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### Education

Present M.Sc. in Computing Science

Sep. 2022 | Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta

Supervisor: Lili Mou

GPA: 4/4

Aug. 2022 | B.Sc. in Computer Engineering

Sep. 2017 Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran

Sub-specialization: Software Engineering Supervisor: Mohammad Amin Sadeghi

Thesis: Locating Street Addresses from Informal Persian Texts using IDF-Adapted

Kernel-Based Hierarchical Bayesian Models

GPA: 18.21/20

Aug. 2022 | Minor B.Sc. in Computer Science

Feb. 2020 Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, University of Tehran

GPA: 17.16/20

### **Publications**

Shayegh, B., Cao, Y., Zhu, X., Cheung, J. C.K., Mou, L. (Oct. 2023). Ensemble Distillation for Unsupervised Constituency Parsing. arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.01717.

# **Professional Experience**

Present

Research (Mitacs) Intern

Sep. 2023

Borealis AI, Canada

Academic Supervisor: Lili Mou

- Ensemble Distillation for Unsupervised Constituency Parsing [Submitted to ICLR]
- Ensemble Discontinuous Constituency Parsing [Under preparation]
- Ensemble Dependency Parsing [Ongoing]

Sep. 2023

**Graduate Research Assistant** 

May. 2023

Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta

Supervisor: Lili Mou

- A Zero-Shot Knowledge Transfer Framework for Supervised and Unsupervised Chunkers: From High-Resource Languages to Other Languages
- Meta-Learning as a Bridge Between Languages: Transferring Natural Language Syntax Supervision in an Unsupervised Manner

**Data Scientist** Jul. 2022 Divar (The Most Popular Iranian Classified Ads Platform), Tehran, Iran Feb. 2022 - Wideness-Ratio: A Dynamic Interval-Estimation Metric Based on True Elasticity - Fast Yet Effective Dynamic Interval Estimation for Used-Car Prices - Estimating an Unknown Number of Effective Categorical Features using Gaussian Mixture Models and Goodness of Fit - Outlier Detection using Statistical Approaches Sep. 2021 **Undergraduate Research Assistant** Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran Jul. 2020 Supervisor: Mohammad Amin Sadeghi - Locating Street Addresses from Informal Persian Texts using IDF-Adapted Kernel-Based Hierarchical Bayesian Models Jun. 2020 **Research Intern** 4-Choob (Real Estate Listing Platform), Tehran, Iran Jun. 2019

- Real-Estate Price Estimation Robust to Price-Index Fluctuations

Academic Supervisor: Mohammad Amin Sadeghi

# **Teaching Experience**

Jan. 2023 Apr. 2024	Volunteer Teaching Assistant Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran - Intermediate Machine Learning
Sep. 2023 Aug. 2023	Research Mentor Computing Research Association (CRA) - Undergraduate Research to Ph.D. (UR2PhD)
Sep. 2023 Aug. 2023	Content Development Support Alberta Machine Intelligence Institute (AMII) - Applied Ethics in AI (Labs)
Aug. 2023 May. 2023	Volunteer Assistant Instructor Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta - Computing Science High School Internship Program (HIP)
Apr. 2023 Sep. 2022	Teaching Assistant Department of Computing Science, University of Alberta - Introduction to the Foundations of Computation II (Fall & Winter 2022)
Jan. 2022 Feb. 2020	Head Teaching Assistant Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran - Engineering Probability and Statistics (Fall 2021) Instructed by Behnam Bahrak • Provided supplementary content named Applied Statistics in R - Discrete Mathematics (Spring & Fall 2020) Instructed by Siamak Mohammadi • Supplied supporting materials called Common Mistakes in Discrete Mathematics

