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Summary

As a researcher, interested in parallel algorithm design, middleware performance optimization, and application acceleration. Focused on improving GPU-aware communication in OpenMPI and UCX/UCC libraries. As an instructor, with 25+ courses TA'ed and taught, skilled in course design, development, and delivery, with a strong commitment to student success. As a software engineer, experienced in parallel-processing platforms/tools and programming frameworks, including CUDA, OpenMP, MPI, Pthreads, etc.

Education

Queen's University

PH.D. IN ELECTRICAL AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

Kingston, Canada

Jan. 2020 - Jan. 2025

- **Research Area:** High-performance GPU-aware communication in hybrid clusters, supervised by Dr. A. Afsahi

Shiraz University

M.S. IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Shiraz, Iran

Sep. 2012 - Aug. 2015

Shiraz University

B.S. IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

Shiraz, Iran

Sep. 2007 - Aug. 2012

Professional Experience

CUDA Developer, part-time

RE GRANT CONSULTING COMPANY

Kingston, Canada

Oct. 2024 - Present

- Extend the Rockport Networks Inc. (CERIO) CUDA microbenchmark suite to provide more insights into the performance of their systems.
- Maintain and update this C++ CMake project to adhere with new use cases and requirements, such as Windows development environments.
- Utilize NVIDIA management library (NVML) to monitor the GPU performance and power utilization.

GPU Software Engineer, part-time

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Kingston, Canada

Sep. 2022 - Sep. 2024

- Researched and developed CUDA, WebGPU, and WebAssembly solutions for the Distributed Compute Protocol.
- Achieved a +700x speedup in a WebGPU-based combinatorial math problem (LeGendre Pairs) compared to the CPU implementation.
- Designed and developed a WebGPU microbenchmark for Distributed Compute Protocol (DCP) systems.
- Prepared and delivered technical presentations and reports for demos to potential investors.

CUDA Developer, part-time

RE GRANT CONSULTING COMPANY

Kingston, Canada

Oct. 2023 - Mar. 2024

- Designed and implemented a CUDA microbenchmark suite to analyze the performance of Rockport Networks Inc. (CERIO) systems.
- Developed a comprehensive C++ CMake project incorporating stress and speed tests for various data transfer types, sizes, and scenarios.
- Consistently met project deadlines and delivered high-quality code under tight schedules.

Research Intern, part-time

MICROSOFT RESEARCH (MSR)

Seattle, US (Remote)

Jun. 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Performed a comparative study on the methods to utilize GPU in Numpy-based python frameworks.
- Profiled and analyzed model-parallelism Deep Learning framework named Distributed Deep Learning (DistDL).
- Accelerated DistDL utilizing CuPy and Numba libraries to get over 2x performance improvement.

Course Design and Development Specialist, part-time

ENGINEERING TEACHING AND LEARNING TEAM, QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY

Kingston, Canada

Sep. 2020 - Apr. 2022

- Produced and edited videos, and created animations to enhance virtual lectures for the Faculty of Engineering and Applied Science courses.
- Automated the course evaluation process using Python and Queen's survey platform, streamlining the compilation of evaluations.
- Updated and ported the Courses' Learning Objectives (CLOs) to meet the latest requirements.

Research Assistant and System Administrator, part-time

HPC GROUP, CSE DEPARTMENT, SHIRAZ UNIVERSITY

Shiraz, Iran

Sep. 2018 - Nov. 2019

- Designed and implemented a GPU-aware bag-data processing framework based on Apache Ignite.
- Demonstrated a 200x speedup in Genetic Algorithm (GA) optimization using the GPU-based Apache Ignite.
- Mentored and supported undergraduate/graduate members of the group.
- Setup, organized, and maintained group's GPU cluster, with services like Apache Hadoop, Spark, Tez, and Ignite.

System Administrator and Java Backend Developer, full-time

Shiraz, Iran

ARIA HAMRAH SAMANEH

Apr. 2016 - Feb. 2017

- Developed and maintained interactive data visualization dashboards using Tableau, enhancing decision-making processes.
- Configured and managed the company's Tableau server for Shiraz City Hall offices, ensuring high availability and performance.
- Implemented robust Java-based backend services to support various company projects.

