Mahdi Gilany

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SUMMARY

- Over 4 years of professional experience in designing and implementing a wide range of deep learning models for **challenging real-world applications**.
- Solid and profound background in machine learning and deep learning and fundamental concepts behind them such as **probability theory**, **Bayesian statistics**, linear algebra and optimization.
- Advanced expertise in programming languages such as **Python** and MATLAB and related software tools such as **PyTorch**, TensorFlow, Scikit Learn, and Pandas.
- Self-motivated and adaptable, with a track record of successfully **designing essential experiments**, solving problems, and **publishing in top-tier conferences**.
- Demonstrated ability to think critically, work hard, and meet deadlines. Committed to **collaboration** and **communication** in the workplace, and passionate about staying up-to-date with recent advances.

EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Queen's University Sep 2021–Present

Medical Informatics Laboratory

Primary research on diagnosing prostate cancer from ultrasound RF images:

- Self-supervised domain invariant/disentangled representation learning: Addressing domain
 distribution shift by learning domain (hospital, patient, etc) invariant feature representations or disentangling
 them from task features.
- **Self-supervised attention-based multi-instance learning:** Providing fine-scale predictions from coarse labels by applying attention on bag of feature embeddings and using attention maps.
- Robust diagnosis with uncertainty quantification: Achieving robust diagnoses by addressing the remained distribution shift and out-of-distribution samples by discarding unconfident predictions.

Research Assistant RIT

Lab of Use-inspired Computational Intelligence

Sep 2019-Jan 2021

Primary research on **Bayesian deep learning** in two areas:

- Neural architecture inference using beta-Bernoulli processes: Inferring the posterior distribution over architectural hyper-parameters (number of layers and neurons) using stochastic variational inference methods.
- Variational continual learning with a dynamic network: Dynamically growing a neural network
 architecture in VCL setting to overcome neural capacity problem.

Machine Learning Engineer

Octa Company

Startup Studio Octa

Nov 2018-Jul 2019

 Crypto currency price prediction with technical nalysis: Predicting different crypto-coins' prices using time series analysis and RNNs.

Research Assistant

University of Tehran

Secure Communication Lab

Apr 2018-Jul 2018

 Hand-gesture detection: Developing a CNN-based deep learning model for detecting hand and identifying gestures in real-time.

EDUCATION

Queen's University

PhD in Computer Science, GPA:4.0/4.0

Supervisor: Dr. Parvin Mousavi, Co-supervisor: Dr. Purang Abolmaesumi

Ontario, Canada Jan 2021–Present

Rochester Institute of Technology (Transferred to Queen's)

PhD in Computer Science, GPA:4.0/4.0

Supervisor: Dr. Rui Li

New York, USA

Sep 2019–Jan 2021

University of Tehran

BSc in Electrical Engineering (major Communication), GPA: 3.73/4.00

Thesis supervisor: Dr. Mohammad Ali Akhaee

Tehran, Iran Sep 2014–Sep 2018

Publications

1. K. KC, R. Li, and M. Gilany, "Joint inference for neural network depth and dropout regularization", in Advances in Neural Information Processing Systemsn (Neurips). [Link][Code]

- 2. M. Gilany, P. Wilson, A. Jamzad, F. Fooladgar, M. N. N. To, B. Wodlinger, P. Abolmaesumi, and P. Mousavi, "Towards confident detection of prostate cancer using high resolution micro-ultrasound", in *International Conference on Medical Image Computing and Computer-Assisted Intervention* (MICCAI). [Link][Code]
- 3. M. Gilany*, P. Wilson*, A. Jamzad, F. Fooladgar, M. N. N. To, B. Wodlinger, P. Abolmaesumi, and P. Mousavi, "Self-supervised learning with limited labeled data for prostate cancer detection in high frequency ultrasound", arXiv preprint arXiv:2211.00527, 2022. [Link][Code]

HONORS AND AWARDS

• Queen's Graduate Fellowship/Award

2021-Present

• NSERC MedICREATE Training Award

2021-Present

• Queen's Conference Travel Award

2022

• RIT PhD Merit Full Scholarship

2019-2021

SKILLS

• Data Science Tools NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, Scipy

• Deep Learning Frameworks PyTorch, TensorFlow/Keras

• Programming Languages Python, MATLAB, C/C++, SQL, Java, R

Relevant Courses

• Deep Learning

• Statistical Machine Learning

• Reinforcement Learning

• Stochastic Processes

• Software Engineering

• Linear Algebra

• Cyber-infrastructure (Parallel Programming)

• Geometric Deep Learning (online)