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SUMMARY

- Ten years plus experience in Java programming
- Five years plus research on design and analysis of algorithms, distributed algorithms, randomized algorithms, approximation algorithms, and online algorithms

EDUCATION

• Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science, University of California, Davis (UC Davis) 2017–2022 (GPA: 3.95/4.0) (expected)

- o Teaching Assistant: Theory of Computation (both graduate and undergraduate level)
- Selected Courses: Advanced Algorithms (4.0/4.0), Computer Architecture (4.0/4.0)
- Master of Science (M.Sc.) in Computer Engineering, Sharif University of Technology 2015–2017 (GPA: 18.78/20, Ranked 3rd in class)
- o Teaching Assistant: Approximation Algorithms, Computational Geometry (graduate level)
- \circ Selected Courses: Algorithmic Game Theory (18.1/20), Approximation Algorithms (19.5/20)
- Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) in Computer Science, Sharif University of Technology 2010–2015 (GPA: 15.35/20, Ranked 7th in class)
- o Teaching Assistant: Advanced Programming (interactive lab), Principles of Computer System
- o Selected Courses: Advanced Programming (18.6/20), Data Structures (18.7/20), Design and Analysis of Algorithms (19/20)

WORK EXPERIENCE

• Software Engineer Intern at Google: Working on Google's knowledge Graph

SUMMER 2020

- Working with **Data Commons** team.
- o Implementing **Python** scripts to clean data sets and import them into the **Knowledge Graph**; Peer review scripts using GitHub and Colab notebooks.
- Using **Python and Rest API calls** to retrieve data and analyzed different types of missing data points of the times series available in the knowledge graph.
- o Design and implementation of missing data imputation module using Go language.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE:

Java (advanced proficiency), Go, Python (intermediate), C++, Pascal (beginner)

WEB DESIGN / FRAMEWORK:

HTML, CSS, JavaScript

OTHER:

Git, SQL, LaTeX

TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE

• Implementing autograding homeworks

Spring 2020

- Using **Python** scripts
- o Connecting **GitHub** and Gradescope
- Java Implementation of multiple simulators for algorithms in population protocols

2018-now

- o Object oriented programming to simulate agents in distributed model
- o Implementing randomized protocols
- Designing an App Review Miner to Extract Information from User Reviews

Fall 2016

 \circ <u>Phase 1</u>: **Survey** on existing App-review miners

Team Project

o Phase 2: Enhancement of two existing App-review miners by combining their approaches

• Phase 3: Evaluation; comparing the results of our designed App-review miner with real user experiences

• Java Implementation of a P2P File Transfer Software Spring 2011

• Java Implementation of a 2-Player Chess Board Game Fall 2010

• Data Mining in Practice Spring 2014

 \circ Clustering psychological data by implementing K-means algorithm

• Developing a Social Media Webpage

• Mastering HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for the front-end implementation Team Project

o Gaining skills in using GitHub commands

o Utilizing **Django** platform for the back-end development

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

o Ph.D.: Research on Distributed Computing Algorithms and Population Protocols

2017-now

Spring 2015

- Design and analyze of distributed computing algorithms that solve problems such as leader election, majority, exact and approximate counting
- Simulating the algorithms in population protocols with Java
- Visualizing simulated data using Python scrips and JSON formatted outputs
- \circ M.Sc.:Online Algorithms for Fair Allocation of Goods

2016-2017

- Designing an online allocation algorithm
- Analyzing the competitive ratio of the presented algorithm
- Proving a lower bound on the competitive ratio of any proposed algorithms for the problem
- o Survey on Mechanism Design for Distributed Computing

Fall 2015

o Research on Truthful Incentives in Crowdsourcing

Spring 2015

PUBLICATIONS

- Brief Announcement: A Time and Space Optimal Stable Population Protocol Solving Exact Majority. David Doty, <u>Mahsa Eftekhari</u>, Leszek Gąsieniec, Eric Severson, Grzegorz Stachowiak, and Przemysław Uznański. In the 40th ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC 2021)
- Message complexity of population protocols. Talley Amir, James Aspnes, David Doty, <u>Mahsa Eftekhari</u>, and Eric Severson. In the 34th International Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC 2020)
- Efficient size estimation and impossibility of termination in uniform dense population protocols. David Doty, <u>Mahsa Eftekhari</u>. In the 38th ACM Symposium on Principles of Distributed Computing (PODC 2019)
- Brief announcement: Exact size counting in uniform population protocols in nearly logarithmic time. David Doty, <u>Mahsa Eftekhari</u>, Othon Michail, Paul G. Spirakis, and Michail Theofilatos. In the 32nd International Symposium on Distributed Computing (DISC 2018)

PREPRINT

• A survey of size counting in population protocols. David Doty, Mahsa Eftekhari. arXiv preprint arXiv:2105.05408 (2021)

AWARDS AND HONORS

• UC Davis GGCS Richard Walters Scholarship Winner Summer 2021

• GHC scholarship recipient Summer 2020

• CRA-W travel scholarship recipient Spring 2019

• UC Davis GGCS travel award recipient Fall 2018

• UC Davis graduate fellowship recipient (\$ 59,334.0/year) Fall 2017

• Ranked 15th, National Scientific Olympiad in Computer Engineering.

Summer 2015

• Ranked 3rd, National Graduate Entrance Exam in CS. (amongst more than 5000 students)

Spring 2015

• Ranked 15th, National Graduate Entrance Exam in Computer Engineering, Software Engineering, Algorithms and Computations. (amongst more than 18000 students)

Spring 2015