

# HAMIDREZA KAMKARI

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## EDUCATION

### Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

2025 - Ongoing

Doctor of Philosophy Student

Deep generative modelling of geometrically constrained data, and characterizing the properties of high-dimensional distributions learned by diffusion-based generative models.

### 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  
NeurIPS 2025 (**Spotlight**): [arXiv: 2506.07918](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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](https://arxiv.org/abs/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  
NeurIPS 2025: [arXiv: 2410.18164](https://arxiv.org/abs/2410.18164)
- Order-based Structure Learning with Normalizing Flows  
**Hamidreza Kamkari\***, Vahid Balazadeh\*, Vahid Zehtab, Aidan Li, Rahul Krishnan  
In Submission: [arXiv: 2308.07480](https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.07480)

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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**Layer 6 AI Lab at Toronto Dominion (TD) Bank**  
*Research Machine Learning Scientist (Full Time)*

**Toronto, Canada**  
*December 2023 - June 2025*

- Led multiple publications in top-tier conferences on topics such as deep generative modeling and geometric deep learning.
- 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*

- Designed a reinforcement learning pipeline to design complex RNA structures, including previously underexplored pseudo-knotted structures

## HONOURS & AWARDS

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- Secured **30,000 CAD** in funding for graduate research through the Mitacs Accelerate Scholarship May 2023
- **Gold Medal** in regional ACM-ICPC contests December 2018
- **Consecutive Silver & Gold Medal** in national Olympiad in informatics 2016 & 2017

## TEACHING & SUPERVISION

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**Vector Institute**  
*Research Mentoring*

**Toronto, Canada**  
*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**  
*Teaching Assistance*

**Toronto, Canada**  
*September 2022 - May 2023*

- **CSC384**: Introduction to Artificial Intelligence — **CSC236**: Introduction to the Theory of Computation

**Sharif University of Technology**  
*Teaching Assistance*

**Tehran, Iran**  
*September 2019 - July 2022*

- **CE40254**: Data Structure and Algorithms (*Head TA*) — **CE40181**: Probability and Statistics — **CE40417**: Artificial Intelligence

## PEER-REVIEW & TALKS

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- Invited Talk at Visual Computing (VC) Seminar MIT 2025
- Advancements in Neural Information Processing Systems Reviewer NeurIPS 2023-2025
- 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

## ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Sharif University of Technology**  
*Bachelor Thesis (In Persian)*

**Tehran, Iran**  
*January 2022 - September 2022*

- Predicting Drug Combination Dose Responses Using Graph Neural Networks and Attention Mechanisms

**Max Planck Institute for Informatics**  
*Undergraduate Research Intern*

**Saarbrücken, Germany**  
*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)