FATEMEH NAEINIAN

New York University, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering

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Education

New York University

Jan 2025 – present

PhD in Electrical Engineering

New York City, USA

• GPA: 4/4

University of Tehran

Sep 2019 - Jun 2024

B.Sc in Electrical Engineering • GPA: 18.53/20 (3.83/4)

Tehran, Iran

University of Tehran

Sep 2021 - Jun 2024

Minor in Computer Engineering

Tehran, Iran

• GPA: 16.76/20 (3.4/4)

Publications

• F. Naeinian, E. Balazadeh, M. Tale Masouleh, "Mapping Human Grasping to 3-Finger Grippers: A Deep Learning Perspective," 2024 32nd International Conference on Electrical Engineering (ICEE), pp. 1-7, 2024.

Research Interests

- Autonomous driving systems
- Domain adaptation in autonomous driving
- Training and optimization of deep neural networks
- Trajectory prediction and steering estimation
- Applied machine learning
- Multi-modal sensor fusion (LiDAR, camera, radar)

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, Learning Systems Laboratory

New York University

Advisor: Prof. Anna Choromanska

2025 - present

- Conducting research on generalization in autonomous driving models using the nuScenes dataset, focusing on adapting models trained in one city to perform effectively in another without retraining from scratch.
- Exploring Joint-Embedding Predictive Architecture (JEPA) and self-supervised learning methods to improve cross-domain transferability of steering angle and trajectory prediction.
- Developing data processing and visualization pipelines for scene-level analysis, including BEV and camera **overlays** to compare predicted and ground truth trajectories.
- Evaluating model performance under varying city structures and driving rules, with the goal of enabling robust, city-agnostic autonomous driving systems.

B.Sc Thesis, TaarLab: The Human and Robot Interaction Lab

University of Tehran

Supervisor: Dr. Mehdi Tale-Masouleh

Jul. 2023 - Mar. 2024

- Built a dataset of human hand features for mapping grasping behaviors to a **3-finger gripper**.
- Used MediaPipe to extract and label finger coordinates for high-quality model inputs.
- Trained and evaluated **Object Detection** models to identify optimal grasping points.

Internship, Technical University of Munich

Remote

Supervisor: Dr.-Ing Abdalla Swikir

Summer 2022

• Conducted Boundary Computation for determining the Reachable Set of Robotic Manipulators.

Leadership & Mentorship

• Mentor, NYU Arise Program, New York, NY

Summer 2025

Supervised a team of high school students on a machine learning project, guiding them through dataset preparation, model training, and result evaluation. Mentored students in scientific communication, leading to a successful poster presentation at the program's closing event.

Relevant Courses ¹

New York University

• Advanced Machine Learning †

4/4 • Digital Signal Processing †

4/4

University of Tehran

• Neural Networks †

20/20

• Machine Learning †

20/20

• Artificial Intelligence 18.1/20

• Data Structures and Algorithms

20/20

 Advanced programming 18.6/20

• Operational Research

earch 19.9/20

• Digital Control Systems 19.6/20 • Fundamentals of Mechatronics Engineering 19/20 • Engineering Probability and Statistics 18.43/20

Honors and Awards

- Received the School of Engineering (SoE) PhD Fellowship at NYU for an academic year, 2025.
- Ranked within the Top 20% among more than 116 B.Sc. students of the Electrical Engineering Department at the University of Tehran, 2023.
- Awarded the Supporter Foundation of the University of Tehran Honorable Award for Academic Excellence, 2019-2021.
- Ranked 3^{rd} in the Control branch of Electrical Engineering, 2023.
- Ranked among the top 0.1% (92^{nd}) in the nationwide university entrance exam in Mathematics and Physics fields for a B.Sc. degree, 2019.
- Ranked among the top 0.1% (91^{th}) in the nationwide university entrance exam in Foreign Languages fields for a B.Sc. degree, 2019.
- Gold Prize in Tebyan Student Projects Festival in computer seminars, 2017.

Skills

Programming Languages & Frameworks:

- Proficient in Python, MATLAB, C, C++, Verilog
- Familiar with TensorFlow, NumPy, Pandas, Pyomo, Matplotlib, Keras, scikit-learn, PyTorch, Seaborn, CSS, HTML, JavaScript

Softwares & Developer Tools:

 Familiar with Jupyter Notebook, Google Colab, ModelSim, Quartus II, MultiSim, STM32CubeIDE, IATEX, Visual Studio Code, Arduino

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant at the University of Tehran:

- \bullet Neural Networks and Deep Learning †(Spring & Fall 2023)
- Linear Control Systems (Fall 2023)
- Probability and Statistics (Spring 2023)
- Linear Control Systems (Fall 2022)
- Electrical Machines (Fall 2021)

- \bullet Engineering Mathematics (Fall 2022 & Spring & Fall 2023)
- Operational Research (Fall 2023)
- Linear Algebra (Fall 2022)
- Electronics I (Spring 2021)
- Introduction to Electrical Engineering (Spring 2021)

Languages

- English [Advanced Proficiency]

 TOEFL IBT (Oct. 7, 2023): 107/120 (Reading: 29, Listening: 29, Speaking: 24, Writing: 25)
- Persian [Native]

¹Graduate Courses are indicated by †