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# **EDUCATION**

# Iran University of Science and Technology

Tehran, Iran

Master of Computer Engineering - Artificial Intelligence

Aug 2019 - Dec 2022

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

 $\circ\,$  Defense: Defended with Full mark on 22 Oct 2022

• **GPA:** 17.17/20.00

# University of Guilan

Rasht, Iran

Aug 2015 - Aug 2019

Bachelor of Computer Engineering

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

Class Rank: 3GPA: 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

• Doosti, Nikan. 2022. "Neural Design Representations." Toronto Geometry Colloquium. March 4, 2022. toronto-geometry-colloquium.github.io. (Length: 10 mins., Video)

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

#### Research Assistant

Saarbrücken, Germany

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

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

### Work Experience

# Full-time Machine Learning Engineer

Karaj, Iran

• Applications of data science and machine learning in Search Engine Optimization (SEO)
Nahal Gasht

April 2022 - Present

- $\circ$  Counseled employees, software engineers, and managers on revamping the data architecture, resulting in mitigating bad data by at least %35
- o Designed a full pipeline of data extraction, transformation, and loading targeting data science applications
- Integrated gamification objectives in designing and training machine learning models to produce engaging and informative user interactions
- Advocated for using best practices such as proper documentation, git, and open source, which led to full utilization of these topics in the daily workflow of the IT department

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

# **Head Teaching Assistant**

• Advanced Programming

University of Guilan

- $\circ\,$  Supervision: Dr. Ghasem Mirroshandel
- Taught undergraduate students Java programming language in weekly 4-hour sessions
- Designed and graded their assignments and the final project

#### Head Teaching Assistant

• Algorithms Design

Aug 2018 - Feb 2019

Aug 2018 - Feb 2019

University of Guilan

- o Supervision: Dr. Mojtaba Shakeri
- Held weekly 2-hour QA sessions and graded the assignments

#### **Head Teaching Assistant**

• Computational Intelligence

Feb 2018 - July 2018

University of Guilan

- o Supervision: Dr. Mojtaba Shakeri
- Designed programming assignments
- Held weekly 2-hour QA sessions and graded all the assignments

# VOLUNTARY ACTIVITIES

#### Mentor and Lecturer

• An Open and Free Organization For Introducing AI and Mentorship Rasht School of AI 2018 - Present

- Held lectures around applications of AI, particularly digital image processing (Slides)
- o Mentored a few students who were interested in artificial intelligence and its applications

#### Organizer and Mentor

• An Open and Free Organization For Sharing Ideas, Showcasing Projects, and Mentoring Students IUST Projects

2019 - 2021

- Attempted to challenge the university's siloed culture through open scientific/general discussions
- Mentored junior students in preparation for going through the M.Sc thesis process, from ideation to publishing

#### Member

 Official forum with +50K members and authors of the PyTorch Official PyTorch Forum 2018 - Present

- A top member (15th) with 183 solutions and 566 posts (summary)
- Commended by Thomas Viehmann for insightful posts

#### Research Interests

- Deep Learning
- Physics-based Simulation
- Computer Graphics
- Computational Fabrication
- Digital Image Processing
- Computational Neuroscience

#### AWARDS

• Accepted in M.Sc program without Entrance Exam as an Exceptional Talent	2019
• Tuition Waiver, M.Sc, Iran University of Science and Technology	2019
• Ranked 3rd among B.Sc graduates in Computer Engineering at the University of Guilan	2019
• Tuition Waiver, B.Sc, University of Guilan	2015

# 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 Blume Global (prev. Assistant Professor at University of Guilan, Rasht, Iran) Los Angeles, USA

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