Mehdi Bahri PhD Student in Machine Learning

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Education

Imperial College London

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

PhD. Computer Science

2017 - (2021)

Geometric Deep Learning & Generative Models on Graphs and Manifolds.

Supervisors: Dr. Stefanos Zafeiriou & Prof. Michael Bronstein.

MSc. Advanced Computing - Distinction (84%)

2015 - 2016

Focus on statistical machine learning.

Thesis: Robust Low-Rank modeling on Tensors: New Algorithms and Extensive Comparisons.

Awarded the Winton Capital Advanced Computing MSc Project Prize.

Grenoble INP - Ensimag

Grenoble, France

BSc. and MSc. Applied Mathematics and Computer Science - with High Honours

2013 - 2016

Focus on statistics, numerical optimization, numerical analysis, databases, software engineering.

Lycée Chateaubriand

Rennes, France

Classes Préparatoires aux Grandes Écoles PC*

2010 - 2013

Intensive training in mathematics, physics, and chemistry for the nationwide competitive examinations.

Publications

- M. Bahri, Y. Panagakis, and S. Zafeiriou, "Robust Kronecker Component Analysis" in IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (T-PAMI) 2019 (arXiv:1801.06432)
- M. Bahri, Y. Panagakis, and S. Zafeiriou, "Robust Kronecker-Decomposable Component Analysis for Low Rank Modeling" in International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2017
- N. Xue, G. Papamakarios, M. Bahri, Y. Panagakis, and S. Zafeiriou, "Robust Low-rank Tensor Modelling Using Tucker and CP Decomposition" in European Signal Processing Conference (EUSIPCO) 2017

Professional Experience and Selected Projects

Google AI - Research Intern

New York, NY

Machine Intelligence & Machine Perception

10/18 - 01/19

- Robust generative models for meshes, pooling on meshes
- Implementation in TensorFlow, Python, C++

JPMorgan Chase & Co - Quantitative Associate Intern

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Equities Systematic Trading QR

06/18 - 08/18

- Quantitative Research Off-Cycle Internship in Machine Learning
- Time series forecasting and volatility modeling for automated trading of single stocks options

Speechmatics (Cantab Research Ltd.) - Speech Recognition Intern

Cambridge, United Kingdom

Research & Development

04/17 - 07/17

- Improved the RNN language models by implementing research papers in TensorFlow and C++
- Divided model size by 4 while keeping the same cross-entropy loss / perplexity and WER

HarperCollins Publishers - Data Scientist

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Global Pricing and Analytics

09/16 - 03/17

- Graph mining and influence maximization to maximize uplift of books on special offers
- Analyzed MongoDB databases of more than 100Gb with scikit-learn and networkx

Imperial College London - Master's Thesis

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

Robust Low-Rank Modeling on Tensors: New Algorithms and Extensive Comparisons

(2.5.4.77)

- Devised 4 ADMM solvers and a Variational Bayes algorithm for robust tensor factorizations (MATLAB)
- Compared against 11 state-of-the-art methods on computer vision benchmarks
- Analyzed 500Gb of experimental data, showed improvements of up to 16% higher PSNR and FSIM
- Published in top venue

Supervisors: Dr Stefanos Zafeiriou & Dr Yannis Panagakis.

Morgan Stanley - Summer Analyst (Tech & Data)

London, United Kingdom

Full-stack development of a trade control system prototype

06/15 - 09/15

- Software engineering (Java, Javascript, git flow, legacy code, tests, architecture design)
- Presented at the global meeting of the sub-department, project continued for integration into production

Awards and Scholarships

| IPAM (UCLA) Geometry and Learning from Data in 3D and Beyond Workshops II and IV travel grants Google Computer Vision Summit fully-funded invitation to Google Zürich Full PhD Scholarship from the Department of Computing Winton Capital Advanced Computing MSc Project Prize (£1200) best thesis in Computer Science (1/188 stude Pump it Up: Data Mining the Water Table (DrivenData Competition) top 7% Explora Sup grant for studying at Imperial College London (3000€, French government) First prize at the HackMyCity Hackathon in Grenoble | 2019 | Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Europe (\$40 000) |
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| Full PhD Scholarship from the Department of Computing Winton Capital Advanced Computing MSc Project Prize (£1200) best thesis in Computer Science (1/188 stude Pump it Up: Data Mining the Water Table (DrivenData Competition) top 7% Explora Sup grant for studying at Imperial College London (3000€, French government) | 2019 | IPAM (UCLA) Geometry and Learning from Data in 3D and Beyond Workshops II and IV travel grants |
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| 2015 Explo'ra Sup grant for studying at Imperial College London (3000€, French government) | 2016 | Winton Capital Advanced Computing MSc Project Prize (£1200) best thesis in Computer Science (1/188 students) |
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| 2013 First prize at the HackMyCity Hackathon in Grenoble | 2015 | Explo'ra Sup grant for studying at Imperial College London (3000€, French government) |
| | 2013 | First prize at the HackMyCity Hackathon in Grenoble |

Presentations and Talks

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| 2019 | KCL/UCL Junior Geometry Seminar (Invited Speaker: Introduction to Geometric Deep Learning) | |
| 2018 | Presented poster at the Google Computer Vision Summit | |
| 2017 | Presented poster at ICCV | |
| 2017 | Presented poster at the Official Launch of the Machine Learning Initiative at Imperial College London | |
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Skills

| Computing skills | | | Languages | |
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| Programming (advanced) Programming (intermediate) Modeling | Python, Java, C, Shell SQL, Javascript, Prolog, C++ MATLAB, R, NumPy, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, Pytorch | French English Spanish | Native Fluent Intermediate | |
| Tools | Git, LATEX, MongoDB | Spariisti | тиеттешие | |

Teaching Activities

Tutorial support

| 2019 | Teaching Assistant for CO460 - Deep Learning | |
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| 2018 | Teaching Assistant for CO495 - Advanced Statistical Machine Learning | |
| 2018 | Teaching Assistant for CO493 - Data Analysis and Probabilistic Inference | |
| dent co-supervision | | |

Student co-supervision

| 2018 | MSc, Shunwang Gong (Independent Study Option and MSc thesis) |
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| | Geometric Deep Learning with Dr Stefanos Zafeiriou (Distinguished Project Award) |

Community Service and Leadership

As a PhD student

2017 - current | Member of the ACM Student Chapter Imperial College London

As an undergraduate

| 2013 - 2015 | Elected student representative Ensimag's Education and Student Life Committee |
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| 2014 - 2015 | Member of the administration board Ensimag's Students' Union |
| 2014 - 2015 | Member of the administration board Ensimag's Junior-Enterprise (Nsigma) |
| 2014 - 2015 | Morgan Stanley Campus Ambassador Ensimag |

Professional bodies

Graduate Student Member of the IEEE and of the Computer Society. Member of the Computer Vision Foundation (CVF). Student Member of the ACM.

Interests

Fitness & Nutrition • Cycling

References available upon request.