: Dr. Mahdieh Soleymani Baghshah (ML Lab) and Dr. Mohammad Hossein Rohban (RIML Lab) — *October 2023 - April 2024*

  - ○ Conducting a research survey on methods to address compositional challenges (e.g., object relationships and positional consistency) in stable diffusion models.

Highlighted Projects

- **LLMs' Citation Benchmark** — July 2024 - August 2024
  Sharif University of Technology

  - ○ Final project for the Natural Language Processing course.
  - ○ Built a system to **evaluate citation accuracy** in LLMs.
  - ○ Experimented with multiple **prompt designs** to improve citation precision.
  - ○ **Developed new metrics** to assess citation reliability.

- **Llama 3 LoRA Fine-Tuning** — July 2024 - August 2024
  Sharif University of Technology

  - ○ Completed as the final homework for the Natural Language Processing course.
  - ○ Created a dataset focused on gender-neutralization.
  - ○ Performed **LoRA** fine-tuning on **Llama 3** with the gender-neutral dataset.

- [Add Validation for Maximum Sequence Length in Whisper Model of Hugging Face's Transformers Library](#)   August 2024 - September 2024
  Sokhan AI
  - Introduced a validation check for the [Whisper model in Hugging Face's Transformers library](#) to ensure label sequence length does not exceed maximum token length.
  - Enhanced model robustness and maintained consistent input dimensions.
  - Implemented tests to verify the validation mechanism.

- [Modern Information Retrieval](#)   February 2022 - August 2023
  Sharif University of Technology
  - Comprehensive project for Modern Information Retrieval at Sharif University of Technology, completed in three phases.
  - **Phase 1:** Implemented retrieval algorithms (Vector Spaces, Okapi BM25) and data compression, then evaluated them.
  - **Phase 2:** Added classification methods (e.g., neural networks, language models) and enhanced the search engine with evaluations.
  - **Phase 3:** Developed a web crawler for [semanticscholar.org](#), implemented personalized PageRank, author ranking, a recommender system, and designed a user interface for the search engine named **Amoogle**.

Honors and Awards

- **Third Place** in Sharif University of Technology Table Tennis Championship (2025)
- **Selected Athlete**, Sharif University of Technology Table Tennis Team, 16th National Students' Sports Olympiad (2024)
- **Direct Master's Program Candidate** in Artificial Intelligence, Sharif University of Technology – *Highly competitive program for top-performing students* (2023)

Volunteering Experiences

- **Events at Sharif University of Technology:**
  - **Scientific Staff** - [Rayan AI Global Contest](#) (2024): Focused on Anomaly Detection.
  - **Technical Staff** - [Gamein](#) (2024): Front-End Web Developer.
  - **Technical Staff** - She'r ta Code (2024): Front-End Web Developer.
  - **Technical Staff** - [ICPC](#) Asian Regional, Tehran Site (2024, 2023, 2022): Supported technical operations.
  - **Technical Staff** - [Winter Seminar Series (WSS)](#) (2023): Front-End Web Developer.
  - **Technical Staff** - [CodoCodile](#) (2023): Front-End Web Developer.
  - **Media Staff** - [League of Coders (LoC)](#) (2022): Managed media coverage.
  - **Executive Staff** - [HardWar](#) (2022): Supported event execution.
  - **Branding Staff** - [SharifGame](#) (2021): Assisted in branding initiatives.
  - **Presenter** - Linux & Computer Workshops, [Saboo](#) (2021): Led workshop presentations.

- [Introduction to Programming and Algorithms:](#) **A Collaborative High School Outreach Course**
  - Developed in collaboration with **Sharif University of Technology** and **Quera** to introduce high school students to programming and algorithms.
  - Engaged around **2000 students**, supported by a team of approximately **100 teaching staff**.
  - Contributed by writing textbooks, creating practical exercises, and mentoring a student group to enhance their learning.
  - Recognized as **one of the top mentors** for dedication and impactful contributions to student learning.

Other Courses

- [Advanced Concepts in AI: System 2 AI – Sharif University of Technology](#) *Audited Graduate Course, Ongoing*
- [Advanced Large Language Model Agents – UC Berkeley](#) *Ongoing*
- [Large Language Model Agents – UC Berkeley](#) *Fall 2024*
- [Deep Learning for Computer Vision – Stanford University](#) *Self-study*

Technical Skills

- **Programming Languages:** Python, JavaScript, TypeScript, Java, Swift, R, C, SQL, Verilog
- **Python Libraries for AI and Data Science:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Hugging Face Libraries (Transformers, Datasets, PEFT, Evaluate), OpenCV, scikit-learn, NLTK, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Plotly
- **Web Technologies:**
  - **Front-End:** Next.js, React.js
  - **Back-End:** Node.js, FastAPI, PostgreSQL, Redis