# Alican Büyükçakır

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#### **Education**

## University of Michigan Ann Arbor

Ann Arbor, MI Sept 2019 - Present

**Ph.D.** in Computer Science and Engineering Member of GEMS Lab (Advisor: Danai Koutra)

**Bilkent University**M.Sc. in Computer Engineering [CGPA: 3.96/4.00]

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering [CGPA: 3.91/4.00]

Sept 2012 - June 2017

*M.Sc. Thesis*: GOOWE-ML: A Novel Online Stacked Ensemble for Multi-label Classification in Data Streams (Advisor: Fazli Can)

# **KTH Royal Institute of Technology**

Stockholm, Sweden

Exchange via Erasmus+

Jan 2016 - June 2016

# Research Areas / Interests

Graph adversarial attacks, adversarial robustness in graphs, representation learning, graph summarization

#### **Publications**

- 4. A Hidden Challenge of Link Prediction: Which Pairs to Check? Caleb Belth, **Alican Büyükçakır**, Danai Koutra. *IEEE ICDM* 2020, *Online*.
- 3. On Structural vs. Proximity-based Temporal Node Embeddings Puja Trivedi, **Alican Büyükçakır**, Yin Lin, Yinlong Qian, Di Jin, Danai Koutra. *ACM KDD MLG Workshop*, 2020, *Online*.
- Unsupervised Concept Drift Detection with a Discriminative Classifier Ömer Gözüaçık, Alican Büyükçakır, Hamed Bonab, Fazli Can. ACM CIKM 2019, Beijing, China.
- 1. A Novel Online Stacked Ensemble for Multi-Label Stream Classification **Alican Büyükçakır**, Hamed Bonab, Fazli Can. *ACM CIKM 2018, Torino, Italy.* (Acceptance Rate: 17 %)

### Honors / Awards

- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from Bilkent University. (May 2019)
- ACM SIGIR Student Travel Grant (\$1000 USD) for CIKM 2018 for my accepted full paper. (October 2018)
- Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from Bilkent University. (May 2018)
- **Graduate Scholarship** by TÜBİTAK (Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey) BİDEB (Code: 2210). (Sept 2017 Sept 2019)
- **Highest Honors** on graduation from Bilkent University. (June 2017)
- **Mobile Award\*** from Bilkent University in CS Fair 2017 for our Senior Design Project, **DepthCube**. (May 2017)
- **Comprehensive Scholarship** by Bilkent University, including 5-years of tuition fees, accommodation fees and monthly stipend. (September 2012 June 2017)

# Academic Experience

TA / Lab Assistant

**Bilkent University** 

- Advanced Data Mining: MapReduce with Hadoop, Frequent Itemset Mining, Locality Sensitive Hashing, and other MMDS-based topics. (Winter 2021)
- Computer Organization: MIPS assembly, System Verilog, single-cycle, multi-cycle and pipelined datapaths. (Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2018, Spring 2019)
- Database Systems: Databases, Relational Model, SQL. (Fall 2017)

Extracurricular

• TAship in **Bilkent AI Summer School**, a programme where high school students without any prior programming experience are taught programming and fundamentals of Machine Learning. (July 2018)

Industrial **Experience** 

Research Intern @ 8bit Vision Bilkent Cyberpark, Ankara. Near-exact image search in massive image datasets. (Summer 2016)

SWE Intern @ Arçelik METU Technopolis, Ankara. Qt5 applications with QML front-end and C++ back-end. (Summer 2015)

Skills Programming Languages: Java, Python

Languages: Turkish (native), English (fluent)

**Tools / Frameworks**: Git, bash, SQL, L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, beamer, MOA, networkx, pytorch, scikit-learn, Inkscape.

Other Interests

Evolutionary psychology, music, ethics, philosophy of science, etymology, parapsychology, stock market.