

# Elyas Heidari

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Educational Background

2015

**BSc Mathematics and Applications**, *Department of Mathematical Sciences - Sharif University of Technology (SUT).*

2014

**BSc Computer Engineering**, *Department of Computer Engineering - Sharif University of Technology.*

2010

2014

**Diploma Mathematics and Physics**, *Hashemi-Nezhad High school of Exceptional Talents.*

### Research Interests

- Biostatistics
- Machine Learning
- Data Science
- Computational Biology
- Statistical Computing

### Research Experiences

#### European Molecular Biology Laboratory (EMBL)

Huber Group, Multi-omics and Statistical Computing

**Role** Research Trainee

**ADVISORS** Dr. Laleh Haghverdi, Dr. Junyan Lu, Dr. Wolfgang Huber

**07/18-10/18** **Multi-omics Statistical Analysis of Chronic Leukemia Lymphoma (CLL)**

**Collaboration** Zenz Lab, National Center for Tumor Diseases (NCT)

**Keywords** Cancer Multi-omics, Biological Discovery, Survival Analysis, Pathway Analysis, Visualization

**Contribution** Proposed Hypoxia as the signature of TP53ness based on comprehensive multi-omics analysis.

**07/18-10/18** **Network-Based Metric on Single-cell Transcriptomics**

**Keywords** Statistics of Single-cell, Stochastic Processes, Probabilistic Graphical Model (PGM), Graph Theory

**Contribution** Defined a network-based metric using PGMs and random walk on graphs which shows to be significantly more robust than cosine and Euclidean metrics.

## Sharif University of Technology

bAlo-lab, Biomedical Informatics and Artificial Intelligence

**Role** Research Fellow  
**ADVISOR** Dr. Ali Sharifi-Zarchi

- 01/18-** **Prediction of Non-ribosomal Peptide Synthetase Substrates**  
**Collaboration** Mohimani Lab, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU)  
**Keywords** Deep Learning, Semi-supervised Learning, Drug Design  
**Contribution** Developed an end-to-end multi-task learning module for semi-supervised learning of biological sequences.
- 04/17-** **Comprehensive Statistical Analysis of Health Surveys**  
**Collaboration** Cardiovascular Research Center, Shahid Sadoughi Hospital  
**Keywords** Statistical Computing, Health Survey Data Analysis, Knowledge Discovery  
**Contribution** Introduced an end-to-end workflow for Health Survey data analysis.
- 03/17-10/17** **Investigating Role of PIN1 in Alzheimer's Disease (AD) Progression**  
**Collaboration** Department of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, Royan Institute  
**Keywords** Multi-omics, Biological Discovery, Exploratory Data Analysis  
**Contribution** Introduced 4 candidate micro-RNAs as novel therapeutic targets for AD.

## Bioinformatics Research Lab

**Role** Research Assistant  
**ADVISOR** Dr. Abolfazl Motahari

- 04/17-10/17** **Functional Brain Connectivity for Behavioural Genetics**  
**Keywords** Probabilistic Graphical Models, Behavioural Genetics, Compressed Sensing, fMRI Data Analysis
- 10/16-04/17** **Genome-wide Association Study (GWAS) to Design a Genotype-Phenotype Association Predictor**  
**Keywords** High-dimensional Statistics, Statistical Learning, Population Study
- 07/16-10/16** **Decomposing Protein-protein Interaction Networks**  
**Keywords** Systems Biology, Graph Theory, Algorithmic Bioinformatics

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## Teaching Assistance

- CE@SUT** Fundamentals of Programming, Advanced Programming (2), Engineering Probability and Statistics (5), Bioinformatics (2), Advanced Bioinformatics, Discrete Structures, Stochastic Processes, Optimization for Artificial Intelligence, Introduction to Linear Algebra
- Math@SUT** Probability and Applications, Statistics and Applications, Stochastic Processes
- EE@SUT** Computational Genomics

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## Related Courses

### Computer Engineering

**Advanced Programming:** 19/20

**Engineering Probability and Statistics:** 19.7/20

**Bioinformatics :** 20/20

**Large-scale Biological Data Analysis:** 20/20

**Analysis and Design of Information Systems:** 19.2/20

**Discrete Structures:** 18/20

**Database Design:** 17.2/20

### Mathematics

**Differential Equations:** 19.4/20

**Stochastic Processes:** 18.9/20

**Statistics and Applications:** 19/20

**Linear Algebra:** 17.2/20

**Topics in Statistics:** 18/20

**Game Theory:** 19.9/20

**Mathematical Biology:** 18/20

**Non-linear Optimization:** 18/20

**Data Analysis:** 20/20

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## Publications

### **Pin1 Regulatory miRNAs as Novel Candidates for Alzheimer's Disease Treatment**

**E. Heidari**, E. Salehi Siavashani, M. Rasooli, A. Sharifi-Zarchi, K. Shahpasand  
Submitted to the Journal of Neuroscience (bioRxiv preprint)

### **Multivariate Analysis and Visualization with R Package muvis**

**E. Heidari**, V. Balazadeh-Meresht, A. Sharifi-Zarchi

Submitted to the Journal of Statistical Software (arXiv preprint)

### **Novel Findings in Comprehensive Statistical Analysis of The Yazd Health Survey (YaHS)**

**E. Heidari**, V. Balazadeh-Meresht, N. Ahmadi, A. Sharifi-Zarchi, M. Mirzaei, M. Sadr-Bafghi

Will be Submitted to Nature Communications

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## Software Development

**muvis** Multivariate Analysis and Visualization in **R** (muvis documentation)

**SeqLearner** Multitask Learning for Biological Sequences (GitHub repository)

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## Skills

**Programming** Extensively experienced in **Python** (machine/deep learning and algorithmic programming), **R** (data analysis and visualization), **Java** (software development), and **Bash** (system programming).

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## Other Activities

**bAlo-lab@CE@SUT** Leader of the Statistical Methods and Data Science Group

**CE@SUT** Member of Board in Students' Scientific Chapter (SSC)

Founder and Scientific Director of interna 2018

Scientific Director of First Series of Data Challenge Competition