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Rahim Entezari

Education

2022-Present Research Scholar, University of Washington, Seattle

Exploring large-scale multimodal pre-training, under the supervision of Prof. Ludwig Schmidt

2019–Present **Ph.D.**, Graz University of Technology, Graz

Exploring generalization in deep learning

2014–2017 MSc., Iran University of Science and Technology, Tehran

Human Gaze estimation using probabilistic graphical models

2008–2013 B.S., Amirkabir University of Technology, Tehran

Honors and Awards

2021–2022 Research Credit, Google

 $2 \times \$30,000$ Google Cloud Credit for research proposals in collaboration with Google Research.

2022 Marshall Plan Scholarship, Vienna

Austrian funding to transfer of knowledge between USA and Austria, 10% acceptance rate.

2020 Trustworthy Al program, Austria Wirtschaftsservice, Vienna

Austrian government funding for startups worth of 200,000 €, 2% acceptance rate.

Pre-prints

2022 The Role of Pre-training Data in Transfer Learning

Entezari, R., Wortsman, M., Saukh O., Sedghi, H., Schmidt, L.

2022 Linear Mode Connectivity of Deep Neural Networks via Permutation Invari-

ance and Renormalization

Jordan, K., Sedghi, H., Saukh O., Entezari, R., Neyshabur, B.

Selected Publications

2022 **ICLR**, The Role of Permutation Invariance in Linear Mode Connectivity of Neural Networks

Entezari, R., Sedghi, H., Saukh, O., Neyshabur, B.

2022 ICML Workshop on "Pre-training: Perspectives, Pitfalls, and Paths Forward,

How well do contrastively trained models transfer?

Shariatnia, M.*, Entezari, R.*, Wortsman, M., Saukh, O., Shcmidt, L.

- 2022 **ICML Workshop on "Hardware Aware Efficient Training**, *The Role of Permutation Invariance in Linear Mode Connectivity of Neural Networks*Corti, F.*, Entezari, R.*, Hooker, H., Bacciu, D., Saukh, O.
- 2022 MICCAI Workshop on Applications of Medical AI, Deep Neural Network Pruning for Nuclei Instance Segmentation in Hematoxylin & Eosin-Stained Histological Images Mahbod, A.*, Entezari, R.*, Saukh, O., Ellinger, I.
- 2021 **ICML Workshop on "Over-parameterization: Pitfalls**, *Understanding the effect of sparsity on neural networks robustness*Timpl, L.*, Entezari, R.*, Sedghi, H., Neyshabur, B., Saukh, O.
- 2019 **ACCV**, *Avid: Adversarial visual irregularity detection*Sabokrou, M., Pourreza, M., Fayyaz, M., Entezari, R., Fathy, M., Gall, J., Adeli, E.

Experience

2019–2020 CTO & Co-founder, IREEN, Vienna

Real estate price prediction.

- O Raised 400K € and increased the valuation to 2M € within one year
- Managed team of 4 remote data scientists and developers based on OKR
- 2017–2018 Machine Learning Engineer, Smartup Venture Capital, Tehran
 - Developed Al solutions for 2 startups (recommendation system, chatbot)

Selected Invited Talks

- Nov. 2022 Stanford University
- Nov. 2022 Google Mountain View, Deep Learning Phenomena
- Mar. 2022 MLcollective: Deep Learning, Classics and Trends
- Feb. 2022 EPFL Virtual Symposium: Loss Landscape of Neural Networks
- Oct. 2021 Google Montreal sparsity group

Technical skills

Advanced PyTorch, Python

Intermediate Keras, C/C++, LATEX, MATLAB, Tensorflow

Basic MySQL, JAX

References

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