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Education

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Master of Engineering Candidate

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering; GPA: 5.0/5.0

Relevant coursework High-Dimensional Statistics, Symmetry ML, NLP, Analysis and Design of Algorithms, Software Construction, Computation Structures, Secure Hardware Design, Robotics Manipulation, Sensorimotor Learning

Cambridge, MA

May 2025 - May 2026

Sep 2022 - May 2025

Sharif University of Technology

Transferred to MIT after second year; GPA: 19.51/20.0

Tehran, Iran

Sep 2020 - May 2022

Work Experience

Citadel LLC

Quantitative Developer Intern in Central Risk Engineering

- Developing tools for distributed system infrastructure.

New York City, NY

June 2024 - Aug 2024

MIT Biomimetics Robotics Lab (lead by Prof. Sangbae Kim)

Undergraduate Researcher

- Designed probabilistic homotopy optimization technique which enabled solving highly dynamic trajectory optimization problems (accepted in [IROS 2024](#)).
- Significantly improved the throughput (4x) of the Humanoid Robot's QP-based controller by parallelizing the computation.

Cambridge, MA

Feb 2023 - May 2024

Google Summer of Code

Julia Language Developer

- Developed GPU support (CUDA) for [QuantumClifford.jl](#), a Julia package designed for Quantum Stabilizer circuits ([details](#)).

Mountain View, CA (Remote)

June 2023 - Sep 2023

SIMCON

Geometric Algorithm Design Internship

- Designed and implemented an algorithm converting 3D Mesh into simplified skeleton Graph with substantial accuracy improvement.

Wuerselen, Germany (Remote)

Sep 2021 - March 2022

Carriot

Data Science Internship

- Designed and developed a model to parse addresses and find the corresponding locations with OSM (geocoding problem).

Tehran, Iran

July 2021 - Sep 2021

Abarkelas

Web Developer (Part-Time)

- Developed backend (Django) and frontend (NuxtJs). Set up Prometheus and Grafana for monitoring. Created PWA for the website.

Tehran, Iran

Oct 2020 - June 2021

Awards

Gold medal (rank 10) in International Olympiad in Informatics (2020)

Gold medal (rank 1) in Iran National Olympiad in Informatics (2019)

ICPC 2021 World Finalist (Asia-Tehran region champion)

Silver medal (rank 24) in Asia-Pacific Informatics Olympiad

Projects and Voluntary Work

[Novel Shape Generation with SO3-Equivariant Auto-Encoders](#)

Designed an SO(3) equivariant autoencoder using spherical harmonics and a latent space traversal that separates rotation from deformation.

April 2024 - May 2024

[Better Offline RL with S4 Models](#)

Reimplemented Decision Transformer replacing transformer with S4 model and demonstrated improved performance in credit assignment tasks.

April 2024 - May 2024

[Formal Complexity Verification](#)

Formulated time complexity verification of a program as synthesizing a fix-point function. The demo uses a custom language with Python syntax.

Oct 2023 - Dec 2023

[FaceExplore](#)

Created a face search engine that uses a custom clustering method on ResNet vector embeddings (unsupervised). The UI is a scalable website.

June 2023 - Aug 2023

[Graph Theory Book](#)

Started and contributed in writing an [Online Graph Theory book](#) in Persian that teaches Graph Theory with an algorithmic approach.

Feb 2020 - Dec 2021