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EDUCATION

Koç University, Graduate School of Business Istanbul, Turkey
Pre-Doctoral Course in Operations Management 2021 - 2023

- **Overall GPA:** 3.4/4
- **Selected Courses:** Advanced Optimization Methods, Integer and Combinatorial Optimization, Dynamic Programming, Stochastic Models and Application, Queueing Theory, Optimization Models in OM, Research Methods in Business
- **Title of Summer Paper:** Energy-Efficient Resource Scheduling for a Single Machine with Production Constraints: A Mathematical Model (Advisor: Professor Barış Tan)
- **Status:** Transcript is available. Functioned effectively as pre-doctoral training through advanced coursework, teaching assistantships, and research activity.

Sharif University of Technology Tehran, Iran
M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering 2018 - 2021

- **Overall GPA:** 17.21/20 (3.61/4)*
- **Selected Courses:** Advanced Stochastic Processes, Data Driven Decision Making and Modeling, Probability Models and Queueing, Healthcare Information Systems, Supply Chain Planning
- **Title of M.Sc. Thesis:** A Markov Decision Processes Model For Supplier Selection in Supply-Chain Management Under Uncertainty (Advisor: Professor Alireza Haji)

*Converted using University of California Irvine GPA calculator.

Urmia University of Technology Urmia, Iran
B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering 2011 - 2015

- **Overall GPA:** 15.29/20 (3/4)
- **Last two years GPA:** 16.45/20 (3.38/4)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Methodologies

- **Optimization:** Combinatorial Optimization, Dynamic Programming, Stochastic Programming, Data-Driven Modeling and Decision-Making.
- **Stochastic Modeling:** Markov Processes, Sequential Decision-Making, Queueing Systems, Bayesian Inference.
- **Data Science:** Machine Learning, Reinforcement Learning, Data Mining, Statistical Analysis.

Applications

- **Healthcare Operations:** Cancer Screening, Kidney Exchange Problems, Nurse and Operating Room Scheduling, Healthcare Information Systems, Human-AI Interaction.
- **Supply Chain Management:** Demand Estimation, Supplier Selection, Network Optimization.
- **Manufacturing:** Energy-Efficient Control, Machine and Operations Scheduling, Inventory Control.

WORKING PAPER

Working Paper

ready to submit to Canadian Medical Association Journal

Milani H., Bijvank M., Piri H., Brenner D., Khan O. *"Trade-offs of Breast Cancer Screening Scenarios in Canada: A Microsimulation Modeling Study."*

Conducted cost-effectiveness, cost-utility, and harm-to-benefit analyses of multiple breast cancer screening policies using the OncoSim-Breast microsimulation model. Evaluated trade-offs across a wide range of screening strategies, including hybrid policies that rarely examined in the literature.

Pre-print available at personal website.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant, Koç University

- Management Information Systems, Professor Serpil Sayin, *Fall 2021, Fall 2022.*
- Operations Management, Professor Zeynep Akşin Karaesmen, *Spring 2022, Spring 2023.*
- Supply Chain Management, Professor Zeynep Akşin Karaesmen, *Fall 2021, Fall 2022.*

Teaching Assistant, Sharif University of Technology

- Stochastic Processes, Professor Alireza Haji, *Fall 2019.*

Teaching Assistant, Urmia University of Technology

- Probability Theory and Applications, Professor Jahangoshai, *Fall 2015.*

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Proposal

ongoing

Milani H. *"Personalized Breast Cancer Screening by Combining Screening and Diagnostic Decisions."* to be submitted to *Management Science*.

Mammography screening effectively reduces breast cancer mortality but suffers from high false-positive rates and unnecessary follow-ups. To address these two inefficiencies, this research proposes a unified framework combining screening and post-mammography diagnostic decisions to derive personalized patient pathways.

Proposal available at personal website.

