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Education

- **Ph.D. in Computer Science** **Thuwal, Saudi Arabia**
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)
2023 – Present
Advisor: Peter Richtárik
- **M.Sc. in Applied Statistics and Data Science** **Yerevan, Armenia**
Yerevan State University
2021 – 2023
Thesis: On local training methods,
Co-supervisors: Peter Richtárik, Mher Safaryan
- **B.Sc. in Informatics and Applied Mathematics** **Yerevan, Armenia**
Yerevan State University
2017 – 2021
Thesis: On the Convergence of Series in Classical Systems,
supervisor: Martin Grigoryan

Experience

- **Researcher in the group of Martin Grigoryan** **Yerevan, Armenia**
Yerevan State University
April 2023 – Aug 2023
 - Studied the existence and properties of universal functions with respect to the Vilenkin and Haar systems across various functional spaces.
- **Machine Learning Researcher** **Yerevan, Armenia**
YerevaNN
March 2023 – Aug 2023
 - Worked on the intersection of Federated Learning and Optimization.
- **Internship in the group of Peter Richtárik** **Thuwal, Saudi Arabia**
King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)
June 2022 – Jan 2023
 - Worked on the "GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity" paper.
- **Machine Learning Researcher** **Yerevan, Armenia**
YerevaNN
Jan 2022 – June 2022
 - Worked on the intersection of Federated Learning and Optimization.
- **Co-Founder** **Yerevan, Armenia**
OnePick
July 2021 – June 2022

OnePick is an emerging startup that provides up-to-date and customized social media posts based on page and market data analysis.

 - Winner idea of InVent 2.0 [certificate] venture building program organized by FAST.
- **Backend Developer** **Yerevan, Armenia**
EXALT Technologies Ltd.
July 2021 – Sep 2021
 - Worked for Nutanix.
- **Machine Learning Research Engineer** **Yerevan, Armenia**
Foundation for Armenian Science and Technology (FAST)
June 2021 – July 2021
 - Worked on Fraud detection.
 - Made data-driven forecasts using machine learning algorithms and statistical models

Software Engineer in Test

Yerevan, Armenia

○ *Picsart*

Sep 2019 – Jan 2021

- Worked with automation team to design and develop automated solutions across several mobile/web applications.
- Worked directly with software developers, test engineers, product owners, business analysts to find and resolve issues.
- Worked closely with DevOps to suggest improvements in processes and in Jenkins Continuous Integration cycle.

Awards

Dean's Award

Thuwal, Saudi Arabia

○ *King Abdullah University of Science and Technology (KAUST)*

Sep 2023 - Sep 2026

Awarded to a few top students accepted to KAUST (6000\$ annually for 3 years).

Outstanding Final Project Award

Yerevan, Armenia

○ *Yerevan State University*

May 2021

Recognized for the Bachelor's thesis (awarded to 6 students among 250+ students).

Papers

○ **LoCoDL: Communication-Efficient Distributed Learning with Local Training and Compression**

Laurent Condat, **Artavazd Maranjyan**, Peter Richtárik

arXiv:2403.04348, 2024.

○ **Menshov-type theorem for divergence sets of sequences of localized operators**

Martin Grigoryan, Anna Kamont, **Artavazd Maranjyan**

Journal of Contemporary Mathematical Analysis, vol. 58, no. 2, pp. 81–92, 2023.

○ **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**

Artavazd Maranjyan, Mher Safaryan, Peter Richtárik

arXiv:2210.16402, 2022

○ **On the divergence of Fourier series in the general Haar system**

Martin Grigoryan, **Artavazd Maranjyan**

Armenian Journal of Mathematics, vol. 13, p. 1–10, Sep. 2021.

○ **On the unconditional convergence of Faber-Schauder series in L^1**

Tigran Grigoryan, **Artavazd Maranjyan**

Proceedings of the YSU A: Physical and Mathematical Sciences, vol. 55, no. 1 (254), pp. 12–19, 2021.

Talks and Poster presentations

2024 Talks and Posters.....

○ **MindFlayer: Efficient Asynchronous Parallel SGD in the Presence of Heterogeneous and Random Worker Compute Times**

Talk @ *Analysis, PDEs and Applications* [abstract]

Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, July 6, 2024

○ **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**

Poster presentation @ *Stochastic Numerics and Statistical Learning: Theory and Applications Workshop 2024*

KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia, May 27, 2024

- **MindFlayer: Efficient Asynchronous Parallel SGD in the Presence of Heterogeneous and Random Worker Compute Times**
Guest lecture @ CS 331, Stochastic Gradient Descent Methods
 KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia, May 5, 2024
- **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**
Poster presentation @ The Machine Learning Summer School in Okinawa 2024
 Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology (OIST), Okinawa, Japan, March 13, 2024
- **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**
Poster presentation @ KAUST Rising Stars in AI Symposium 2024
 KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia, February 21, 2024

2023 Talks and Posters.....

- **Differentially Private Coordinate Descent for Composite Empirical Risk Minimization**
Talk @ Group Seminar
 KAUST, Thuwal, Saudi Arabia, November 16, 2023
- **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**
Talk @ Algorithms & Computationally Intensive Inference seminars [slides]
 University of Warwick, Coventry, England, October 6, 2023
- **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**
Talk @ Mathematics in Armenia: Advances and Perspectives [slides] [abstract]
 Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, July 5, 2023
- **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**
Talk @ Machine Learning Reading Group Yerevan [video (Armenian)]
 Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, March 10, 2023

2022 Talks and Posters.....

- **GradSkip: Communication-Accelerated Local Gradient Methods with Better Computational Complexity**
Talk @ Federated Learning One World Seminar (FLOW) [video]
 Online, December 7, 2022
- **ProxSkip: Yes! Local Gradient Steps Provably Lead to Communication Acceleration! Finally!**
Talk @ Machine Learning Reading Group Yerevan
 Yerevan State University, Yerevan, Armenia, April 10, 2022

Hobbies

Ultimate Frisbee, Dancing (bachata, salsa), Board Games, Table Football (Foosball)