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EDUCATION

• École Normale Supérieure - Département D'études Cognitives DENS and M.Sc. in Cognitive Science Paris, France 2024 - now

o Cognitive modeling, neurotheory and AI

• University of Tehran - School of Electrical and Computer Engineering B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering

Tehran, Iran 2017 - 2022

- o Thesis: Interindividual differences in Learning to Act or Avoid.
- Recognized with the Best Undergraduate Thesis Award in ECE school.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

• Ludwig Maximilians Universität München - Crowd Cognition Group Research Assistant Remote

June 2021 - August 2024

Co-supervisors: Dr. Bahador Bahrami, Prof. Dr. Ophelia Deroy

- o Conducted a comprehensive pre-registered research on Pavlovian influence on instrumental learning.
 - Developed a Go/NoGo experiment using jsPsych (Link)
 - Collected data through Amazon Mturk.
 - Conducted statistical analyses and utilized reinforcement learning models to explain subjects' behavior.
 - Wrote the manuscript, submitted it to a peer-reviewed journal and addressed reviewers' comments.
- o Contributed to a project on goal-oriented and habitual decision-making in prosocial settings
 - Analyzed subjects' data and implemented RL models to estimate model-based and model-free parameters.
- Worked on a project focused on eye gaze tracking in interactive environments.
 - Developed real-time eye-tracking software based on the Pupil Invisible API.
 - Analyzed eye gaze data, and visualizing results through heatmaps, scanpaths, and saliency maps
- Co-supervised a research project investigating Pavlovian bias in group settings.
 - Performed the literature review, formulated and pre-registered the hypothesis.

• University of Tehran - NBIC Lab

Tehran, Iran Summer 2019

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Supervisor: Dr. M.R. Abolghasemi Dahaqani

• Focused on recording and analyzing EEG data. The aim was to replicate the findings of this article (Link).

Publications

- Saeedpour, S., Miandari, M., Deroy, O., Bahrami, B. (2023). Interindividual differences in Pavlovian influence on learning are consistent, Royal Society Open Science, doi.org/10.1098/rsos.230447
- Navidi, P., **Saeedpour, S.**, Miandari, M., Ershadmanesh, S., Bahrami, B. (2023). Prosocial learning: Model-based or model-free?, PLoS One, doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0287563

Honors and Awards

• The Best Undergraduate Thesis Award. ECE school, University of Tehran. (Link)

2022

- International Collegiate Programming Contest (ICPC) world finalist. Bangladesh. (Link) Nov 2022 Coached the team "aFunnyRandomPhrase" from the University of Tehran
- Silver Medalist in the 12th National Olympiad of Astronomy and Astrophysics (NOAA) 2016 Silver medals are awarded to about 10 people selected after a year of competition among over 10000 students.
- 4th & 11th Team in the ACM ICPC regional contest

Respectively 2018, 2017

WORK EXPERIENCE

• Venture Capital Team - Khalgh Servat Sarzamin Parseh

Tehran, Iran

Investment Analyst

Aug. 2022 - Sep. 2024

- Analyzing early-stage startups using known frameworks such as pain points, and JTBD (job to be done).
- Identifying candidates for investment within the allotted fund.

• YUZ Games Studio - Cafe Bazaar

Tehran, Iran

Game Data Analyst

Apr. 2021 - Aug. 2022

• Employed statistical and machine learning approaches to analyze YUZ games' users' behavior in the game and optimizing various aspects of the game and levels to improve gamers' experience.

• People Analytics Team - Cafe Bazaar

Tehran, Iran

Human Resources Data Analyst

Jun. 2019 - Apr. 2021

Utilized data-driven approaches to analyze employees' profiles to optimise work conditions.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• Teaching Assistant, ECE Department

University of Tehran

o Machine Learning: Instructors: Prof. Nadjar Araabi & Dr. Abolghasemi Dahaqani

Fall 2020

• Engineering Probability and Statistics: Instructor: Dr. Behnam Bahrak

Spring 2020

o Engineering Probability and Statistics: Instructor: Dr. Abolghasemi Dahaqani

Fall 2019

• Instructor, Astronomy & Astrophysics Olympiad

2017 - 2019

Allame Helli 1 High school

• Taught Data Analysis methods (e.g. linear models, clustering) to students preparing for the National Olympiad in Astronomy & Astrophysics (NOAA).

Organizational Experience

• Executive Director at CNCS 2019

Winter 2019

University of Tehran (Cognitive Neuroscience Competiton for Students)

- Managed a team to execute the event.
- Gathered speakers on different topics in cognitive science.

• Performing Arts Club Vice Chair

2019

University of Tehran

• Managed the activities of Theater groups, shows and performances, workshops and events around Performing Arts in the University of Tehran.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

- Programming: Python, R, MATLAB, JavaScript, Sql, C++, Bash
- Computational: RL & ML algorithms, Model fitting/selection, Statistical Ineference
- Software: jsPsych, PsychoToolBox, Pandas, Statsmodels, NumPy, Scikit-Learn, Pytorch, TensorFlow, Keras
- Miscellaneous: Git, Jupyter Notebook, Linux, Windows, LaTFX, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Powerpoint)

References

• Dr. Bahador Bahrami - bahador.bahrami@psy.lmu.de

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• Dr. Mohammad-Reza Abolghasemi-Dehaqani - dehaqani@ut.ac.ir

Assistant Professor, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran, Iran

Prof. Dr. Ophelia Deroy - ophelia.deroy@lrz.uni-muenchen.de
Chair for Philosophy of Mind and Neuroscience, Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich