Mina Aghaei Dinani



Experience

Work Experience

Sep'20-Sep'24 Research Assistant | HES-SO Valais, Switzerland - 100%

Research area: Distributed AI, Data analysis, Data Science, Computer Science, Computer Networks, Opportunistic Communication, Machine Learning

Responsibilities:

- O Designed, developed, and evaluated **distributed AI** algorithms, and **Time-Varying Graphs** focusing on dynamic setups and merging algorithms to improve scalability and performance
- O Designed an **energy-efficient distributed learning algorithm** using a **data-driven** approach, optimizing both communication and computational efficiency while pushing the boundaries of current state-of-the-art methods
- Conducted large-scale data analysis by preprocessing, processing, and analyzing time series data, leveraging attention to detail to derive actionable insights and drive strategic decisions
- Applied Deep Learning techniques for image recognition and trajectory prediction tasks in a distributed manner, ensuring increased system efficiency and robust privacy protection for users
- Mentored over 20 students in data science and computer science courses, fostering hands-on problem-solving and critical thinking in foundational and advanced topics
- Published and presented research at high-impact venues, contributing to the advancement of AI, data science, and distributed systems with innovative and detail-oriented approaches to solving complex problems;
- Sep'14–July'17 Co-founder | The World of Thought and Work Isfahan, Iran 100%

<u>Domain</u>: IT support, and System Administration Responsibilities:

- Led business strategy and planning, defining the company's vision, growth strategies, and market positioning, contributing to long-term sustainability and expansion
- Managed and analyzed IT infrastructure and hardware inventory data to identify patterns in usage and downtime, leading to strategic decisions that reduced downtime
- Handled budgeting and resource allocation, ensuring cost-effective use of resources and driving financial growth for the business
- Used data analysis tools to track and evaluate customer feedback and service effectiveness, leading to improved customer retention
- July'12–July'14 **Data and Network Support Specialist** |Standards & Industrial Research Institute-Isfahan, Iran 100% Domain: Standardization and Quality Assurance of a wide range of products Responsibilities:
 - Managed data collection and storage, implementing efficient methods to ensure data was organized, easily accessible, and secure.
 - Analyzed data to generate insights and support decision-making processes, using statistical tools and software to interpret data and present findings.
 - O Maintained network infrastructure, performing regular maintenance and updates to ensure smooth operation
- Jan'11-June'12 Forex Technical Analyst & Expert Advisor Developer | ACM Company Isfahan, Iran 100% <u>Domain</u>: Data Analysis, Algorithm Development, Financial Technology Responsibilities:
 - O Developed automated trading strategies using financial data analysis and algorithmic models, eliminating the influence of human emotions on trading decisions to increasing trading efficiency
 - O Conducted in-depth **market analysis**, identifying profitable trading opportunities by fundamental and technical data analysis, providing clients with actionable insights that enhanced their trading strategies

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June'10–Dec'10 **Data Mining Software Developer** | Baharestan clinic - Isfahan, Iran - 100% Domain: Data Mining, Data Analyst, Software Development

Responsibilities:

- Developed a data mining solution using the Apriori algorithm and pharmaceutical datasets, improving data analysis capabilities
- O Conducted data preprocessing and cleaning to ensure high-quality datasets for analysis
- Collaborated with healthcare professionals to identify key data points and improve patient care outcomes
- June'08–May'10 **Software Developer** | Afranik Company Isfahan, Iran 100%

Domain: Software Development

Responsibilities:

- O Collaborated in a team to develop a warehouse management software
- O Provided technical support and training to end-users, enhancing their ability to utilize the software effectively

Teaching Experience

Fall 2023 Teaching Assistant | HES-SO Valais - Reseaux IP course

Helped students within the lab with assignments and grading lab' reports

- Fall 2022 **Teaching Assistant** | University of Foggia, Italy Telecommunications Networks for Traceability course Assisted the professor with lab assessment duties
- 2005 2014 **Teaching in Various Institutes and Private Tutoring**(in an hourly and occasional basis) | Isfahan, Iran Taught coding languages, fundamental computer concepts

Internship

May'24-July'24 Research Internship | IMDEA Networks Institute - Madrid, Spain

Designed and developed an orchestrated gossip learning scheme with optimized model caching and distribution

Dec'19-July'20 Machine Learning Engineering Internship | HES-SO - Valais, Switzerland

Utilized Deep Learning (Long Short Term Memories, and Recurrent Neural Network) models to train on time series data for vehicle trajectory predictions

Education

- 2020 Present PhD candidate | Design, Develop and Performance Evaluation of Distributed Learning Algorithms in Dynamic Setups | University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland
 - 2017 2020 Master's degree | Communications and Computer Networks Engineering | Politecnico di Torino, Italy
 - 2005 2008 Bachelor's degree | Computer Software Engineering | Najafabad University, Iran
 - 2003 2005 Associate degree | Computer Informatics | Somayeh Institute, Isfahan, Iran

Skills

Programming: Python(Tensorflow, Keras, Scikit-learn, Multiprocessing, Multithreading, etc), MATLAB, YAML, Pascal,

Visual Basic, Java, C++, Spade, VHDL

Data analysis: Python(Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Plotly, Seaborn, Scikit-learn), Tableau, Power Query, Excel

Business Tools: Outlook, PowerPoint, GitHub

Network: Simulators: OMNeT++, SUMO, Mininet – Automation: Ansible – Cloud computing: AWS – Tools:

Wireshark

DB Management: SQL, Firebase Realtime Database, Microsoft Access

Doc Creation: LaTex, Microsoft Office (Word, PowerPoint)

OS: Windows, Ubuntu Linux

Languages: English (Proficiency), Persian (Native), French (conversational proficiency), Italian (A2)

Communication: Ability to work in a team and lead the group, negotiation skills, confidence in public speaking

Work Ethic: Hard-working, patient, determined, punctual

Presentations and Seminars

Spring 2022 HiPEAC Computer System- Tampere, Finland

Collaborative Machine Learning across IoT, Edge, Fog and Cloud Devices for Improved Privacy and Resilience

Spring 2022 COST INTERACT- Lyon, France
Intelligence-Enabling Radio Communications for Seamless Inclusive Interactions

Sep 2023 BENEFRI summer school- Jura, Switzerland

June 2023 Complex Networks and Telecommunications school- Como, Italy

Aug 2022 BENEFRI summer school- Arolla, Switzerland

Session Chair Globecom2020 SAC IoTSCC

Honors and Awards

Fall 2019 Tesi su proposta del candidate - Education Leadership Scholarship | Polito, Italy

Spring 2008 Dean's List | Recognition for 3% of students in academics | Najafabad University, Isfahan, Iran

Community Activities

2020 - Present Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, IEEE | Engaged in publishing and networking

2023 - Present Association for Computing Machinery, ACM | Engaged in publishing and stayed updated

2011 – 2015 Marbin Area Tutors | Free tutoring for local women in computer basic. Dinan, Isfahan, Iran

2008 – 2009 Rebirth Charity Organization | Provide support for people struggling with addiction. Isfahan, Iran

References

Person

Prof Gianluca Rizzo Prof Adrian Holzer Emeritus Prof M.A Marsan Prof Yann Bocchi

Institute

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Publications

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- [3] Mina Aghaei Dinani, Antonio Di Maio, and Gianluca Rizzo. Gossip Learning in Edge-Retentive Time-Varying Random Graphs with Node Churn. IEEE AIOT, 2024.
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