Nikan Doosti

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EDUCATION

Iran University of Science and Technology (IUST)

Tehran, Iran

Master of Computer Engineering - Artificial Intelligence

Aug 2019 - Dec 2022

o Thesis: High Resolution Neural Topology Optimization via Differentiable Physics Engine

o **Defense:** Defended with Full mark on 22 Oct 2022

o **GPA:** 17.17/20.00

University of Guilan (UoG)

Rasht, Iran

Bachelor of Computer Engineering

Aug 2015 - Aug 2019

o Final Project: Descreening and Rescreening of Halftone Images via Data-Driven Deep Learning Methods

Class Rank: 3 out of 55GPA: 18.64/20.00

PUBLICATIONS

• Doosti, Nikan, Julian Panetta, and Vahid Babaei. "Topology Optimization via Frequency Tuning of Neural Design Representations." In Symposium on Computational Fabrication, pp. 1-9. 2021. (ACM)

Talks

• "Neural Design Representations." **Toronto Geometry Colloquium Advised by Alec Jacobson** - University of Toronto. March 4, 2022. toronto-geometry-colloquium.github.io. (Length: 10 mins., Video)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant (remote)

Saarbrücken, Germany

• Artificial Intelligence aided Design and Manufacturing Group Max Planck Institute for Informatics Jul 2020 - Mar 2021

- o Novel self-supevised neural method for obtaining the optimum design showcased in Topology Optimization
- Under Supervision of Dr. Vahid Babaei and with Collaboration of Prof. Julian Panetta at University of California, Davis, USA.
- Physics-based simulation of stiffness of the obtained design
- o Generative continuous design via a single fixed mesh through controlling the frequencies
- This project which was defined as my master's thesis, has been published and presented in ACM Symposium on Computational Fabrication 2021
- o I spent 1500+ hours until the submission of concluding paper

WORK EXPERIENCE

Full-time Data Engineering and Data Science Specialist

Karaj, Iran

• Specializing in Data-driven Decision Making for Business Optimization Nahal Gasht $Apr\ 2022$ - $Dec\ 2023$

- The Problem: Implemented an AI-driven solution to address the challenge of prioritizing customers applications in the tourism sector.
- o Impact: Decreased personnel error by 10%, mitigating potential losses equivalent to 5.5 times my annual salary. Also, awarded for dedication and leadership, leading to two promotions and a 70% salary increase within one year. Moreover, I established myself as the primary resource for onboarding and training new team members, receiving praise for my ability to simplify fundamental concepts.
- Developed a comprehensive screening process automation from customer communication to application prioritization, filtering calls based on the complexity of inquiries, **reducing manual workload by 40%**.
- Oversaw the development of a proprietary data extraction and preprocessing pipeline, resulting in a 35% reduction in poor-quality data.
- Deployed classical machine learning models alongside deep learning methods, coupled with Explainable AI
 techniques to prioritize applications and provide transparent reasoning for each decision.
- This experience demonstrates my ability to leverage AI technologies to optimize decision-making processes, drive significant business outcomes, and collaborate effectively with stakeholders from various backgrounds.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Head Teaching Assistant - Advanced Programming

Supervisor: Dr. Ghasem Mirroshandel - University of Guilan

Aug 2018 - Feb 2019

Head Teaching Assistant - Algorithms Design

Supervisor: Dr. Mojtaba Shakeri - University of Guilan

Aug 2018 - Feb 2019

Head Teaching Assistant - Computational Intelligence

Supervisor: Dr. Mojtaba Shakeri - University of Guilan

Feb 2018 - Jul 2018

As a teaching assistant, I taught Java in the Advanced Programming course, designed and graded assignments, and evaluated the final project. For the Algorithm Design and Computational Intelligence courses, I held weekly Q&A sessions, graded assignments, and created pratical programming tasks for Computational Intelligence.

VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

Mentor, Lecturer, and Organizer

Rasht School of AI, IUST Projects, and PyTorch Forum

2018 - 2022

- Lecturing: Delivered talks on AI applications, focusing on digital image processing (Slides)
- Mentorship: Guided students in AI and M.Sc thesis processes, from ideation to publication
- o Organizing: Facilitated open discussions at IUST to promote collaboration and challenge the siloed culture
- Community Engagement: Active in the PyTorch Forum, ranking 15th with 183 solutions and 566 posts (summary); praised for insightful contributions by Thomas Viehmann

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Deep Learning and Machine Learning
- Computer Graphics and Physics-based Simulation
- AI for Engineering and Science

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATES

• Awarded for dedication and leadership at Nahal Gasht	2023
• Completed training in Workplace Ethics and Professionalism , Organizational Behavior, etc.	2023
• Accepted in M.Sc program as a National Exceptional Talent, with Tuition Waiver at IUST	2019
• Ranked 3rd among B.Sc graduates in Computer Engineering, with Tuition Waiver at the UoG	2019
• Participated in the Deep Learning Summer School at Gdańsk University of Technology	2020

REFEREES

Dr. Vahid Babaei (Research Scientist)

• Role: Research project supervisor

Max Planck Institute for Informatics

Saarbrücken, Germany

vbabaei@mpi-inf.mpg.de

Prof. Julian Panetta (Assistant Professor)

• Role: Research project supervisor University of California, Davis Davis, USA

jpanetta@ucdavis.edu

Dr. Mojtaba Shakeri (Research Scientist)

• Role: Undergraduate mentor and instructor

MercuryGate (prev. Assistant Professor at University of Guilan, Rasht, Iran)

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