Summer Paper

2023

"Energy-Efficient Resource Scheduling for a Single Machine with Production Constraints: A Mathematical Model" (Advisor: Professor Barış Tan)

Analyzed a single-machine production system with throughput constraints and uncertain parameters. Formulated a robust optimization model to design energy-efficient control plans that remain feasible under all scenarios while minimizing average operational cost.

Available at this link.

Master of Science's Thesis

2021

"A Markov Decision Processes Model For Supplier Selection in Supply-Chain Management Under Uncertainty" (Advisor: Professor Alireza Haji)

Studied a two-echelon supply chain with unreliable suppliers, modeled as a discrete-time Markov Decision Process to determine optimal order allocations over a finite horizon. Proposed a novel three-state Markov chain capturing complex supplier unreliability behaviors.

Available at SSRN.

INDUSTRY / INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Nurse Scheduling Software

January 2025 - March 2025

I founded a healthcare software startup in Iran and developed an advanced nurse-scheduling system that incorporates staff preferences, operational constraints, and fairness considerations. I built an integer-programming model in Python (Gurobi) to optimize scheduling and created the user interface in HTML. A web version and product catalog are available on my GitHub (link).

Energy Optimization in Ford Otosan

September 2022 - April 2023

In a joint project between Koç University and Ford Otosan, an automotive manufacturing company, my role was to develop mathematical programming models to optimize the on/off schedule of a high-power industrial oven and to build discrete-event simulation models for comparing different threshold policies.

Part-time Data Analyst

August 2019 - October 2019

Koosha Advertising Agency, Tehran, Iran

Project: Providing managerial dashboards to analyze the performance of the sales representatives.

Data Analyst Intern

February 2019 - May 2019

Alibaba Travels Company, Tehran, Iran,

Project: Developing a data-driven model to improve the efficiency of the callbacks in the call center.

Part-time Project Control Manager

June 2018 - July 2019

Mashid Sazan Technical Engineering Company, Tehran, Iran

Project: Designing project schedules and Gantt charts, monitoring project progress and costs, and creating progress reports.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- **Haskayne School of Business Ph.D. Scholarships**, University of Calgary, *Fall 2024, Fall 2025. (Unfortunately could not commence due to visa processing delays.)*
- **Graduate School of Business Scholarships**, Koç University, *2021.*
- **Ranked 3rd in GPA among M.Sc. students (Engineering Management Area)**, Sharif University of Technology, *2020.*
- **Ranked 12th in National Master Entrance Exam (top 0.15% among more than 8000 participants)**, Iran, *2018.*
- **Registered and Honored Patent**, H.Milani, M.Pilpa, *"Design and Implementation of an Integrated Clouding Traffic Control System"*, Certificate Number 43314, Registered on State Deeds and Real Properties Organization, Tehran, Iran, *2007.*

TEST SCORES

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- Overall: 104, Reading: 28, Listening: 30, Speaking: 22, Writing: 26
Test Date: February 01, 2020

GENERAL GRE

- Quantitative: 170, Verbal: 146, Writing: 2.5
Test Date: February 14, 2024
- Quantitative: 160, Verbal: 150, Writing: 3.0
Test Date: November 24, 2019
- I acknowledge my verbal and writing scores are below my potential, and I am prepared to retake the GRE to achieve 160+ verbal and 4+ writing if required.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- **Programming:** Python (Proficient*), C++ (Proficient).
- **Statistics:** R (Proficient), STATA (Familiar**).

- **Data Science:** Pandas (Proficient), NumPy (Proficient), TensorFlow (Familiar), Keras (Familiar), PyTorch (Familiar), Scikit-learn (Familiar), XGBoost (Familiar).
- **Data Analytics:** Tableau (Proficient), Power BI (Familiar), Excel (Proficient).
- **Optimization:** Gurobi (Proficient), CPLEX (Proficient), GAMS (Proficient).
- **Other Tools:** MATLAB (Familiar), L^AT_EX (Proficient), Vision (Proficient), HTML (Familiar), Git (Familiar).

***Proficient:** Applied in several academic research and professional projects.

****Familiar:** Applied in a coursework project or self-study.