Omid Reza Heidari

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EDUCATION

Concordia University, Montreal, QC Master of Science in Computer Science 2023 | Present GPA: 3.5/4.00

Islamic Azad University, Zanjan, IR

Bachelor of Engineering in Computer Engineering

2017 | 2022 GPA: 3.47/4.00

WORK EXPERIENCE

Machine Learning Intern

The University of British Columbia

Vancouver, BCNov 2024 – Present

- Implementing the state-of-the-art models in PyTorch and PyTorch Lightning, such as OmniMotion, Real NLP, Betrayed by Attention, and NeRF on Google Cloud Platform and Compute Canada.
- Reviewed and discussed approximately 5-7 research papers per week, analyzing various approaches to improve the performance and accuracy of previous methodologies.
- Enhanced model accuracy for detecting occluded objects by around 7 %.

Machine Learning Engineer

Ontario Tech University

Sep 2024 - Nov 2024

• After 2 months, I was transferred to UBC following my supervisor's relocation to continue research in a new environment.

Hanyang University

Seoul. KOR

Natural Language Processing Research Intern

Jul 2024 | Sep 2024

- Assess cultural, gender, religious and ethnic biases in LLMs, emphasizing underrepresented languages and dialects.
- Research regional dialect biases in LLMs; develop evaluation frameworks and assessment methods.
- Assess the performance of different LLMs across dialects and cultures.

Zanjan University of Medical Science

Data Reserach Analyst

Zanjan, IR

Jul 2022 | Jan 2023

- Conducted research on Machine Learning and Electroencephalogram signals
- Utilized Welch, Convolution, and Fourier transform, to compute connectivity, power, and amplitude
- Applied low-data techniques, such as data augmentation and transfer learning, to prevent underfitting and improve model performance on limited datasets.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Concordia University

Teaching Assistant

 $\begin{array}{c} Montreal,\ QC \\ {\rm Jan\ 2024} \mid {\rm Present} \end{array}$

- COMP 6321 Machine Learning
- COMP 6771 Image Processing
- COMP 353 Databases
- COEN 243 Programming Methodology I
- COMP 248 Object-Oriented Programming I
- COEN 352 Data Structures and Algorithms
- COMP 352 Data Structures and Algorithms

Sharif University of Technology

Teaching Assistant

Tehran, IR Sep $2022 \mid \text{Feb } 2023$

• CE 717 - Machine Learning

Zanjan University

 $Teaching\ Assistant$

- Principles Of Database Design
- Digital Logic Design
- Advanced Programming

SKILLS

- Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, C++
- Frameworks: PyTorch, PyTorch Lightning, Scikit-learn, OpenCV
- Databases: MySQL, PostgreSQL, Redis, MongoDB
- Languages: English (fluent), French (conversational)

PUBLICATIONS

2024

- Omid Reza Heidari*, Maria Siddiqua*, Mennatullah Siam, Leonid Sigal. Pixel-level Self-Supervised Video Understanding. Work in progress
- Omid Reza Heidari, Yang Wang, Xinxin Zuo. Using ALDI in Security X-ray Images Detection. *Preparing for ICML* 2025
- Omid Reza Heidari*, Nihan Anam*, Azmine Toushik Wasi*, Taki Hasan Rafi. A Review of Human-Centric Evaluation of Cultural Bias in Indic Languages within LLMs: Rethinking Research Directions. Submitted to TALLIP
- Omid Reza Heidari*, Li Gu*, Jiahao Nick Li*, Yang Wang. Retrieval Augmented Generation for Natural Language Query in Egocentric Videos.
 - 🥇 Selected as the Best Poster at Mila Quebec AI Institute

April 2024

2023

• Omid Reza Heidari, Ahmadreza Zakerian Zadeh, Mohsen Dadashi. Assessment of Structural Connectivity and Brain Volumes after tDCS in Stroke: A Machine-learning Method