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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Doctor of Philosophy in Computer Science; GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

Thesis: Neuro-Symbolic Code Translation and Validation using Large Language Models

Advisor: Reyhaneh Jabbarvand

Illinois, USA

Aug 2022 - May 2027

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Master of Science in Computer Science; GPA: 4.00 / 4.00

Thesis: Bridging the Gap between Testing and Debugging through Explainable Deep Oracles

Advisor: Reyhaneh Jabbarvand

Illinois, USA

Aug 2022 - Dec 2024

Marmara University

Bachelor of Science in Computer Engineering; GPA: 3.98 / 4.00

Thesis: Depth Estimation of Stereo Images using Deep Learning

Advisor: Mehmet Kadir Baran

Istanbul, Turkey

Aug 2018 - Jul 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

IEEE/ACM Student Research Competition

Ranked 3rd in IEEE/ACM Student Research Competition at International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE) 2024

Apr 2024

Valedictorian of Class of 2022

Ranked 1st among roughly 1000 graduates in the Engineering Faculty and the Department of Computer Engineering at Marmara University

Sep 2022

Summa Cum Laude (High Honors)

Summa Cum Laude (High Honors) Award for graduating with 3.98 / 4.00 GPA at Marmara University

Sep 2022

Ray Ozzie Computer Science Fellowship

Full tuition waiver and monthly stipend during the first year of PhD program at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Aug 2022

The Best Senior Graduation Project of the Year

Our project “Depth Estimation of Stereo Images using Deep Learning” has been awarded The Best Graduation Project of the Year by the Department of Computer Engineering at Marmara University

Jun 2022

Academic Achievement Scholarship

100% tuition waiver in accordance with high GPA in 2019-2020, 2020-2021, and 2021-2022 academic years, awarded by Istanbul Sehir University & Marmara University

Jul 2019

Valedictorian of High School

Graduated as the Valedictorian in High School with 3.96/4.00 GPA, awarded by KEN

Jan 2017

PUBLICATIONS

Pre-prints

- P1. A. R. Ibrahimzada**, K. Ke, M. Pawagi, M. S. Abid, R. Pan, S. Sinha, and R. Jabbarvand, “Repository-Level Compositional Code Translation and Validation” [\[link to full paper\]](#)

- P2.** C. Liu, S. D. Zhang, **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, and R. Jabbarvand, “CodeMind: A Framework to Challenge Large Language Models for Code Reasoning”, arXiv preprint arXiv:2402.09664 [\[link to full paper\]](#)
- P3.** **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, Y. Chen, R. Rong, and R. Jabbarvand, “Automated Bug Generation in the era of Large Language Models”, arXiv preprint arXiv:2310.02407 [\[link to full paper\]](#)
- P4.** **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, K. Kosif, and A. Cakmak, “Predicting Student Grades in Courses: A Clustering-Based Approach” [\[email for pre-print\]](#)

Conference Publications

- C1.** **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, “Program Decomposition and Translation with Static Analysis”, IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering Student Research Competition (ICSE SRC), Lisbon, Portugal, April 2024
- C2.** R. Pan*, **A. R. Ibrahimzada***, R. Krishna, D. Sankar, LP. Wassi, M. Merler, B. Sobolev, R. Pavuluri, S. Sinha, and R. Jabbarvand, “Lost in Translation: A Study of Bugs Introduced by Large Language Models while Translating Code”, IEEE/ACM International Conference on Software Engineering (ICSE), Lisbon, Portugal, April 2024
- C3.** **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, Y. Varli, D. Tekinoglu, and R. Jabbarvand, “Perfect Is the Enemy of Test Oracle”, The ACM Joint European Software Engineering Conference and Symposium on the Foundations of Software Engineering (ESEC/FSE), Singapore, Singapore, November 2022
- C4.** A. Cakmak, **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, S. Arıkan, H. Ayaz, S. Demirkol, D. Sonmez, M. T. Hakan, S. S. Turan, C. Horozoglu, O. Kucukhuseyin, B. Kiran, S. U. Zeybek, M. Baysan, and I. Yaylim, “Predicting the Predisposition to Colorectal Cancer based on SNP Profiles of Immune Checkpoints Using Supervised Learning Models”, VII. International Molecular Medicine Congress, Istanbul, Turkey, September 2019

Journal Publications

- J1.** A. Cakmak, H. Ayaz, S. Arıkan, **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, Ş. Demirkol, D. Sönmez, M. T. Hakan, S. T. Sürmen, C. Horozoglu, M. B. Doğan, Ö. Küçüküseyin, C. Cacına, B. Kiran, Ü. Zeybek, M. Baysan, and İ. Yaylım, “Predicting the predisposition to colorectal cancer based on SNP profiles of immune phenotypes using supervised learning models”, Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing, Springer Berlin Heidelberg, Vol. 61, 243–258, 2023
- J2.** G. N. Sohsah, **A. R. Ibrahimzada**, H. Ayaz, and A. Cakmak, “Scalable Classification of Organisms into a Taxonomy Using Hierarchical Supervised Learners”, Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, World Scientific Publishing Co., Vol. 18, No. 05, 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
Graduate Research Assistant

Illinois, USA
Aug 2022 - Present

- ❖ **LLMs for Code:** Working on Code LLMs for source code generation and understanding under the supervision of Reyhaneh Jabbarvand.

