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## BRIEFLY

I am currently pursuing my PhD on Matrix Theory and Optimization at the University of Mons under the supervision of Prof. Nicolas Gillis. Previously, as a graduate research assistant at the University of Kurdistan, I worked on representation learning with a focus on robustness and generalization. I also led the Algebraic Machine Learning Team (AML team), a group that explores fundamental methods in unsupervised machine learning. I have a Master's degree in Artificial Intelligence from the same university, where I worked with Dr. Parham Moradi and Dr. Fardin Akhlaghian on matrix factorization and low-rank approximation for various applications such as semi-supervised learning, multi-label classification, and recommendation systems. I also have an Associate and a Bachelor's degree in Software Engineering.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Machine learning, Representation learning, Numerical Linear Algebra
- Generalization, Low-rank approximation, Adversarial training
- Deep Learning, Self-supervised/Semi-supervised learning
- Robustness, Fairness, Interpretability, Explainability

## EDUCATION

PhD	<b>Mathematics &amp; Operational Research, UNIVERSITY OF MONS, BELGIUM, (Jun 2024 – )</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Low-rank matrix factorization, machine learning, optimization</li><li>➢ Advisor : Prof. Nicolas Gillis.</li></ul>
Master	<b>Artificial Intelligence, UNIVERSITY OF KURDISTAN, SANANDAJ, IRAN, (Sep 2015 – Feb 2018)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Thesis title : A Graph-based Semi-Supervised Learning Approach for Multi-Label Classification.</li><li>➢ Advisors : Dr. Parham Moradi and Dr. Fardin Akhlaghian.</li><li>➢ Courses : machine learning, statistical pattern recognition, neural networks, advanced artificial intelligence, computer vision, digital image processing, distributed systems, and fuzzy sets &amp; systems.</li></ul>
Bachelor	<b>Software Engineering, AMIRKABIR TECHNICAL COLLEGE, ARAK, IRAN, (Jan 2012 – Jun 2014)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Project title : Manufacturing and Setting up a Video Conferencing Software.</li></ul>
Associate	<b>Computer Software, TABRIZ TECHNICAL COLLEGE, TABRIZ, IRAN, (Jan 2009 – Jun 2011)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Supplementary courses in computer science and software engineering.</li></ul>

## EXPERIENCE

Thesis Advisor	<b>Artificial Intelligence (graduate), UNIVERSITY OF KURDISTAN, SANANDAJ, IRAN, (Sep 2020 - Jun 2024)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Nine students have graduated. I am currently advising one master's student.</li><li>➢ Topics : representation learning, deep learning, matrix factorization, semi-supervised learning, self-supervised learning, robust learning, and sparse coding.</li><li>➢ problems : data representation, data clustering, graph clustering, recommendation systems, link prediction, and feature selection.</li></ul>
Research Assist.	<b>Representation Learning, UNIVERSITY OF KURDISTAN, SANANDAJ, IRAN, (Sep 2019 – Jun 2024)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Topics : matrix factorization, distributionally robust learning, generalization, and adversarial training</li><li>➢ applications : image inpainting and recommendation systems.</li></ul>
Teaching Assist.	<b>Artificial Intelligence (graduate), UNIVERSITY OF KURDISTAN, (Jan 2019 – Jun 2024)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Advanced Concepts in Artificial Intelligence (Graduate), Spring 2023, Fall 2023</li><li>➢ Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Machine Learning (Graduate), Fall 2022</li><li>➢ Pattern Recognition (Graduate), Spring 2019 – Spring 2023</li><li>➢ Special Topics in Artificial Intelligence (Graduate), Fall 2021</li><li>➢ lectures : Semi-supervised learning, Modern Machine Learning Paradigms, Nonnegative matrix factorizations, Transformer Networks</li></ul>
Lab Instructor	<b>Computer Lab (undergraduate), UNIVERSITY OF KURDISTAN, SANANDAJ, IRAN, (Fall 2019)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ I had two 14-person classes on computer basics.</li></ul>

