Omid Askari

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Education

Awards

- Awarded 5 Years Fully-Funded Scholarship and Computer Science Fellowship in UC Santa Barbara, September 2015.
- Ranked 1_{st} in Bio-Informatics HPN-DREAM Consortium Breast Cancer Network Inference Challenge (the compendium was a joint publication in Nature Methods Journal 2015), February 2014.
- Awarded a Fully-Funded Research Scholarship of Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Tüebingen, Germany, September 2013.
- Ranked 1_{st} in B.Sc. within a class of 47, Department of Computer Engineering, July 2011.
- Ranked 4_{th} in M.Sc. within a class of 56, Department of Computer Engineering, February 2013.
- Awarded Fellowship of Exceptional Talents for M.Sc. Program in Sharif University of Technology, September 2011.

Selected Publications

- 1. M. Jalili, O. AskariSichani, Xinghuo Yu " **Optimal pinning controllability of complex networks: Dependence on network structure,**" *Journal of Physical Review E*, (PRE), Vol. 91, No. 1, Page 012803, *American Physical Society*, DOI:10.1103/PhysRevE.91.012803, http://link.aps.org/doi/10.1103/PhysRevE.91.012803, 2015. (git)
- 2. SM Hill, LM Heiser, T Cokelear, M Unger, D Carlin, Y Zhang, A Sokolov, E Paull, CK Wong, K Graim, A Bivol, H Wang, F Zhu, B Afsari, LV Danilova, AV Favorov, W Lee, D Taylor, HPN-DREAM Consortium (O. AskariSichani), GB Mills, JW Gray, M Kellen, T Norman, S Friend, EJ Fertig, Y Guan, M Song, J Stuart, H Koeppl, PT Spellman, G Stolovitzky, J Saez-Rodriguez, and S Mukherjee "Empirical assessment of causal network inference through a community-based effort", Recently accepted and to appear in Nature Methods, 2015.
- 3. O. AskariSichani, M. Jalili, "Influence Maximization of Informed Agents in Social Networks," *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Computation*, (AMC), Vol. 254, Pages 229-239, 3/1/2015, *Elsevier*, http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.amc.2014.12.139,2015. (git)
- 4. O. AskariSichani, M. Jalili, "Large-scale Global Optimization through Consensus of Opinions Over Networks," Journal of the Complex Adaptive Systems Modeling, Springer, 1(1):11, 2013. (git)
- 5. A. Fatemi, K. Zamanifar, N. Nematbakhsh, O. AskariSichani, "A Team-Based Organizational Model for Adaptive Multi Agent Systems," in 3rd International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence, ICAART 2011, Rome, Italy, Volume 2, No. 297, s. 10:30-11:00, 2011. (git)

Work Experience

- University of California at Santa Barbara, CA
 - Research Assistant

 $September\ 2015-Present$

- Have been working under supervision of Prof. Ambuj K. Singh and Prof. Francesco Bullo
- Collaborating with a group of researchers from different universities on a data-driven project under Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) grant
- Implementing codes with C++, Python and MATLAB to analyze real big datasets to mathematically and experimentally show the dynamics of people group formation and evolution
- Hekmat Iranian Bank, Tehran
 - Full-time Business Intelligence Analyst & Senior Software Architecture January 2015 August 2015
 - Analyzed a huge set of financial dataset
 - Designed and managed a team of developers to build a software for computing liquidity risk, credit risk and clustering customers with density estimation
 - Implemented the software using JavaFX, WEKA, Hibernate, Persistence, Oracle Database (PL/SQL) and OLAP data cube technology for computing queries instantly & data-warehouse programming
- Max Planck Institute (MPI) for Intelligent Systems, Empirical Inference Department, Tüebingen
 - Researcher September 2013 January 2014
 - Working on two huge datasets, Memetracker and Twitter, to mathematically model information cascades using Hawkes Process

- Developing Stanford Network Analysis Platform (SNAP) toolbox using C++ and learned how to execute parallel codes efficiently on Oracle Grid Engine Server
- Developing MATLAB codes to optimize a convex function using MATLAB CVX toolbox & Mosek.
- International Systems Engineering and Automation Company (IRISA) Company, Isfahan
 - June 2011 September 2012- Intern
 - Designed and developed a part of Oracle database in an Enterprise Resource Planning software
 - Used Java Applet, Oracle Forms and PL/SQL Package Programming
 - In another project, developed a plug-in that automated the query generation for mathematical formula computation using PL/SQL development and Oracle Form graphical user
- Rena Technical Services Company, Karaj
 - Part-time Database Consultant

