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## Personal Profile

I'm a passionate student and quantitative researcher, interested in Artificial Intelligence, Graph Machine Learning, and Networks Sciences. Bringing forth a motivated attitude and a variety of powerful skills achieved through practical experience in the industry and academia.

For more information regarding my research experiences, work, and projects please refer to my website.

## Research Interests\_

My main areas of interests include:

- · Graph Neural Networks
- · Graph Mining
- · Computational Social Science

### **Education**

#### **Sharif University of Technology**

Tehran, Iran

Oct 2020 - Current

**Bsc in Computer Science** 

- GPA: 3.95/4 (US-Based) | 18.83/20 (IR-Based)
- Expected to graduate in Jul 2024
- Courses: Deep Learning with Graphs, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Stochastic Processes, Network Science, Massive Data Analysis, Statistical Learning, Linear Algebra, Probability Theory, Statistics, Game Theory

## Research Experience \_

#### **California State University**

California, United States

Remote Collaboration

Aug 2023 - Current

- Working on Application of Graph Machine Learning in Protein-Ligand Binding Free Energy Calculation under the supervision of Dr. Negin Forouzesh.
- Contributed new modules for extracting features from Proteins to Deepchem Library.

#### **Max Planck Institute for Software Systems**

Saarbrücken, Germany

Research Internship

Jun 2023 - Current

- Working under the supervision of Dr. Laurent Bindshaedler at DSG lab.
- Involved in designing a new watcher node that can detect anomalies in the chain via online machine learning. Our output and paper are due to be submitted by early December

#### Florida State University

Florida, United States

Research Internship (Remote)

May 2022 - Jul 2022

- Joined the Climate change and Water resources research team as their data scientist and machine learning engineer.
- Worked on multiple projects, automating computer software for water resources modeling and machine learning applications for complex natural and man-made systems.
- The projects sought to find cost-effective strategies for water quality improvement and flood mitigation using multi-objective optimization and prediction of harmful blooms in coastal water using various watershed and water body variables.
- Technical Skills: Python, PyTorch, NumPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, Scikit-learn, Streamlit, Git.

#### **Sharif University of Technology**

Tehran, Iran

Research Assistant

**Teaching Assistant** 

Oct 2022 - Feb 2023

- · Worked with professor Iman Gholampour from the EE department at the Sharif University of Technology on Tehran Traffic data.
- · Implemented various big data algorithms for the project such as Apriori, LSH, CF-ALS, HITS, SVD, and PIXIE.
- Technical Skills: Python, Spark, Hadoop, SQL, NumPy, Matplotlib, Pandas, Docker, Ubuntu Scripting, Git.

#### **Sharif University of Technology**

Tehran, Iran

Apr 2022 - Current

- I was teaching assistant for multiple courses.
- Courses: Stochastic Processes, 2x Probability Theory, Probability and Statistics, Machine Learning, Introduction to Mathematical Thinking, Linear Algebra, Advanced Programming, Network, Data Structures

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## Industrial Experiences

Co-Founder Tehran, Iran Kargo Dec 2021 - Aug 2022

I co-founded Kargo, a startup that aimed to become the first group-lancing platform for Al and data science projects.

- · Our platform provided a seamless experience for both companies and freelancers. We facilitated the entire project lifecycle, from scoping and planning to execution and delivery.
- · Kargo was acquired by Hermes Capital.

**Lead Data Scientist** Tehran, Iran

Aug 2022 - Feb 2023 Hermes Capital

- Hermes Capital is a fintech company based in Tehran working toward Algorithmic Trading and Machine Learning approaches in the Iranian Stock Market and Cryptocurrency Market.
- · I worked as a Data Scientist exploring Reinforcement Learning Algorithms (Specifically DQN) and developed the infrastructure for trading in Python.
- · Read and implemented various papers in Finance and Machine Learning.
- Website: https://hermescapital.ir/

#### **Machine Learning Co-Instructor**

Tehran, Iran

Hermes Al Academy

- Summer 2022 · Hermes Al Academy is a branch of Hermes Capital with the sole aim of providing courses on various topics including Data Science and Machine
- Learning. • I lectured 3 sessions on classic Machine Learning for over 70 students and created various course materials.
- Website: https://hermesai.ir/

## Technical Skills\_

**Programming Languages** Python, Java, SQL, Matlab, R, Go

**Python Libraries** Tensorflow, PyTorch, PySpark, Sci-kit learn, PyG, Deepchem, Scipy, Statmodels, Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Selenium.

Miscellaneous Spark, Hadoop, Linux, Shell (Bash/Zsh), LATEX(Overleaf/R Markdown), Docker, Microsoft Office, Firebase, Git.

## Achievements & Awards\_

2019	Elite, Top 200 Among 160,000 Participants in Iran University Entrance Exam	Iran
2020	Elite, Awarded Fellowship of National Elite Foundation of Iran	Iran
2023	Elite, Outstanding Student Award by Sharif University	Iran
2023	Elite, Awarded Fellowship from the Max Planck Institute for Software Systems	Germany

### References\_

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Max Planck Institute, Assistant Professor

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**Negin Forouzesh** California, Unite States

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Laleh Arshadi Tehran, Iran

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## Languages.

**English** Professional proficiency | TOEFL R:29, S:30, L:25, W:24 Overall:108

French Elementary proficiency **Persian** Native proficiency

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