Mehdi Bahri PhD Student in Machine Learning

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Education

Imperial College London

LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM

2017 - (2021)

PhD. Computer ScienceGeometric 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

- 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

2019	Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Europe (\$40 000)
2019	Amazon AWS Cloud Credits for Research (\$6000)
2019	IPAM (UCLA) Geometry and Learning from Data in 3D and Beyond Workshops II and IV travel grants
2018	Google Computer Vision Summit fully-funded invitation to Google Zürich
2017	Full PhD Scholarship from the Department of Computing
2016	Winton Capital Advanced Computing MSc Project Prize (£1200) best thesis in Computer Science (1/188 students)
2016	Pump it Up: Data Mining the Water Table (DrivenData Competition) top 7%
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	

Skills

	Computing skills	Lan	iguages
Programming (advanced)	Python, Java, C, Shell	French	Native
Programming (intermediate)	SQL, Javascript, Prolog, C++	English	Fluent
Modeling	MATLAB, R, NumPy, TensorFlow, Scikit-learn, Pytorch	0	
Tools	Git, LATEX, MongoDB	Spanisn	Intermediate

Teaching Activities

Tutorial support

2020	Teaching Assistant for CO460 - Deep Learning
2019	Teaching Assistant for CO460 - Deep Learning
2018	Teaching Assistant for CO495 - Advanced Statistical Machine Learning
2018	Teaching Assistant for CO493 - Data Analysis and Probabilistic Inference

Student co-supervision

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

Community Service and Leadership

As a PhD student

2019 - current	Reviewer for IEEE T-PAMI, IEEE T-SMC:Systems
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
2014 - 2015	Member of the administration board <i>Ensimag's Students' Union</i>
2014 - 2015	Member of the administration board <i>Ensimag's Junior-Enterprise</i> (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