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Summary of Qualifications

- Honored with many Academic and Provincial Awards.
- Ranked among top 5 in MLSP 2014, Kaggle competition.
- 3rd rank in the Computational Mathematics program of University of Waterloo.
- Received several certificates from the Coursera in Computer Science, and Finance.
- **Solid knowledge** at *AI*, *DeepLearning*, *Machine Learning*, and Optimization.
- **Volunteering for a Charity** by producing several advertisment videos.

Education

University of Waterloo Waterloo, Canada

Ph.D. IN COMPUTER SCIENCE Sep. 2016 - present

• Thesis: Predictive Estimators and Perceptual Feedback Networks

University of Waterloo Waterloo, Canada

MMATH. IN COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS Sep. 2014 - Aug. 2015

• Thesis: On Preconditioning the Linearized Conjugate Gradient method for Sparse Nonlinear Optimization.

University of Science & Technology Tehran, Iran

M.Sc. in Computer Engineering Sep. 2002 - Mar. 2005

• Thesis: Study of Cache Structure and its Impact on the Performance of Network Processors

Shahid Beheshti University

Tehran, Iran B.Sc. IN COMPUTER ENGINEERING Sep. 1997 - Mar. 2002

• Thesis: Wireless Client/server System

Academic Activities

PUBLICATIONS

2020	Ganjidoost E., "Capturing Variations on Generative Predictive Coding"	pending NeurIPS
2019	Ganjidoost E., "Notes on Neural Networks Part 3: Credit Assignment Problem"	under review
2019	Ganjidoost E., "Notes on Neural Networks Part 2: Biological Adaptive Neural Networks"	under review
2019	Ganjidoost E., "Notes on Neural Networks Part 1: Artificial Neural Networks"	under review
2017	Ganjidoost E., Orchard J., "Non-linear mapping in a neural network using predictive coding" (research paper)	
2017	Ganjidoost E., Orchard J., "Predictive coding framed with neuron engineering framework" (research paper)	UofW
2005	Ganjidoost E., Akbari A., "Impact of cache structure on network processor performance" (oral)	
2004	Ganjidoost E. , Gharegouzi A., Akbari A., "Improvement speech quality by noise detection and elimination using averaged algorithm" (research paper)	IUST
2003	Ganjidoost E. , Fathy M., "Computer Architecture, A Quantitative Aproach - Memory Hierarchy Design" (translation)	IUST

PRESENTATION

Win 2020 "Pandas' Essential Tutorial", @ Neurocomgnitive Computing Lab	Waterloo, ON
Win. 2020 "On Predictive Coding" , @ Neurocomgnitive Computing Lab	Waterloo, ON
Spr. 2019 "Generative Neural Networks", @ The 12th Annual Ottawa Mathematics Conference (OMC)	Waterloo, ON
Apr. 2005 "Impact of Cache Structure on Network Processor Performance", @ The 7th Computer Engineering Student Conference (CESC)	Tehran, Iran
Apr. 2004 "Ad-hoc Network Architecture", @ IUST, Grad Seminar Series	Tehran, Iran
Apr. 2003 "Rollback Recovery Policy in Operating System", @ IUST, Grad Seminar Series	Tehran, Iran
Dec. 2003 "Computer Networks Performance Modeling", @ IUST, Grad Seminar Series	Tehran, Iran

Awards & Recognitions

INSTITUTIONAL, ACADEMIC

2016-20	Recepient, Math Domestic Graduate Student Award (\$20,000)	Waterloo, ON
2017-18	Recepient, Walter Metzger Memorial Award (\$5,250)	Waterloo, ON
2016-17	Recepient, University of Waterloo Graduate Scholarship (\$5,000)	Waterloo, ON
2015-20	Recepient, UW Graduate Research Studentship (\$26,500)	Waterloo, ON
2014-15	Recepient, UW Math Faculty Graduate Award (\$6,000)	Waterloo, ON
2014-15	Recepient, UW Mathematics Graduate Experience Award (\$3,000)	Waterloo, ON

