# Arman Adibi

#### Research Interests

- Minimax Optimization
- Robust Optimization
- Distributed Optimization
- Hypothesis Testing

- Reinforcement Learning
- Decision Making Under Uncertainty
- Submodular Optimization
- Quickest Change Detection

# Experience

2023-Now **Postdoctoral Research Associate**, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Princeton University.

- Advisor: Prof. H. Vincent Poor and Prof. Sanjeev R. Kulkarni

2018-2023 Research Assistant, Department of Electrical & Systems Engineering, University of Pennsylvania.

- Advisor: Dr. Hamed Hassani

#### Education

2018–2023 Ph.D. Electrical & Systems Engineering

University of Pennsylvania,

Advisor: Prof. Hamed Hassani.

Thesis: Discrete and Continuous Optimization for Collaborative and Multitask Learning

Thesis Committee: Prof. Sanjay Shakkottai, Prof. George J. Pappas, and Prof. Amin

Karbasi

2013–2018 B.Sc. Electrical Engineering with a Minor in Mathematics Isfahan University of Technology.

# Honors & Awards

2018 Lilian Beck Fellowship , University of Pennsylvania.

2018 The Dean's Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania.

2017 **Third Prize**, International Mathematics Competition (IMC) for University Students.

# Publications

# -Conference Papers

- (Reinforcement Learning, Distributed Optimization) Adibi, A., Dal Fabbro, N., Schenato, L., Kulkarni, S., Poor, H. V., Pappas, G. J., Hassani, H., & Mitra, A. " Stochastic Approximation with Delayed Updates: Finite-Time Rates under Markovian Sampling " International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2024.
- (Reinforcement Learning, Distributed Optimization) Adibi, A., Dal Fabbro, N., Kulkarni, S., Poor, H. V., Pappas, G. J., & Mitra, A. "DASA: Delay-Adaptive Multi-Agent Stochastic Approximation" IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2024.
- (Reinforcement Learning, Distributed Optimization) Dal Fabbro, N., Adibi, A., Mitra, A., & Pappas, G. J., "Finite-Time Analysis of Asynchronous Multi-Agent TD Learning "American Control Conference (ACC), 2024.
- (Deep Learning, Adversarial Robustness) Lei, E., Adibi, A., & Hassani, H., "Score-Based Methods for Discrete Optimization in Deep Learning "Submitted to IEEE International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP), 2024.
- -(Minimax Optimization, Distributed Learning) Adibi, A., Mitra, A., & Hassani, H., " Min-Max Optimization under Delays " American Control Conference (ACC), 2024.
- -(Decision Making under Uncertainty, Distributed Optimization) Adibi, A., Mitra, A., Pappas, G. J., & Hassani, H., "Collaborative Linear Bandits with Adversarial Agents: Near-Optimal Regret Bounds "Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems(NeurIPS), 2022.
- -(Adversarial Robustness, Distributed Learning) Adibi, A., Mitra, A., Pappas, G. J., & Hassani, H., "Distributed Statistical Min-Max Learning in the Presence of Byzantine Agents" IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC), 2022.
- -(Adversarial Robustness, Submodular Optimization) Adibi, A., Mokhtari, A., & Hassani, H., "Minimax Optimization: The Case of Convex-Submodular" International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2022.

  Spotlight in "Subset Selection in Machine Learning" Workshop, ICML 2021.

  Oral presentation in AISTATS 2022 (top 2% of submitted papers).
- -(Distributed Learning, Submodular Optimization) Robey, A., Adibi, A., Schlotfeldt, B., Hassani, H., & Pappas, G. J., "Optimal Algorithms for Submodular Maximization with Distributed Constraints" Learning for Dynamics and Control (L4DC), 2021
- -(Distributed Learning, Submodular Optimization) Adibi, A., Mokhtari, A., & Hassani, H., "Submodular Meta-Learning "Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems(NeurIPS), 2020.

#### -Journal Papers

-(Non-convex Optimization, Minimax Optimization) Naghsh, M. M., Masjedi, M., Adibi, A., & Stoica, P., " Max-Min Fairness Design in MIMO Interference Channels: A Minorization-Maximization Approach" IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing (TSP), 2019.

#### Selected Presentations

- Stochastic Approximation with Delayed Updates, 2024 INFORMS Annual Meeting.
- Delay in Reinforcment Learning, Princeton Machine Learning Theory Summer School, 2024.
- Discrete and Continuous Optimization for Collaborative and Multi-task Learning, Rutger Business School, 2024.
- -Discrete Optimization in Machine Learning, CMU Machine Learning Department, 2024.
- -Collaborative Linear Bandits with Adversarial Agents: Near-Optimal Regret Bounds, NeurIPS, 2022.
- -Minimax Optimization: The Case of Convex-Submodular,  ${\bf Oral}$  presentation in AISTATS 2022
- Minimax Optimization: The Case of Convex-Submodular, **Spotlight** in "Subset Selection in Machine Learning" Workshop, ICML 2021.
- -Submodular Meta-Learning, NeurIPS, 2020.

# Professional Activities

- -Services:
- Session Chair at Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems (CISS), 2024
- -Memberships:
- INFORMS Student Member
- -Reviewer for:
- International Conference on Machine Learning(ICML)
- International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)
- Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems(NeurIPS)
- International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)
- IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory(ISIT)
- IEEE Transactions on Automatic Control Journal(TAC)
- IEEE Conference on Decision and Control(CDC)

- Learning for Dynamics and Control (L4DC)
- IEEE American Control Conference (ACC)  $\,$

# Teaching and Assistantships

#### Teaching Assistant, Linear System Theory,

ESE Department at UPenn.

- Dr. George J. Pappas

# Teaching Assistant, Probability Theory,

ESE Department at UPenn.

- Dr. Santosh S. Venkatesh

# Teaching Assistant, Applied Linear Algebra,

Math Department at Isfahan University of Technology.

- Dr. Javadi

# Teaching Assistant, Signals and Systems,

ECE Department at Isfahan University of Technology.

- Dr. Khosravifard

# Teaching Assistant, Fundamentals of Mathematical Analysis,

Math Department at Isfahan University of Technology.

- Dr. Gazor

#### Teaching Assistant, Foundations Of Mathematics,

Math Department at Isfahan University of Technology.

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#### References

Sanjeev Kulkarni, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Philosophy, Princeton University.

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**H. Vincent Poor**, Michael Henry Strater University Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering, and Applied Mathematics, Princeton University.

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