Jan. 2022

### **Volunteer Teaching Assistant**

Feb. 2018

Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran

- Foundation Models in Natural Language Processing (Fall 2021)
- Natural Language Processing (Spring 2021)
- Discrete Mathematics (Spring & Fall 2019 & Spring 2021)
- Artificial Intelligence (Spring 2020)
- Engineering Probability and Statistics (Fall 2019)
- Data Structures and Algorithms (Fall 2019)
- Introduction to Computing Systems and Programming (Fall 2019)
- Engineering Computer Programming (Spring & Fall 2018)

Apr. 2020

#### **Assistant Instructor**

Scientific Association of Physics and Astronomy, Amirkabir University of Technology

- Introduction to Python and Data Science (Workshop)
  - Provided an exercise-based tutorial on Python From Scratch

Jan. 2020

#### **Assistant Instructor**

Tehran Institute for Advanced Studies (TeIAS), Khatam University

- Data Science Winter School (Workshop)

Dec. 2019

#### **Assistant Instructor**

IEEE Student Branch, University of Tehran

- Data Science Winter School (Workshop)

Sep. 2019

#### **Workshop Instructor**

Jul. 2019

ACM Student Chapter, University of Tehran

- Summer of Code for Artificial Intelligence

# **Open Access Educational Materials**

Shayegh, B., MohammadHashemi, S., MohammadTaheri, K., Mohammadi, S. (2021). **Discrete Mathematics: An Introduction with an Academic Approach**.

https://github.com/OpenBookshelf/DiscreteMathematics-Persian/

# Presentations, Lectures, and Talks

Shayegh, B. (Oct. 2023). **Ensemble Distillation for Unsupervised Constituency Parsing**. NLP group seminar, University of Alberta.

Shayegh, B. (Aug. 2023). **Unsupervised Parsing with Deep Inside-Outside Recursive Autoencoders (DIORA)**. NLP group seminar, University of Alberta.

Shayegh, B. (Aug. 2023). **Supervised and Unsupervised Recurrent Neural Network Grammars (RNNG)**. NLP group seminar, University of Alberta.

Shayegh, B. (Apr. 2023). Mixture of Experts. NLP group seminar, University of Alberta.

Shayegh, B. (Mar. 2023). Learn to Teach: Knowledge Distillation with Meta Learning. NLP group seminar, University of Alberta.

Shayegh, B., Mahmoudi, H. (Nov. 2022). **Car Price Estimation**. Data Science Chapter, Divar, Tehran, Iran.

Shayegh, B., Sadeghi, MA. (Aug. 2021). Locating Street Addresses from Informal Persian Texts using IDF-Adapted Kernel-Based Hierarchical Bayesian Models. Thesis defense, the 12th day of the project, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran.

Shayegh, B. (Jul. 2021). Everything about Text Processing in Computational Neuroscience. Computational Neuroscience Course, School of Mathematics, Statistics and Computer Science, University of Tehran.

Kamkar, Y., Shayegh, B. (Winter 2020). **How to Write Proofs**. Discrete Mathematics, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran.

# **Open Source Contribution**

Jun. 2021 | Spiral | A Python Spiking Neural Network framework on top of PyTorch for Computational Neuroscience needs
 May. 2021 | Persian Educational Book MEX Template
 Feb. 2021 | Built on top of XePersian package

### **Awards and Grants**

- Department Recruitment Scholarship (5k CAD)
- Minor Bachelor Kahad Scholarship (Full tuition waiver)
- Bachelor Entrance Scholarships (Full tuition waiver)
- Gaai's Konkour Scholarship (Full three-years preparation tuition waiver)
- Ghalamchi's Konkour Scholarship (Full one-year preparation tuition waiver)
  - Konkour is the Iranian National University Entrance Exam

### Notable Skills

**Programming and Script Languages:** Python [Expert], R, C/C++, SQL, Bash

**Python Tools:** PyTorch [Proficient], Tensorflow, Keras, Numpy [Expert], Pandas [Expert], NLTK,

Scikit-Learn, SciPy, Matplotlib, Seaborn

Other Softwares: Git, Lagrangian Except [Except], Jupyter/Colab

Languages: English [Proficient], Persian [Native]