IBM Research
Research Intern

New York, USA
May 2024 - August 2024

- ❖ **Code Translation:** Working on repository-level code translation under the supervision of Saurabh Sinha and Reyhaneh Jabbarvand.

IBM Research
Research Intern

New York, USA
May 2023 - August 2023

- ❖ **Code Translation:** Working on applications of LLMs for code translation under the supervision of Saurabh Sinha, Rangeet Pan, Rahul Krishna, Raju Pavuluri, and Reyhaneh Jabbarvand.
Published in the IEEE/ACM ICSE in April 2024

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Undergraduate Research Intern

Illinois, USA

May 2021 - Aug 2022

- ❖ **Test Oracle Inference:** Design and development of an interpretable neural model to improve the performance of test oracles under the supervision of Reyhaneh Jabbarvand.
Published in the ACM Joint ESEC/FSE in November 2022

Marmara University

Undergraduate Researcher

Istanbul, Turkey

Jul 2021 - Jul 2022

- ❖ **Depth Perception:** Developing and investigation of an attention-based neural model for estimating depth in stereo images under the supervision of Mehmet Kadir Baran.
Awarded the Best Senior Graduation Project of the Year in June 2022

Istanbul Technical University

Undergraduate Researcher & Research Intern

Istanbul, Turkey

Jun 2020 - Feb 2022

- ❖ **Academic Success:** Designing and implementation of a clustering-based framework for predicting student success in courses under the supervision of Ali Cakmak.
Manuscript under review in IEEE TLT
- ❖ **SARS-Cov-2 Mutation:** Working on deep learning approaches to predict future Covid-19 mutations under the supervision of Ali Cakmak.

Istanbul Sehir University

Undergraduate Researcher

Istanbul, Turkey

Jun 2019 - Jun 2020

- ❖ **2-Step Taxonomy:** Designing hierarchical supervised learners for classification of living organisms under the supervision of Ali Cakmak.
Published in the Journal of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology in October 2020
- ❖ **Colorectal Cancer:** Developing machine learning models for predicting colorectal cancer under the supervision of Ali Cakmak.
Published in the VII. International Molecular Medicine Congress in September 2019
Extended work published in Medical & Biological Engineering & Computing in October 2022

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Mentoring and Supervising Interns

Illinois, USA

Jun 2022 - Present

- Muhammad Salman Abid (PhD, Cornell University - USA)
- Mrigank Pawagi (BS, Indian Institute of Science - India)
- Palak Kotwani (BS, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign - USA)
- Chung-En Ho (BS, National Taiwan University - Taiwan)
- Yung-Wen Huang (BS, National Taiwan University - Taiwan)
- Eren Polat (BS, Bilkent University - Turkey)
- Lily Yang (BS, University of Waterloo - Canada)
- Ryan Rong (Peddie High School - USA)
- Zelin Wang (BS, Nanjiang University / UC Berkeley - China / USA)

GRANTS

Travel Grants

- ❖ US NSF travel grant to attend ICSE 2024 in Lisbon, Portugal
- ❖ ACM SIGSOFT CAPS travel grant to attend ESEC/FSE 2022 in Singapore, Singapore
- ❖ UIUC CS travel grant to attend ESEC/FSE 2022 in Singapore, Singapore
- ❖ KEN travel grant to attend QUEST-2015 in Lucknow, India

TALKS

Lost in Translation: A Study of Bugs Introduced by Large Language Models while Translating Code

- ❖ ICSE 2024, Centro Cultural de Belém, Lisbon, Portugal April 2024

Perfect Is the Enemy of Test Oracle

- ❖ ESEC/FSE 2022, National University of Singapore, Singapore November 2022

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Conference

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| C1. Reviewer: International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR'25) | 2025 |
| C2. Reviewer: Mining Software Repositories (MSR@ICSE'25) | 2025 |
| C3. Reviewer: Artifact Evaluation (AE@ICSE'25) | 2025 |
| C4. Reviewer: Mining Software Repositories (MSR@ICSE'24) | 2024 |