July 2011 - October 2011

Projects

Adaptive Multi Agent System Toolbox (git)

- Software Designer and Developer

2009 - 2011

- Learned agent-oriented programming and developed a massive distributed system
- Simulated a robocup rescue system and implemented a toolbox for attribute-based team cooperation organizational modeling
- Used Java Agent Development Framework (JADE) for multi-thread programming, Swing, JFrame for graphical user interface and reporting service

Software for Traffic Police Law Enforcement Device

- Software Designer and Developer

2008 - 2009

- Implemented a driver and graphical user interface for the device with C#
- This project won a silver medal in IENA, International Exhibition "Ideas-Inventions-Novelties", November 5-8, 2009, NÜRNBERG, Germany
- Also won another silver medal in Geneva Inventions, April 21-25, 2010, Geneva, Switzerland

Multi Agent System for City Traffic and Routing Simulation (git)

- Software Designer and Developer

2010 - 2011

• Designed and developed a parallel multi agent system software in JADE for modeling a city traffic system comprises cars, GPS and intelligent lights with an online graphical user interface exhibiting the simulation process, configuration and reporting services

Real Estate Management Software (git)

- Software Designer and Developer

2009

- Developed in C# using Microsoft WPF, SQL Server 2008 Database and Entity Framework
- Implemented an advanced online query generator to flexibly and efficiently search in huge database of properties, lands and homes

Service-Oriented Recommender System Software with Linked-Data Technology (git)

- Software Designer and Developer

2010

- Developed in C# using Microsoft WCF for service-oriented programming, Microsoft WPF
- Implemented a linked-data database using dotNetRDF and SPARQL

Time Series Forecasting in Business Intelligence Software (git)

- Developer

2011

• Implemented a time series forecasting model with a hybrid model of SVM, ARMA, ARIMA and ANFIS

Skills

Academic Software Packages:

Network: SNAP, MATLAB BGL, Gephi, Pajek, NodeXL. Optimization: MATLAB CVX, Mosek, Gurobi. Multi Agent Development: Java Agent Development Framework (JADE), Repast Simphony. Representation: IATEX, Microsoft Word, VIM, EMacs. Parallel Task Handling Services: Oracle (Sun) Grid Engine on Oracle Solaris. Machine Learning and Data-mining: WEKA, Rapid Miner, Clementine. Linked Data & Semantic Web:RDF, SPARQL, OWL Ontology, Jena, dotNetRDF, Protégé.

Programming Languages:

JAVA, C, C++,C#, MATLAB, Python, SQL, PL/SQL, TSQL, ASP.NET, PHP, JSP, Prolog, Ruby, Visual Basic, Pascal, R.

Operating Systems: Windows, Linux, Linux Server, Windows Server.

Development Software Packages:

Microsoft Visual Studio, Microsoft .Net, Windows Presentation Foundation (WPF), Windows Communication Foundation (WCF), Microsoft Entity Framework, Java Hibernate, Java Persistence, Java JFrame, Swing, Applet, C++ Graphical Design with MFC, Qt, Oracle Development Kit, Oracle Form, Android Software Programming, Eclipse, Netbeans, IntelliJ IDEA, PyCharm.

Programming Paradigms:

Object-Oriented Programming, Agent-Oriented Programming, Service-Oriented Programming.

Subversion Softwares: Git, TortoiseSVN.

Database Management Systems (DBMS):

Oracle, Microsoft SQL(MSSQL), PostgreSQL, MySQL, Microsoft Access.

Scientific Activities

Reviewer for: Journal of ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data — 2014 - Present Reviewer for: Journal of Complex Networks, Oxford University Press — 2013 - Present Elected President: Scientific Society of University of Isfahan Computer Sciences Students — 2013 Founder and Director of: Java Agent Development Framework (JADE) Facebook Page — 2010 - Present Researcher in: Isfahan Math House (IMH) — 2010 - 2011

References

- Ambuj K. Singh, Professor and Chair in Computer Science Department, UCSB, Main department phone: (805) 893 3236, office: 3119 Harold Frank Hall, E-mail: ambuj@cs.ucsb.edu
- Manuel Gomez Rodriguez, PhD, Tenure-track Research Group Leader, Max Planck Institute for Software Systems (MPI-SWS), Phone: +49 (7071) 601 541, office: Paul-Ehrlich-Strasse, 67663 Kaiserslautern, DE, E-mail: manuelgr@mpi-sws.org
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