

# Narges Sayah Dehkordi

## Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

- 2014 – 2019 **B.Sc.** in Computer Engineering, [Amirkabir University of Technology](#), Tehran, Iran, Last year's GPA: 3.8/4.0
- 2010 – 2014 **High School Diploma** in Mathematics and Physics, Farzanegan National Organization for the Development of Exceptional Talents ([NODET](#)), Shahr-e-Kord, Iran, Final GPA: 19.1/20.0

## Fields of Interest

Applied Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Image Processing, NLP  
Bioinformatics, Health Informatics, Neuroscience

## Honors

- 2019 Ph.D. fellowship award, University of California Riverside
- 2017 Top 50 start-ups of [GITEX](#), Dubai ([CommentMiner](#))  
1<sup>st</sup> place in [VCC Cup](#), Sharif University of Technology ([CommentMiner](#))  
3<sup>rd</sup> ranked start-up of [ElecomStars](#), Tehran ([CommentMiner](#))
- 2015 Eligible to study in two fields simultaneously
- 2014 Among top 0.6% of 230K students, Nationwide University Entrance Exam

## Research Experiences

- 2020 – Present **IPM & Sharif Brain Center**, supervised by Dr. Ali Ghazizadeh
- 2017 – 2018 **Comment Miner**, supervised by Mr. Ahmad Asadi  
A B2B start-up providing text analyzing services e.g. topic classification, intelligent chatbots, profanity content detection, sentiment analysis, etc.
- 2016 – 2017 **FPGA lab**, supervised by Dr. Hamidreza Zarandi  
Co-design and hardware implementation on FPGA
- 2014 – 2016 **ACM lab**, supervised by Dr. Bakhshi  
Coding and problem-solving skills practice for ICPC contests

## Teacher Assistance

- 2018 **Embedded Systems Course**, T.A. (Dr. Hamed Farbeh)
- 2017 & 2018 **Research and Technical Presentation Course**, T.A. (Prof. Reza Safabakhsh)
- 2016 **Data Structure Course**, T.A. (Prof. Mehdi Dehghan TakhtFooladi)
- 2015 **Discrete Mathematics Course**, T.A. (Dr. Mehran S. Fallah)
- 2015 **Principles of Programming Languages**, T.A. (Dr. Saeed Shiry)
- 2014 **High School Discrete Mathematics Secondary Teacher**

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## Computer Skills

Python, C#, C, C++, Java, IronPython, Tensorflow, Keras, GibbsLDA++,  
Mallet, Pythonnet, MATLAB, CUDA, OpenMP, Docker, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X

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## Selected Lectures

- 2018 **Foundation of Matrix and Linear Algebra Course**, Lecture on Image Processing  
A review on Sunny Verma et al., “Image Compression and Linear Algebra”, CMI Projects
- 2016 **Research & Technical Presentation Course**, Lecture on Deep Learning  
Based on L.M. Rasdi Rere et al., Simulated Annealing Algorithm for Deep Learning, Procedia Computer Science, no. 72, pp. 137–144, 2015
- 2015 **9<sup>th</sup> AUT Linux and Open Source Software Festival**, Workshop Lecturer

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## Relevant Attended Congresses

- 2020 **2<sup>nd</sup> Intl Workshop on Fundamentals of Machine Learning over Networks**  
Topics of interest included (but not limited to), Model compression and efficient distributed ML, Compressed gradient methods and error compensation, Distributed learning on non-IID datasets, Federated learning and privacy-preserving distributed ML
- 2019 **1<sup>st</sup> Sharif Neuroscience Symposium**  
Lectures and poster sessions on state-of-the-art cognitive science articles
- 2018 **9<sup>th</sup> Royan Institute International Summer School on Brain and Cognitive Science**  
Lectures on Brain Organoids, Electrophysiology, Optogenetics, EEG-MEG, fMRI-Vision, etc.

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## Selected Projects

- 2019 **Face Detection Based Smart Doors**, BSc Thesis  
An alternative system to current smart doors, which are movement sensitive. This project was presenting a high speed and memory efficient approach by using Haar cascade face detection algorithm on Arduino Uno microprocessor
- 2018 **Template Matching with Rotation and Scale**, Parallel Processing Course  
Implemented the Template Matching algorithm in CUDA and OpenMP, on a dataset of coin/face images. Parallel Processing provided an acceptable speedup compared to the serial implementation
- 2018 **MobileNet Image Classification**, University of Tehran  
Designed architectures of MLP, CNN, LSTM and RNN using Keras library. The MobileNet model and a dataset of ant/bee images were used to train and test the networks. A sequential classifier was designed using Recurrent Neural Networks on 28 sequences of the dataset images
- 2018 **Hand-Written Digit Image Generation**, University of Tehran  
Tuned a Generative Adversarial Network in Keras generating non-discriminable images similar to the MNIST dataset
- 2017 **Key-phrase Extraction**, Sharif University of Technology  
Generated key-phrases from English text structure using the Saliency Rank algorithm and wrote a comparative report of the results. SR caused this version to outperform the supervised and unsupervised approaches implemented in PKE (including TfIdf, SingleRank, TopicRank, KP-Miner, Kea and WINGNUS)
- 2017 **Persian Word Embeddings**, CommentMiner  
Implemented word2vec and doc2vec libraries to generate embedded presentation vectors for Persian text. A CNN was exploited then to extract features and a MLP as a classifier on various datasets.
- 2017 **Multithread Persian Short-Text Classification**, CommentMiner  
Implemented in java using MaxEnt and Naïve Bayes on two datasets: Quiz of King’s and Instagram Comments. An accuracy of 70% was achieved