PROVINSIONAL, LEADERSHIP

2007 **Recepient**, Tehran City Council Award (Gold prize) *Tehran, Iran*

NATIONAL, ACADEMIC

2016-17	Selected , University of Waterloo's NSERC nominie	Waterloo, ON
2002	Top 0.1%, National Enterance Exam for Grad School	Tehran, Iran
1997	Top 0.1%, National Enterance Exam	Tehran, Iran
1996	2 nd round , National Computer & Mathematic Olympiad	Tehran, Iran

Professional Technical Skills

Advanced Programming Python, MATLAB, R, C/C++, Java, JavaScript, Processing, HTML, LaTeX, Gephi, OWL, Node.js

Most Used Packages Numpy, Scikit-learn, Pandas, PyViz, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Jax, Matplotlib

Database SQL, DTD, XML, XSD, XQuery, XSLT, UML, OLAP, JSON, mongoDB

Certificates (short-listed)

Al & Machine Learnin Machine Learning, DeepLearning.ai, Tensorflow

Computer Science Algorithm Design I & II, Intro to Databases, mongoDB

WatRISQ, Intro to Corporate Finance, Intro to Finance

Teaching Fundamentals of University Teaching, Certificate in University Teaching

Projects (short-listed) _

Deep Learning Arch. PCNet, CNN, ResNet, AlexNet, LSTM, Recommender system, VAE, GAN

Finance portfolio optimizer package

Educational Activities

University of Waterloo, Canada Waterloo, Canada

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Waterloo, Canada

LEACHING ASSISTANT	Sep. 2016 - present
CS 486/686: Introduction to Al	W19, S19, F19, W20, S20
CS 475/675: Computational Linear Algebra	S18
CS 489/689: Neural Networks	W18
CS 370: Numerical Computation	F17, F18
CS 240: Data Structure & Data Management	S17
CS 136: Algorithm Design & Data Abstraction	W17
CS 135: Designing Functional Programs	F16

University of Waterloo

TEACHING ACCICTANT

TUTORIAL Sep. 2014 - May 2015

Math 127: Calculus I for ScienceW15Math 115: Linear Algebra for EngineeringF14Math 135: Algebra for Honor MathF14

Research Experience

Neurocognitive Computing Lab

Waterloo, ON

GRADUATE RESEARCHER Sep. 2016 - present

- · Generative Predictive Coding.
- Portfolio optimizer
- Neural Network Platform with Spiking Neurons.
- Neural Network based on real-time, Dynamical System.

University of Waterloo Waterloo, ON

RESEARCH ASSISTANT & DEVELOPER

May. 2014 - Sep. 2016

- Nonlinear optimization solver.
- · Large-scale continuous optimization solver.
- TSP heuristic using edge elimination techniques.

Cayuga Research Waterloo, ON

RESEARCHER

May. 2014 - Sep. 2014

• Logistic & Transportation Allocation.

ITRC Tehran, Iran

Mar. 2004 - Mar. 2005 RESEARCH ASSISTANT

· Network processor architecture.

R&D Experience ____

Marsuscom co. Tehran, Iran

COMPUTER ENGINEER Nov. 2009 - Sep. 2011

- · System & Code Developer.
- Smart Home Control System Developer.

PARMAN Tehran, Iran

TECHNICAL PROGRAMM

COMPUTER ENGINEER

Jun. 2009 - Nov. 2009

• Fiber Optic Network TX/RX STM-1 test and verification engineer.

PARSTEL Telecom co. Tehran, Iran

Jun. 2007 - Jun. 2009

- Code Developer for STN-10K Switch.
- Hardware designer and embedded programmer for line card.

VESAL co. ISP Tehran, Iran

COMPUTER ENGINEER INTERN Jun. 2000 - Sep. 2000

- · Computer Networking.
- Design, Implement and troubleshooting network.

Hobbies

Sport Activities swimming, soccer, ping-pong, biking, and hiking

Usual Habit listening traditional/country music, watching (documentary/adventure/romance) movies.

To-Do list photography, astronomy, traveling (specially road trip), driving Race cars