Developer and Research Assistant, full-time

Shiraz, Iran

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ICTC), SHIRAZ UNIVERSITY

Oct. 2015 - Apr. 2016

- Studied and developed Business Intelligence (BI) solutions for Shiraz University IT center.
- Developed and localized BI solutions based on Microsoft Power BI.

Graduate Research Fellow and System Administrator, part-time

Shiraz, Iran

HPC GROUP, CSE DEPARTMENT, SHIRAZ UNIVERSITY

Sep. 2012 - Aug. 2015

- Designed and implemented a GPU-enabled framework based on Apache Tez (MapReduce-based task graph), with a speedup of 4x.
- Performed a comparative study on GPU processing frameworks and libraries in Java programming language.
- Managed and administered the HPC group's GPU servers and XenServer virtual machines.
- Setup and maintained various services such as Nexus repository manager, Apt Cacher, Squid, etc.

Related Volunteer Experience

Author and Developer

amirsojoodi.github.io/posts

TECHNICAL BLOG/REPORTS

2015 - Present

- Author technical posts/reports about my research, projects, and experiences to share my knowledge with the community.
- Published over 70 posts so far, covering various topics in computer science and software engineering.

Member

Queen's University

MPI FORUM

2022 - Present

- Participated in the MPI Forum meetings to discuss the updates of the MPI standard.
- Contributed to the discussions in bi-weekly MPI hybrid working group meetings.

Open Source Contributor

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GOOGLE

2023 - 2024

- Contributed to Google Dawn, an open-source and cross-platform implementation of the WebGPU standard, used in Google Chrome.
- My contributions included fixing building issues on Linux using CMake.

PhD Representative

Queen's University

GRADUATE ECE STUDENT COUNCIL

2023 - 2024

- Liaised graduate students concerns to the Electrical and Computer Engineering department during departmental monthly meetings.

Chair and Executive Member

Shiraz University

STUDENTS' SCIENTIFIC GROUP, CSE DEPARTMENT

2011 - 2014

- Held more than 10 technical seminars and workshops for students.
- Scheduled courses and their exams for each semester, in coordination with the Computer Science and Engineering department.

Network Specialist

Shiraz University

CSE NETWORK ADMINISTRATION GROUP

2011 - 2012

- Supported and maintained the CSE department's network infrastructure, which included more than 60 workstations and 4 servers.
- Fixed and troubleshooted network and workstation software/hardware issues for students and faculty.

Executive Member

Shiraz University

PROGRAMMING CONTESTS (ACM ICPC) GROUP

2008 - 2010

- Organized and conducted monthly programming contests for university students.
- Participated in local ACM ICPC contests, contributing to team strategy and problem-solving.

Honors & Awards

2024	Best Paper Award , International Workshop on Extreme Heterogeneity Solutions (ExHET)	Edinburgh, UK
2020	Parya Scholarship , Parya Trillium Foundation	Canada
2019	Best T.A. , CSE Department students' poll	Shiraz University
2016	9th Place , National IoT Hackathon	IUST, Tehran
2015	Silver Medal (with B. Ahmadi and M. R. Katebzadeh) , 7th National JavaChallenge	Sharif University
2012	Gold Medal in Team Section , Chess Games, South of Iran Universities	Shiraz University
2010	5th Place (with M. Asadi) , Students Competitions (Ms Pacman Intelligent Controller)	IEEE CIG (Online)
2010	5th Place (with S. Kazemi and M. Saeedi) , Kashan 2nd International Programming contest (ACM)	Kashan University

Selected Teaching Experience

COURSE INSTRUCTOR

2016	Introduction to Object Oriented Programming with Java , Instructor	Shiraz University
2013	Software Engineering Lab , Instructor	Shiraz University
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TEACHING ASSISTANT

2024	ELEC 278 - Fundamentals of Information Structure , TA of Dr. Tom Dean	Queen's University
2024	ELEC 374 - Digital Systems Engineering , TA of Dr. Ahmad Afsahi	Queen's University
2023	ELEC 379 - Introduction to Algorithms , TA of Dr. Naraig Manjikian	Queen's University
2018	GPU Programming , TA of Dr. Farshad Khunjush	Shiraz University
2014	Multicore Programming , TA of Dr. Farshad Khunjush	Shiraz University
2012	Operating Systems , TA of Dr. Mohammadreza Moosavi	Shiraz University
2010	Principles of Programming (C) , TA of Dr. Ali Hamzeh	Shiraz University

Selected Presentations

Workshop Presenter

Kingston, Canada

DISTRIBUTIVE BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Aug. 2023

- Presented **"Application Optimization Techniques"** for the LeGendre Pairs algorithm on GPUs.
- Discussed the challenges and optimizations, including shared-memory utilization, coalesced memory access, warp divergence, etc.
- Presented to Distributive Co. employees for 1 hour.

