

# Mohammad Karimiabdolmaleki

Data Scientist, ML Developer

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## Highlights

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- Skilled Data Scientist and ML developer having 4+ years of experience in designing and developing end-to-end ML and data pipelines
- Deep knowledge of data-centric operations including feature engineering, MLOps, ETL/ELT, and DBMS
- Highly proficient in Natural Language Processing and Computer Vision with 4+ years of research and industrial experience in text and image classification, object and face recognition, relation extraction, sentiment analysis, natural language understanding, and feedback generation
- Demonstrated strong teamwork, representation, and leadership skills by collaborating with data scientists and business team while developing a scalable ML pipeline for the Government of Alberta, capable of saving millions of dollars per year
- Microsoft Azure and Google Professional Data Analytics certified with hands-on experience using AWS S3 and ML services

## Relevant Work Experience

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### Associate Machine Learning Developer

Sep. 2022 - May 2023

AltaML, Edmonton, AB

- Developed a bias and hate speech classifier based on **Open AI's GPT 3.5 Turbo API** on **Azure** to classify **hate speech** and different types of **biases** from social media posts
- Implemented and deployed a quick and **scalable ML pipeline** on Azure to predict on over **2.6 billion** geospatial satellite imagery data points with an accuracy of **+88%** using cross-validation
- Gained a deep understanding of **business values** and **agile delivery model** through close collaboration with the clients and the business team

### Data Scientist and NLP Researcher

Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2022

University of Alberta and Amii, Edmonton, AB

- Developed and fine-tuned **language models** (i.e., n-grams and recurrent neural networks) to identify grammatically incorrect writing from **big data** resources with an accuracy of **+97%**
- Implemented a data and ML pipeline to process and predict the **price** of airbnb listings using **XGBoost** with a negligible error rate
- Implemented and fine-tuned ML models from scratch to extract the semantic relation between chunks of a sentence with an accuracy of **+87%**

### Software Engineer

Sep. 2018 – Jan. 2020

Iranian national robotics team, Tehran, Iran

- Implemented a data acquisition pipeline to collect imagery dataset of objects and employed **YOLO** deep learning algorithm to enable object recognition
- Designed and developed a ML algorithm to enable human robot interaction using speech and prompt processing

## Education

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### M.Sc. in Computer Science

Jan. 2021 – Aug. 2022

University of Alberta

*Edmonton, AB*

### B.Sc. in Software Engineering

Sep. 2015 – Sep. 2019

University of Science and Technology of Mazandaran

*Mazandaran, Iran*

## Selected Projects

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### Negative Language Transfer Identification

- Developed and fine-tuned statistical ML models and language models in a four months period to identify negative language transfer in the English writing of Chinese and Farsi native speakers

### Commonsense Validation and Explanation

- Utilized state-of-the-art pre-trained transformer-based models (BERT & RoBERTa) to achieve superior performance on commonsense validation and explanation tasks

### Skull Health Grade Assessment

- Developed a deep learning algorithm (Faster R-CNN) using object recognition to identify human skull cracks based on MRI scans with an accuracy of +92%

### Dead Trees Detection

- Implemented a scalable ML pipeline using random forest and SVM to detect dead trees of Alberta using freely available satellite imagery and vegetation indices

### Face Recognition Platform

- Implemented and prototyped an accurate face recognition module as a product using Convolutional Neural Networks and Raspberry Pi for an Iranian university's dormitory

## Technical & Soft Skills

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**Languages:** Python, C++, SQL, C#, JavaScript, PHP, HTML/CSS

**NLP:** NLTK, Spacy, Gensim, Hugging Face, Stanza

**Libraries:** Tensorflow, Pytorch, Keras, Sklearn, OpenCV, YOLO, Pandas, Numpy

**Tools:** Azure, Linux, Git, Docker, Bash, ROS, Google Street View, Google Earth Engine

**Database:** MySQL, Microsoft SQL Server, SQLite, PostgreSQL

**Visualizations:** Tableau, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly, Microsoft Power BI, LIME, Streamlit

**Soft Skills:** Critical Thinking, Leadership, Communication, Work Ethic, Time Management, Creativity

## Selected Publications

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- **Karimiabdolmaleki, M.**, Farias Wanderley, L., Cutumisu, M., Demmans Epp, C. (2023). Identifying negative language transfer in the English writing of Chinese and Farsi native speakers. European Association for Research on Learning and Instruction (EARLI) Conference, Thessaloniki, Greece, August 22-26.
- **Karimi Abdolmaleki, M.**, Demmans Epp, C., Cutumisu, M. (2022). Automated feedback generation in programming environments: A systematic review. Poster. Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis SIG Poster Session. American Educational Research Association (AERA) Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, April 22-25.

## Community Engagements

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### ML Instructor

### Alberta AI Association

- Teaching an advanced ML course with more than 15 students, covering NLP topics and MLOps, including data processing, model training, model evaluation, and deployment

### Guest Speaker

### Action for Healthy Communities

- Demonstrated leadership and presentation skills by presenting ML-related topics to people from different backgrounds