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Computer Engineering graduate from the University of Tehran, ranking 1<sup>st</sup> in GPA among CE students and recipient of the FOE award for top GPA for three consecutive years. Seeking to utilize the knowledge I have obtained in the field of Machine learning through university courses, self-study, internships, as well as my Bachelor's thesis to undertake research in this field on an M.S. level.

#### **EDUCATION**

Sep. 2015 - B.S. in Computer Engineering - Software

Feb. 2020 School of Electrical and Computer Engineering

The Department of Software Engineering

University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran Expected graduation: January 2020

GPA: 19.41 / 20 - Ranking 1st among CE Students

Sep. 2011 - Diploma in Mathematics and Physics Discipline

Jun. 2014 Allameh Helli 3 High School

Affiliated with the National Organization for Development of Exceptional Talents (NODET)

GPA: 19.89 / 20

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jun. 2020 - Researcher, University of Tehran Science & Technology Park

I am currently working on the application of deep learning on a combinatorial optimization problem on graphs.

Now

Feb. 2019 - Research Assistant, Machine Learning and Computational Modeling Lab at the University of Tehran

Feb. 2020 I worked with a graduate student on a method to increase the diversity of the adversarial perturbations generated by a specific adversarial generator, in order to increase the robustness of adversarial defense modules that are trained

using those perturbations. This research is also the subject of my bachelor's thesis, whose advisor is <u>Dr.Araabi</u>.

Mar. 2018 - Research Assistant, Intelligent Information Systems Lab at the University of Tehran

Aug. 2018 I helped the main researcher solve an optimization problem by writing code for and experimenting with different

 $optimization\ algorithms.\ The\ result\ of\ this\ optimization\ would\ determine\ how\ much\ improvement\ his\ text\ retrieval$ 

method, which was a variation of the positional language model (PLM), offered over the existing ones.

Sep. 2011 - EUROMATH 2012, Cyprus Mathematical Society

May. 2012 The abstract of my paper, titled "Prefix Codes and Data Compression" was accepted for presentation at EUROMATH

2012, but unfortunately due to Visa issues, I was unable to attend this conference.

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

I have been a TA for the following courses in University of Tehran:

Artificial Intelligence - Fall 2019 - Dr. Fadaei and Dr. Moradi

Formal Methods in Software Engineering - Fall 2019 - Dr. Faghih

Advanced Programming - Spring 2019, Fall 2018, Spring 2018 - Dr. Khosravi and Dr. Sadeghi

Discrete Mathematics - Spring 2018, Fall 2017 - Dr. Mohammadi

Engineering Probability and Statistics - Fall 2018, Fall 2017 - Dr. Bahrak

Database Systems - Spring 2019, Fall 2018 - Dr. Shakery

## **SELECTED PROJECTS**

Fall 2019 Auto-Shakespeare

Course project - Neural Networks and Deep Learning

An RNN that generates text which closely resembles the writing style of Shakespeare. Implemented using PyTorch.

Apr. 2019 <u>Pet-Colorizer</u>

Personal project

A neural network that can turn your grayscale images of pets into colored ones. Built using the Fast.ai library.

Spring 2019 Super Mario

Course project - Advanced Programming (as a TA)

A minimal C++ implementation of the famous SuperMario game, using SDL2. I was the TA of the course and the

project would be shown to students as an example of good design.

Spring 2018 Digit recognizer

Course project - Artificial Intelligence

A neural network for the classification of MNIST-like digits, built from scratch using Python and without the use

of any external libraries.

Spring 2018 KhaneBeDoosh

Course project - Internet Engineering

A fully-fledged web-application for house rental and sale, using Java, react, and MySQL.

Fall 2017 Atalk

Course project - Compiler Design and Implementation

Full implementation of a compiler for Atalk - an actor-based programming language - with MIPS as its target

instruction set, using Antlr4 and Java.

Spring 2017 MIPS processor

Course project - Computer Architecture

Full Verilog implementation of a MIPS processor with a limited instruction set that utilized pipelining.

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jun. 2019 - Intern at Sensifai

Aug. 2019 I was tasked with the preparation of an instance of Coral Dev Board for running a set of object classification and

detection models in an offline setting. The board would receive its inputs via camera and display the results on a

monitor. This internship helped me better understand the practical sides of machine learning.

Jun. 2017 - Back-end developer at Boghche

Aug. 2017 I was responsible for the development of a Telegram bot that would receive orders from customers and register

them in the central system. This job helped me gain a great degree of knowledge in back-end web development.

### **AWARDS AND HONORS**

#### Supporter Foundation of University of Tehran (SFUT) Honorable Student Award, 2019

I won this award because, for four consecutive years, I had the highest GPA among students of my major at the University of Tehran.

#### Faculty of Engineering (FOE) Award for three consecutive years: 2016, 2017, and 2018

This award is given to the three students with the highest GPAs per major. In all three cases, I received the award because I had the highest GPA among the students in my major.

#### Ranked Top 0.3% in The Nationwide University Entrance Exam

Among more than 167,000 participants

Accepted in the first stage of the national mathematical Olympiad of Iran, 2014

## **ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES / VOLUNTARY WORK**

Jun. 2018 -	Deep Learning Specialization by Andrew Ng on Coursera
Aug. 2018	Auditing this course greatly broadened my knowledge of deep learning. It taught me about many topics ranging
	from the very basic like different optimization algorithms and hyperparameter tuning, all the way to the more
	advanced like object detection, face recognition, and neural style transfer.
Summer 2017,	Deep Learning Summer School attendee
Summer 2018	This was my first introduction to deep learning. It provided both a theoretical foundation, via lectures and invited
	speakers, and a practical experience through computer assignments and hands-on sessions.
Sept. 2016 -	Layout Designer for the F1 publication of the ACM student chapter of the University of Tehran
Aug. 2017	My job was designing the graphical layout of the content, and creating the final ready-to-print file, using Adobe
	InDesign.
Sept 2013 -	16th Khwarizmi Youth Festival, 2015
Mar. 2014	My project in this annual festival was a computer program that would receive an image as input and then search
	the database for images closest to the input in terms of color and texture features. I was accepted in the first stage
	of the selection process.

# **RELEVANT SKILLS**

- · Advanced knowledge of PyTorch and intermediate knowledge of Tensorflow, two of the most popular deep learning libraries.
- · Advanced knowledge of Fast.ai which provides a high-level API on PyTorch, dramatically increasing the speed of ML projects.
- Fluent in the programming languages C, C++, python, Java, and javascript.
- Working knowledge of SQL databases, and a NoSQL database.

## **LANGUAGES**

Persian – Bilingual

Azeri Turkish - Bilingual

English - Fully proficient

Scores of the TOEFL test taken in September 2018: Overall: 114, Reading: 28, Listening: 28, Speaking: 30, Writing: 28 Scores of the GRE test taken in October 2019: Q: 168, V: 159, W: 4

Turkish - Advanced

#### REFERENCES

Available upon request