

EDUCATION

- **Iran University of Science and Technology (IUST)** Tehran, Iran
Master of Science in Computer Engineering - Artificial Intelligence Aug 2019 - Dec 2022
 - **Thesis:** High Resolution Neural Topology Optimization via Differentiable Physics Engine
 - **Defense:** Achieved **maximum score** during defense on *Oct 22, 2022* with **GPA of 17.17/20.00**
 - **IUST:** This university is one of the most prestigious in the country, being in **top-4** consistently.
- **University of Guilan (UoG)** Rasht, Iran
Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering Aug 2015 - Aug 2019
 - **Final Project:** Descreening and Rescreening of Halftone Images via Data-Driven Deep Learning Methods
 - **Class Rank:** Graduated **3rd** out of 55 with a **GPA of 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 Jul 2020 - Mar 2021
Max Planck Institute for Informatics
 - Project Overview: **Novel self-supervised neural method for obtaining the optimum design showcased in Topology Optimization**
 - Collaboration: Supervised by **Dr. Vahid Babaei** and collaborated with **Prof. Julian Panetta** from the University of California, Davis, USA.
 - **Interdisciplinary Learning:** Successfully navigated and mastered new topics outside my primary field, such as mechanical engineering, through self-directed learning.
 - Experiment Management: Managed **large-scale experiments** by developing customized logging solutions and using MLflow to **track and report results**, particularly enabling **easy follow-up near deadline**.
 - Team Collaboration: Actively **supported group members by sharing expertise in AI**, particularly in implementing mathematical models with PyTorch, and optimized workflows by **guiding the team in using Slurm clusters** effectively.
 - Commitment: Dedicated **over 1500 hours** to research and development, demonstrating a **strong commitment** to the project and its outcomes.
 - Outcome: Resulted in a **master's thesis and a paper** that was published and presented at the ACM Symposium on Computational Fabrication 2021 (see Publications)

WORK EXPERIENCE

- **Full-time Data Engineering and Data Science Specialist** Karaj, Iran
Specializing in Data-driven Decision Making for Business Optimization Apr 2022 - Dec 2023
Panafor
 - The Problem: **Implemented an AI-driven solution to address the challenge of prioritizing customers applications in the tourism sector.**
 - 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 practical 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
 - **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 Panafor 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)** Saarbrücken, Germany
Role: Research project supervisor *vbabaei@mpi-inf.mpg.de*
Max Planck Institute for Informatics
- **Prof. Julian Panetta (Assistant Professor)** Davis, USA
Role: Research project supervisor *jpanetta@ucdavis.edu*
University of California, Davis
- **Dr. Mojtaba Shakeri (Research Scientist)** Los Angeles, USA
Role: Undergraduate mentor and instructor *mojtaba.shakeri@gmail.com*
MercuryGate (prev. Assistant Professor at University of Guilan, Rasht, Iran)