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Objective

To obtain an intern position as a machine learning engineer utilizing my strong programming background and knowledge of machine learning. Passionate to work in a team on challenging problems.

Education

Ph.D. - Computer Science (GPA: 4.0/4.0), UC Santa Barbara, California — Expected: Sept 2020
M.Sc. - Computer Engineering (GPA: 4.0/4.0), Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, Iran — Feb 2014
B.Sc. - Software Engineering (GPA: 3.86/4.0), University of Isfahan, Isfahan, Iran — Jul 2011

Skills

Data Analysis, Deep Learning, Machine Learning: Big Data Analysis, Fluent with many python packages such as Scikit-Learn, Google TensorFlow, Pandas, Networkx, Theano, Caffee, and experienced programming with Spark in Hadoop and Dataminging pakages such as JAVA programming with WEKA, and Rapid Miner. *Optimization:* MATLAB CVX, Mosek, Gurobi.
Multi Agent Development: Java Agent Development Framework (JADE), Repast Simphony.
Cloud and Parallel Servers: Highly experienced in developing web services with JAVA and Ruby on Rails on Amazon AWS, Google Cloud Platform, Google App Engine, Oracle (Sun) Grid Engine.
Programming Languages: Python, JAVA, C++, C#, MATLAB, C, Ruby, SQL, PL/SQL, T-SQL, ASP, PHP, JSP, Prolog, Visual Basic, Pascal, R.
Development Software Packages: Microsoft .Net, Windows Presentation Framework (WPF), Windows Communication Foundation (WCF), Microsoft Entity Framework, JavaFX, Hibernate, Java Persistence, Java JFrame, Maven, Swing, Applet, REST, JSON, JAX-RS, C++ Graphical Design with MFC, Qt, Oracle Development Kit, Oracle Form, Android Programming.
Subversion Softwares: Git, TortoiseSVN.
Database Management Systems (DBMS): Oracle, Microsoft SQL Server, PostgreSQL, MySQL.

Work Experience

- **Research Assistant**
  University of California at Santa Barbara, CA — Sept 2015 – Present
  - Collaborating with a group of 18 researchers and PIs from different universities on a big data-driven project under Multidisciplinary University Research Initiative (MURI) grant
  - Implementing codes with C++, Python and MATLAB to analyze social datasets and gaining insights into the dynamics of team formation, evolution and optimization both mathematically and experimentally
- **Researcher & Software Architecture**
  Hekmat Iranian Bank, Tehran, Iran — Jan 2015 - Aug 2015
  - Analyzed a database of 5 years transactions of half of million of customers to predict potential risks for bank
  - Formed and managed a team of developers to build a software for computing liquidity risk, credit risk and clustering customers to predict their behavior in terms of their requested loans
  - Used Kernel density estimation and fuzzy c-means for clustering, different types of methods such as random forests and decorate with j48 decision tree for classification, correlation-based feature selection methods, LLE and LDA method
  - Implemented the software using JavaFX, WEKA, Hibernate, Persistence, Oracle Database (PL/SQL)
  - Used OLAP data cube technology in order to cache required information for computing queries instantly in a large Oracle data-warehouse
- **Researcher**
  Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems, Empirical Inference Department, Tüebingen, Germany — Sept 2013 - Jan 2014
  - Worked on Memetracker network with 96 million nodes and Twitter with more than 476 million tweets, to mathematically model information cascades
  - Understood other developers' C++ implemented codes and developed them to handle the proposed algorithm in C++ and MATLAB
  - Developed a new type of Trie data structure for matching millions of strings over half of millions of tweet contents in a very limited amount of time
  - Developed Stanford Network Analysis Platform (SNAP) toolbox using C++ and learned how to execute parallel codes efficiently on Oracle Grid Engine server
  - Developed MATLAB codes to optimize a convex function using MATLAB CVX toolbox & Mosek.
- **Intern**
  International Systems Engineering and Automation Company (IRISA) Company, Isfahan, Iran — Jun 2011 - Sept 2012
  - Designed and developed a part of Oracle database-based Enterprise Resource Planning software. Utilized Java Applet, Oracle Forms and PL/SQL Package Programming
  - Also developed a plug-in that automated the query generation for mathematical formula computation using PL/SQL development and Oracle Form graphical user
- **Database Consultant**
  Rena Technical Services Company, Karaj, Iran — Jul 2011 - Oct 2011

- Read and understood an implemented Microsoft SQL Server 2000-based software
- Consulted the maintenance group for debugging an existing issue in the security of database

Notable Projects

- Image classification with deep transfer learning **Git**
  Developer 2016
  - Using Google Inception deep convolutional neural network in TensorFlow
  - Clustering new unseen pictures which are structurally different than trained ImageNet pictures using transfer learning idea
- Adaptive Multi Agent System Toolbox **Git**
  Software Designer and Developer 2009 – 2011
  - Learned agent-oriented programming and developed a distributed system with more than one million concurrent agents, message passing ability and graphically representation of their movement and task handling
  - Simulated a robocup rescue system and implemented a toolbox for attribute-based team cooperation organizational modeling
  - Used 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", Nov 5-8, 2009, NÜRNBERG Germany
  - Also won silver medal in Geneva Inventions, Apr 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 with JAVA, JFrame and JADE framework for modeling a city traffic system
  - Simulated cars, GPS property and intelligent traffic lights with an online graphical user interface exhibiting traffic flow and applied various routing algorithms using knowledge from environment
- 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 change the number of constraints in each query to efficiently perform a deepening 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

Selected Publications

1. **Inferring causal molecular networks: empirical assessment through a community-based effort,** ***Nature Methods***, Feb 2016. **Link** **Git**
2. **Optimal pinning controllability of complex networks: Dependence on network structure,** *Journal of Physical Review E*, (PRE), 2015. **Link** **Git**
3. **Dynamics of Collective Performance in Collaboration Networks,** *XXXVI Sunbelt Conference*, April 2016.
4. **Influence Maximization of Informed Agents in Social Networks,**, *Journal of Applied Mathematics and Computation*, (AMC), 2015. **Link** **Git**
5. **Large-scale Global Optimization through Consensus of Opinions Over Networks,** *Journal of the Complex Adaptive Systems Modeling*, *Springer*, 2013. **Link** **Git**
6. **Sign prediction in social networks based on users reputation and optimism,** *Journal of Social Network Analysis and Mining*, *Springer*, 2016.
7. **A Team-Based Organizational Model for Adaptive Multi Agent Systems,** *ICAART - Proceedings of the 3rd International Conference on Agents and Artificial Intelligence*, 2011. **Link** **Git**

Awards

Awarded **5 Years** Fully-Funded Scholarship & **Computer Science Fellowship** in UC Santa Barbara, Sept 2015.
Ranked $\mathbf{1}_{st}$ in Bio-Informatics HPN-DREAM Consortium Breast Cancer Network Inference Challenge, Feb 2014.
Awarded a Fully-Funded **Research Scholarship** of Max Planck Institute, Tüebingen, Germany, Sept 2013.
Ranked $\mathbf{1}_{st}$ in B.Sc. within a class of 47, Department of Computer Engineering, Jul 2011.
Ranked $\mathbf{4}_{th}$ in M.Sc. within a class of 56, Department of Computer Engineering, Feb 2013.
Awarded **Fellowship of Exceptional Talents** for M.Sc. Program in Sharif University of Technology, Sept 2011.

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
Founder of: Java Agent Development Framework (JADE) Facebook Page — 2010 - Present