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RESEARCH INTEREST

Deep Learning Theory, Multi-Modal Learning, Natural Language Processing, LLMs, Probabilistic Learning

EDUCATION

Master of Applied Science in Applied Mathematics

2024 - 2026

 $Polytechnique\ Montreal$

CGPA: 3.9/4.0

Bachelor of Science in Applied Mathematics, minor in Computer Science

2017 - 2022

AmirKabir University of Technology

CGPA: 3.5/4.0

Publications

A Probabilistic U-Net Approach to Downscaling Climate Simulations

10/2025

NeurIPS 2025 AI4Science — M Alipourhajiagha, P Lemaire, Y Diouane, J Carreau

Professional Experience

Visiting Researcher

06/2025 – Present

Ouranos

• Conducting applied research as an AI Research Intern at Ouranos, a climate adaptation research hub in Quebec, on probabilistic downscaling models with an emphasis on making models' behavior interpretable.

Graduate Research Assistant

01/2024 - Present

Mila - Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute

• Developing a multi-variate probabilistic U-Net model for statistical downscaling of climate projections, leveraging deep learning advancements to improve spatial resolution, physical coherence, and inference speed.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

01/2025 – Present

Polytechnique Montreal

- Artificial Intelligence: Probabilistic and Learning Techniques (INF8225) Prof. Chris Pal
- Fundamentals of Machine Learning (IFT6390) Prof. Ioannis Mitliagkas & Dhanya Sridhar
- Unsupervised Learning and Time Series (MTH8304) Prof. Julie Carreau

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

02/2020 - 01/2022

AmirKabir University of Technology

- Numerical Computations Prof. Fatemeh Shakeri
- Fundamentals of Programming in C Prof. Mohammad Akbari
- Numerical Analysis Prof. Mostafa Shamsi

Teaching Assistant

08/2020 - 04/2022

CS50x Iran

• Contributed to teaching CS50x, Harvard's introductory computer science course, for a Persian-speaking audience. Translated and customized course content, and supported TA sessions in the 2020 and 2021 cohorts.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming & Scripting: Python, C, Java, SQL, Bash, HTML/CSS
- Libraries & Frameworks: PyTorch, TensorFlow, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, Pandas, Hugging Face Transformers, Datasets, WandB, TensorBoard, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Plotly
- Tools: Git, Docker, MySQL, VSCode, Jupyter, Linux, LaTeX
- Core AI/ML Knowledge: Supervised and Unsupervised Learning, Deep Learning (CNNs, RNNs, Transformers), Probabilistic Modeling, Self-Supervised and Contrastive Learning, Transfer Learning and Domain Adaptation, Generative Models (VAEs, GANs, Diffusion Models), Evaluation Metrics and Benchmarking, Experiment Design and Ablation Studies, Model distillation, Interpretability and Explainability, Multi-GPU Training Workflows on Compute Canada (SLURM-Based Job Scheduling)

Honors & Awards

UpperBound 2025 Talent Bursary – Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (Amii): Spring 2025 Awarded a \$1500 (CAD) scholarship by Amii in recognition of research potential and talent in AI/ML, based in Edmonton, Alberta.

Academic Distinction — AmirKabir University of Technology: Spring 2022 Graduated in the top 15% of the cohort; overall CGPA 3.5/4.0; final two-year GPA 3.85/4.0.

Full Scholarship for B.Sc. in Applied Mathematics: Fall 2017 Ranked among the top 0.8% of all Iranian University Entrance Exam participants (150,000 participants) and received a full scholarship for a B.Sc. in Applied Mathematics from the Ministry of Science, Research, and Technology.

Relevant Courses

M.Sc. Courses: Representation Learning (A), Natural Language Processing with Deep Learning (A+), Statistical Machine Learning (B+), Machine Learning Applied to Climate Change (A)

B.Sc. Courses: Advanced Programming in C++ (A+), Data Structures & Algorithms (A+), Database Systems (A+), Probability (A+), Foundation of Matrix and Linear Algebra (A+), Linear & Non-linear Optimization (A+), Data Mining (A), Introduction to Blockchain (B+), Artificial Intelligence (A+), Partial Differential Equations (A+), Dynamical Systems (A+), Computer Networks (A+), Numerical Analysis (A+)

CERTIFICATIONS

Machine Learning Specialization – Coursera (Offered by Stanford University)
Advanced Python Programming and OOP Thinking – Quera College
CS50: Introduction to Computer Science – Harvard University

PROJECTS

Emotion Recognition from Conversational Context 🗘

• Developed hybrid models (e.g., SS-BED and CNN-BiGRU) for emotion recognition in text to balance accuracy, speed, and resource efficiency, practical alternatives to transformer models in resource-constrained applications.

litgpt 🗘

• Implemented parameter-efficient instruction tuning by applying LoRA to TinyLlama and Pythia on LIMA and benchmarking zero-shot performance on HellaSwag, applied an improved LoRA variant and compared results.

Emotion-Detection (?)

• Finetuning and evaluating transformer-based models like BERT, DistilBERT, GPT-2, RoBERTa, ELECTRA on diverse datasets like ISEAR, Diar AI, and GoEmotions to perform emotion classification on texts.

Sentiment Analysis (7)

• Implementation and report of a sentiment analysis project comparing RNNs and Transformer models on the Yelp Polarity dataset, utilizing a BERT-based tokenizer for pre-processing.

DDPM: PyTorch Implementation (7)

• Implementation of a Denoising Diffusion Probabilistic Models (DDPM) class using PyTorch on the MNIST dataset to minimize the loss function and generate MNIST images.

Human Activity Recognition (7)

• Human Activity Recognition (HAR) using deep learning techniques, specifically MLP and 1D CNN, to classify six activities based on smartphone accelerometer time series data.

LANGUAGES

Persian: Native

English: Full Professional Proficiency (TOEFL iBT score: 103)

Turkish: Professional Working Proficiency

French: Elementary Proficiency