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EDUCATION

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

2025 - Ongoing

Doctor of Philosophy Candidate

Understanding the geometry of high dimensional data through the lens of deep generative modelling.

University of Toronto

2022 - 2024

Master of Science

Mitacs Accelerate Fellowship

Department of Computer Science

Cumulative GPA (4.0/4)

Courses: (CSC2421) Graphs, Matrices, and Optimization, (CSC2541) Topics in Machine Learning: Introduction to Causality

Sharif University of Technology

2018 - 2022

Bachelor of Science

Overall GPA 19.22/20

Department of Computer Engineering

Ranked Among the Top 10

Courses: (CE695) Stochastic Processes, (CE242) Signals & Systems, (CE282) Linear Algebra, (CE181) Probability and Statistics, (CSC384) Artificial Intelligence, (CE354) Algorithm Design, (CE415) Formal Languages, (MAT034) Differential Equations

PUBLICATIONS

- CausalPFN: Amortized Causal Effect Estimation via In-Context Learning
Vahid Balazadeh*, **Hamidreza Kamkari***, Valentin Thomas, Benson Li, Junwei Ma, Jesse C. Cresswell, Rahul G. Krishnan
Under review: [arXiv: 2506.07918](#)
Accepted for an *oral* presentation at the SIM workshop at ICML 2025
- A Geometric View of Data Complexity: Efficient Local Intrinsic Dimension Estimation with Diffusion Models
Hamidreza Kamkari, Brendan Ross, Rasa Hosseinzadeh, Jesse Cresswell, Gabriel Loaiza-Ganem
NeurIPS 2024 (**Spotlight**): [arXiv: 2406.03537](#)
Also accepted to three ICML 2024 workshops with two contributed talks and spotlight presentations
- A Geometric Explanation of the Likelihood OOD Detection Paradox
Hamidreza Kamkari, Brendan Ross, Jesse Cresswell, Anthony Caterini, Rahul Krishnan, Gabriel Loaiza-Ganem
ICML 2024 (Poster): [arXiv: 2403.18910](#)
- A Geometric Framework for Understanding Memorization in Generative Models
Brendan Ross, **Hamidreza Kamkari**, Zhaoyan Liu, Tongzi Wu, George Stein, Gabriel Loaiza-Ganem, Jesse C. Cresswell
ICLR 2025 (**Spotlight**): [arXiv: 2411.00113](#)
Also accepted to two ICML 2024 workshops
- TabDPT: Scaling Tabular Foundation Models
Junwei Ma*, Valentin Thomas*, Rasa Hosseinzadeh, **Hamidreza Kamkari**, Alex Labach, Jesse C. Cresswell, Keyvan Golestan, Guangwei Yu, Maksims Volkovs, Anthony L. Caterini
In Submission: [arXiv: 2410.18164](#)
- Order-based Structure Learning with Normalizing Flows
Hamidreza Kamkari*, Vahid Balazadeh*, Vahid Zehtab, Aidan Li, Rahul Krishnan
In Submission: [arXiv: 2308.07480](#)

HONOURS & AWARDS

- Secured **\$30,000** in funding for graduate research through the Mitacs Accelerate Scholarship May 2023
- **3rd place** in regional ACM-ICPC contests December 2018

TEACHING & SUPERVISION

- Vector Institute** **Toronto, Canada**
Research Mentoring *July 2024 - Ongoing*
 - Started as a researcher at the Vector Institute under the supervision of Prof. Rahul Krishnan, and currently helping mentor undergraduate students Aidan Li and Benson Li, both of whom are affiliated with his lab
- University of Toronto** **Toronto, Canada**
Teaching Assistance *September 2022 - May 2023*
 - **CSC384**: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence — **CSC236**: Introduction to the Theory of Computation
- Sharif University of Technology** **Tehran, Iran**
Teaching Assistance *September 2019 - July 2022*
 - **CE40254**: Data Structure and Algorithms (*Head TA*) — **CE40181**: Probability and Statistics — **CE40417**: Artificial Intelligence

PEER-REVIEW & TALKS

- Advancements in Neural Information Processing Systems Reviewer NeurIPS 2025
- **Invited Talk** on Generative Modelling through the Lens of Manifold Hypothesis (Remote) Imperial College London
- Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence Program Committee AAAI 2025
- International Conference on Learning Representations Reviewer ICLR 2024/2025
- International Conference in Machine Learning Reviewer ICML 2024
- Transactions on Machine Learning Research (TMLR) Reviewer Annual (Ongoing)
- **Contributed Talk** for workshop: Differentiable Almost Everything ICML 2024
- **Contributed Talk** for workshop: Structured Probabilistic Inference and Generative Modelling ICML 2024
- Advancements in Neural Information Processing Systems Reviewer NeurIPS 2023

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- California Institute of Technology (Caltech)** **Remote**
Graduate Researcher *October 2024 - Ongoing*
 - Modelling climate data with denoising diffusion operators and applying them for re-analysis
Hamidreza Kamkari, Kamyar Azizzadenesheli, Anima Anandkumar
- Sharif University of Technology** **Tehran, Iran**
Bachelor Thesis (In Persian) *January 2022 - September 2022*
 - Predicting Drug Combination Dose Responses Using Graph Neural Networks and Attention Mechanisms
- Max Planck Institute for Informatics** **Saarbrücken, Germany**
Undergraduate Research Intern *January 2022 - March 2022*
 - Physarum Inspired Dynamics to Solve Semi-Definite Programs
Yuan Gao, *Hamidreza Kamkari*, Andreas Karrenbauer, Kurt Mehlhorn, Mohammadamin Sharifi
Pre-print from the internship: [arXiv: 2111.02291](https://arxiv.org/abs/2111.02291)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Layer 6

Research Scientist

Toronto, Canada

December 2023 - July 2025

- Successfully led multiple publications in top-tier conferences on topics such as deep generative modeling, in-context learning, and causal inference
- Applied the manifold hypothesis in deep generative models to achieve a deeper understanding of phenomena such as out-of-distribution behaviour, memorization, and overall model quality
- Developed a tabular foundation model for Canada's largest bank utilizing prior fitted networks and a Bayesian approach
- Helped streamline the knowledge management pipelines using chatbots across the bank

Aalto University

Undergraduate Research Intern

Espoo, Finland

July 2021 - September 2021

- Integrated a graph neural network-based algorithm into a reinforcement learning pipeline to design complex RNA structures, including previously underexplored pseudo-knotted structures

High Schools Across Iran

Algorithms Teacher

Tehran, Iran

September 2018 - September 2021

- Worked as an Algorithms Teacher in well-known Iranian high schools