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EDUCATION

Koç University, Graduate School of Business
Pre-Doctoral Course in Operations Management

Istanbul, Turkey
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
M.Sc. in Industrial Engineering

Tehran, Iran
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
B.Sc. in Industrial Engineering

Urmia, Iran
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, Queueuing 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.