# Ali Hejazizo | Curriculum Vitae

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Machine Learning
- Natural Language Processing

## EDUCATION

- **Master of Science** — May, 2016–Present
  *University of Alberta* — *Edmonton-Canada*
  - Computer Science — May, 2017-2019 (Expected)
    - GPA: 4/4 via 9 credits
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering — May, 2016-2017
    - GPA: 3.9/4 via 9 credits
- **Bachelor of Science** — 2011–2015
  *Amirkabir University of Technology* — *Tehran-Iran*
  - Electrical and Computer Engineering
    - Major: Power Systems
    - Minor: Electronics
    - GPA: 4/4

## HONORS

- Ranked 1st in Electrical Engineering, Power Group, among more than 30 students, Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran, Iran.
- Ranked 121st in university entrance exam, among more than 300,000 participant [Summer 2011].
- Exempted from university entrance exam for M.Sc. program and offered M.Sc. program from both Sharif and Amirkabir University of Technology.
- Permitted to study Electronics as a minor (This permission is only awarded to talented students, introduced by the Exceptional Talents Office).
- Granted admission from Talented Student Office of Amirkabir University of Technology for graduate study.

## INTERNSHIP & WORK EXPERIENCE

- *AltaML* — June 2018-January 2019
  Focusing on natural language processing tasks, including:
  - Question Answering
  - Topic Classification (Intent Detection)
  - Entity Extraction
  - Machines Talking to Machines (M2M)
- *Amirkabir University of Technology*:
  Investigation, detection and identification of abnormalities in customers' consumption patterns in power distribution systems, using Data Mining methods such as K-Means, PSO, Fuzzy, and SFLA algorithms, in order to reduce Nontechnical Losses.
  - Supervisor: Dr. Hosseinian

## PROJECTS

- Mapping Macroscopic Brain Connectomes via Multidimensional Encoding, Learning, and Optimization using dMRI brain images.
  - Mapping onnectomes for one part of the brain, the arcuate fasciculus, using extremely high-dimensional sparse tensors.
  - Loading data and visualization in Matlab
  - Encoding, learning, and optimization in C with GPU parallel computing.
  - Supervisor: Dr. Martha White
- Diagnosis of Alzheimer's Disease Based on Structural MRI Images using Machine Learning Techniques.
  - Step 1: Preprocessing MRI images using Freesurfer tools.
  - Step 2: Feature extraction.
  - Step 3: Applying machine learning techniques for diagnosis task.
  - Supervisor: Dr. JÃűrg Sander
- Implementation of model compression with teacher-student method on MNIST dataset using Tensorflow.
  - Supervisor: Dr. Nilanjan Ray
- Evaluation of machine learning classifiers in the task of passengers' survival prediction on titanic dataset.
  - Step 1: Visualization.
  - Step 2: Preprocessing data, in particular handling missing value.
  - Step 3: Applying three different machine learning classifier, namely logistic regression, neural network, and SVM.
  - Step 4: Applying statistically significance tests to evaluate classifiers' results.
  - Instructor: Dr. Martha White
- Efficient keyword and phrase retrieval for the boolean and vector space models. This project includes:
  - Building an inverted index to enable fast document retrieval.
  - Boolean and vector space model retrieval.
  - Zone indexing and scoring.
  - Supervisor: Dr. Denilson Barbosa
- Implementing Telegram Application Robots using Telebot API.
  Implemented in Python using SQLite database.
  - @autstackbot:
    - In this project, I have implemented a Telegram Bot so that students can send questions, receive answers, mark correct answers as accepted, etc. The environment is continuously improving to have all functionalities of Stackoverflow website.
    - Users are currently over 150 students.
  - @python_compile_bot: This robot receives commands from users and interprets them in python language, then displays the result in a neat and beutiful format.
- RS232 protocol implementation.
  - The project includes two GUI in MFC and pyQt to send and receive data, respectively.
  - Supervisor: Dr. Jahanshahi

## PUBLICATION

Hejazizo, A. , Azad, S. P. , & Van Hertem, D.. (2015). Interoperability of Protection Systems in High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) Networks. In *CIGRE Canada Conference - Future Power Systems and Grid Resiliency* (pp. 1-6). October.

## Courses

- Machine Learning [Fall 2017]
  - Instructor: Dr. Martha White
- Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining [Fall 2017]
  - Instructor: Dr. Jorg Sander
- Advanced Programming [Winter 2015]
  - Instructor: Dr. Amir Jahanshahi
- Information Retrieval [Winter 2018]
  - In Progress
  - Instructor: Dr. Denilson Barbosa
- Visual Recognition (Deep Learning) [Winter 2018]
  - Auditor
  - Instructor: Dr. Nilanjan Ray

Online Courses:

- Machine Learning
- Getting Started with Python
- Python Data Structures
- Using Python to Access Web Data
- Using Databases with Python
- The Data Scientist's Toolbox
- Introduction to HTML5
- Introduction to CSS3
- Interactivity with JavaScript
- Parallel Programming using GPGPU and CUDA
- Git Complete

## COMPUTER SKILLS

### Programming/Scripting

- Python
  - Tensorflow
  - NLTK
  - Sklearn
  - Pandas
- MySQL
- SQLite
- SPARQL
- C/C++
  - CUDA
    - cuBLAS
    - cuSparse
- JavaScript
- HTML5/CSS3
- LaTeX
- MFC

### IDEs/Tools

- VSCode
- PyCharm
- Sublime Text
- IntelliJ
- Matlab
- Freesurfer

## TEACHING EXPERIENCES

- Teaching Assistant
  - CMPUT 101 - Introduction to Computing — Winter, Fall 2017 & Winter 2018, 2019
    - Lab instructor
    - Instructor: Dr. Janelle Harms (University of Alberta)
  - Advanced Programming — Winter 2016
    - Instructor: Dr. Jahanshahi (Amirkabir University)
  - C++ Programming — Fall 2015
    - Instructor: Dr. Amir Jahanshahi (Amirkabir University)
  - Electrical Machines I — Winter 2014
    - Instructor: Dr. Javad Moghani (Amirkabir University)
  - Engineering Mathmathics — Fall 2013
    - Instructor: Dr. Yaser Norouzi (Amirkabir University)

**References, Further information, and Proofs are available upon Request**