Under-Review	<p><b>A Unified Framework for Fair Graph Clustering with Flexible Fairness-Utility Trade-off Perspective</b> S. Ghodsi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, T. Le Quy, F. Karimi, and E. Ntoutsu. <i>European Conference on Artificial Intelligence 2024</i> [Under-Review], June 2024.</p> <p><b>Diverse Joint Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Attributed Graph Clustering</b> A. Mohammadi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, F. Akhlaghian, and R. Pirmohamadiani. <i>Applied Soft Computing</i> [Under-Review], June 2024.</p> <p><b>Self-paced Elastic Nonnegative Matrix Factorization</b> S. Mohammadi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, N. Salahian, and F. Akhlaghian. <i>IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing</i> [Under-Review], March 2024.</p>
2024	<p><b>Enhancing Link Prediction through Adversarial Training in Deep Nonnegative Matrix Factorization</b> R. Mahmoodi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, A. Abdollahpouri, and F. Akhlaghian. <i>Engineering Applications in Artificial Intelligence</i>, volume 133, 2024, pp. 108641.</p> <p><b>Towards Cohesion-Fairness Harmony : Contrastive Regularization in Individual Fair Graph Clustering</b> S. Ghodsi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, and E. Ntoutsu. <i>Pacific-Asia Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (PAKDD)</i>, 2024.</p> <p><b>Orthogonal Encoder-Decoder Factorization for Unsupervised Feature Selection</b> M. Mozafari, <b>A. Seyed</b>, R. Pirmohamadiani, and F. Akhlaghian. <i>Information Sciences</i>, volume 663, 2024, pp. 120277.</p> <p><b>Multi-Label Feature Selection with Global and Local Label Correlation</b> M. Faraji, <b>A. Seyed</b>, F. Akhlaghian, and R. Mahmoodi. <i>Expert Systems with Applications</i>, volume 246, 2024, pp. 123198.</p> <p><b>Deep Asymmetric Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Graph Clustering</b> A. Hajiveisheh, <b>A. Seyed</b>, and F. Akhlaghian. <i>Pattern Recognition</i>, volume 148, 2024, pp. 110179.</p>
2023	<p><b>Link Prediction by Adversarial Nonnegative Matrix Factorization</b> R. Mahmoodi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, F. Akhlaghian, and A. Abdollahpouri. <i>Knowledge-based Systems</i>, volume 280, 2023, pp. 110998.</p> <p><b>Self-Supervised Semi-Supervised Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Data Clustering</b> J. Chavoshinejad, <b>A. Seyed</b>, and F. Akhlaghian. <i>Pattern Recognition</i>, volume 137, 2023, pp. 109282.</p> <p><b>Adversarial Elastic Deep Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Matrix Completion</b> <b>A. Seyed</b>, F. Akhlaghian, A. Lotfi, N. Salahian, and J. Chavoshinejad <i>Information Sciences</i>, volume 621, 2023, pp. 562-579.</p> <p><b>Deep Autoencoder-Like NMF with Contrastive Regularization and Feature Relationship Preservation</b> N. Salahian, F. Akhlaghian, <b>A. Seyed</b>, and J. Chavoshinejad <i>Expert Systems with Applications</i>, volume 214, 2023, pp. 119051.</p>
2020	<p><b>Asymmetric Semi-Nonnegative Matrix Factorization for Directed Graph Clustering</b> R. Abdollahi, <b>A. Seyed</b>, and M. R. Noorimehr <i>IEEE International Conference on Computer and Knowledge Engineering (ICCKE)</i>, 2020, pp. 323-328.</p>
2019	<p><b>Self-Paced Multi-Label Learning with Diversity</b> <b>A. Seyed</b>, S. S. Ghodsi, F. Akhlaghian Tab, M. Jalili, and P. Moradi <i>Asian Conference on Machine Learning (ACML)</i>, 2019, pp. 790–805.</p>
2018	<p><b>Dynamic Graph-based Label Propagation for Density Peaks Clustering</b> <b>A. Seyed</b>, A. Lotfi, P. Moradi, and N. N. Qader <i>Expert Systems with Applications</i>, Volume 115, 2019, pp. 314-328.</p>
2017	<p><b>A Weakly-Supervised Factorization Method with Dynamic Graph Embedding</b> <b>A. Seyed</b>, P. Moradi, and F. Akhlaghian Tab <i>IEEE Artificial Intelligence and Signal Processing Conference (AISP)</i>, 2017, pp. 213-218.</p> <p><b>A Clustering-based Matrix Factorization Method to Improve the Accuracy of Recommendation Systems</b> Z. Shajarian, <b>A. Seyed</b>, and P. Moradi <i>IEEE Iranian Conference on Electrical Engineering (ICEE)</i>, 2017, pp. 2241-2246.</p>

- 2016 | An Improved Density Peaks Method for Data Clustering  
A. Lotfi, **A. Seyedi**, and P. Moradi  
*IEEE International Conference on Computer and Knowledge Engineering (ICCKE)*, 2016, pp. 263-268.

## COMPUTER SKILLS

<b>Operationg Systems</b>	<b>Microsoft Windows</b> and <b>Linux</b> (ubuntu, CentOS, fedora, and RedHat distributions)
<b>Word processing &amp; Presentation</b>	Office suites, <b>LaTeX</b> , and Manim (animation engine for explanatory math videos)
<b>Vector and raster softwares</b>	Adobe Illustrator, CorelDRAW, Inkscape, Adobe Photoshop, and GIMP
<b>Development Tools</b>	Pycharm, Jupyter Notebook, Colab, Visual Studio, IntelliJ Idea, and Eclipse
<b>Web design</b>	HTML, CSS, ASP.NET, and JavaScript

## PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

2019 – present	<b>Python</b> , PyTorch, NumPy, and scikit-learn
2015 – 2020	<b>MATLAB</b> , linear algebra and visulaziation
2012 – 2015	<b>JAVA</b> , object-oriented software engineeing and web development
2009 – 2015	<b>C++</b>   <b>C#</b> , Software Ebngineering and Web development
2007 – 2009	<b>Basic</b>   <b>Visual Basic</b> , Software Engineering

## “ REFERENCES

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