Workshop Presenter

Kingston, Canada

DISTRIBUTIVE BOOK CLUB MEETINGS

Oct. 2023

- Presented **"Introduction to GPUs"**, their architecture, their memory hierarchy, and their memory access patterns.
- Covered the CUDA programming model, code profiling and performance tuning of the GPU applications.
- Presented to Distributive Co. employees for 1 hour.

Publications

- [1] Hamed Sharifian, Amirhossein Sojoodi, Ahmad Afsahi, "A Topology- and Load-Aware Design for Neighborhood Allgather", *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Cluster Computing (CLUSTER)*, pp. 1–12, doi: 10.1109/CLUSTER59578.2024.00019, 2024
- [2] Amirhossein Sojoodi, Yiltan Hassan Temucin, Ahmad Afsahi, "Enhancing Intra-Node GPU-to-GPU Performance in MPI + UCX through Multi-Path Communication", *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Extreme Heterogeneity Solutions (ExHET)*, pp. 1–6, doi: 10.1145/3642961.3643800, 2024
- [3] Pedram Alizadeh, Amirhossein Sojoodi, Yiltan Hassan Temucin, Ahmad Afsahi, "Efficient Process Arrival Pattern Aware Collective Communication for Deep Learning", *Proceedings of the European MPI Users' Group Meeting (EuroMPI)*, pp. 68–78, doi: 10.1145/3555819.3555857, 2022
- [4] Philipp A. Witte, Russell J. Hewett, Kumar Saurabh, Amirhossein Sojoodi, Ranveer Chandra, "SciAI4Industry – Solving PDEs for industry-scale problems with deep learning", *arXiv* (2022), pp. 1–11, doi: 10.48550/arXiv.2211.12709, 2022
- [5] Yiltan Hassan Temucin, Amirhossein Sojoodi, Pedram Alizadeh, Ahmad Afsahi, "Efficient Multi-Path NVLink / PCIe-Aware UCX based Collective Communication for Deep Learning", *Proceedings of the IEEE Symposium on High-Performance Interconnects (HOTI)*, pp. 1–10, doi: 10.1109/HOTI52880.2021.00018, 2021
- [6] Yiltan Hassan Temucin, Amirhossein Sojoodi, Pedram Alizadeh, Benjamin W Kitor, Ahmad Afsahi, "Accelerating Deep Learning using Interconnect-Aware UCX Communication for MPI Collectives", *IEEE Micro* (2021), pp. 1–9, doi: 10.1109/MM.2022.3148670, 2021
- [7] Majid Salimi Beni, Amirhossein Sojoodi, Farshad Khunjush, "A GPU-Enabled Extension for Apache Ignite to Facilitate Running Genetic Algorithms", *Proceedings of the International Symposium on Computer Architecture and Digital Systems (CADS)*, pp. 1–8, doi: 10.1109/CADS50570.2020.9211857, 2020
- [8] Amirhossein Sojoodi, Majid Salimi Beni, Farshad Khunjush, "Ignite-GPU: a GPU-enabled in-memory computing architecture on clusters", *Journal of Supercomputing* (2020), pp. 1–28, doi: 10.1007/s11227-020-03390-z, 2020

Skills

Programming	C, C++, Python, JavaScript, Rust, TXL, Matlab, Java, Assembly, and Shell
Platforms/APIs/Libs	CUDA, OpenMP, MPI, UCX, WebGPU, Pthreads, MapReduce, PyTorch, NumPy/CuPy, Apache Ignite
Misc. Tools	Git, Perf, Valgrind, NVIDIA Nsight Tools, Arm DDT, Auto Tools, CMake, Nexus, \TeX
Operating Systems	Ubuntu, Debian, CentOS
Languages	Farsi (maternal), English (fluent), French (basic)