# Reza Namazi

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2017 - 2022

### EDUCATION

McMaster University
M.A.Sc. in Computational Science and Engineering, supervised by Dr H. Mahyar

Sept. 2022—Present

Sharif University of Technology - Kish International Campus

Kish, Iran

#### Selected Courses

| • Artificial Intelligence                | 19.8/20 |
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| • Complex Dynamic Networks               | 17.5/20 |
| • Engineering Probability and Statistics | 17.7/20 |
| Advanced Programming                     | 19/20   |
| • Numerical Computations                 | 19.3/20 |
| • Computer Simulation                    | 19.2/20 |

#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Graph Representation Learning
- Natural Language Processing
- Data Mining
- Reinforcement Learning

#### AWARDS AND HONORS

• Vector Scholarship in Artificial Intelligence Recipient 2022-23

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, GPA: 17.78/20 (3.83/4.0)

- $\bullet\,$  Ranked within the top 5% among B.Sc. Computer Engineering students
- Distinguished student in Computer Engineering Department

#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON, Canada 2021-present Remotely working as a research assistant in Dr. Hamidreza Mahyar's lab on scalable and distributed graph representation learning using graph neural networks
- Multi-grid Project, Sharif University of Technology, Kish International Campus

  Using traditional methods, it is computationally expensive to solve large sparse linear systems of equations. To address this issue, multi-grid methods are employed. We did research on applying graph representation learning methods to multi-grid solvers.

#### Publications and Pre-prints

- [1] R. Namazi, E. Ghalebi, S. Williamson, and H. Mahyar, *SMGRL: A Scalable Multi-resolution Graph Representation Learning Framework*, Code: https://github.com/rezanmz/SMGRL, 2022. arXiv: 2201.12670.
- [2] R. Namazi, A. Zolanvari, M. Sani, and S. A. A. G. Ghahramani, GL-Coarsener: A Graph representation learning framework to construct coarse grid hierarchy for AMG solvers, Code: https://github.com/rezanmz/GL-Coarsener, 2020. arXiv: 2011.09994.

#### PROJECTS

- Graph Neural Network Architecture Search
  - This project's purpose is to optimise hyper-parameter tuning of graph neural networks in a large search space. To speed up the process, we first search a low-resolution version of the training graph, then increase the network's quality on a zoomed-in version of the same graph. The search is done using Optuna. Code available at https://github.com/rezanmz/GNN-NAS
- Molecule generation using Graph Convolutional Network (GCN)

  Using GCN in a GAN-like setting, I trained a generative model that outputs the structure of molecules similar to the seen training data. Code available at https://github.com/rezanmz/MolGenerator
- Modeling Epidemics
  - In this project I tried to analyze an epidemic with infection rate  $\alpha$  and recovery rate  $\beta$  in an SIS (Susceptible Infected Susceptible) model.
- A naive implementation of a two-grid multigrid algorithm

  Solve very large sparse linear systems using a Python and C++ implementation of the multigrid algorithm.

  Python code available at https://github.com/rezanmz/AMG

  C++ code available at https://github.com/rezanmz/multigrid

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

• **Teaching Assistant** at Sharif University of Technology, Kish International Campus Numerical Methods (50072)

March 2020

Weekly training sessions, designing homeworks and final course project

• **Teaching Assistant** at Sharif University of Technology, Kish International Campus Engineering Probability and Statistics (50063)

Weekly training sessions and designing homeworks

October 2019

• **Teaching Assistant** at Sharif University of Technology, Kish International Campus March 2019 and March 2021 Basics of Programming (52153)
Weekly training sessions

#### Work Experience

• Web Developer, Arjan Araye Co., Ahwaz, Iran

2019-2022

Designed, implemented, and maintained a monthly salary reporting system serving thousands of active users on a daily basis using Django for backend and ReactJS for frontend

#### Test Scores

• TOEFL iBT: Reading: 30/30 Listening: 26/30 Speaking: 22/30 Writing: 24/30 Total: 102/120

# SKILLS

• Programming Languages: Python, C++

• Machine Learning Frameworks: Tensorflow, Keras, PyTorch

• Others: git, Linux, Docker, LATEX

# LANGUAGES

• Persian: Native

• English: Professional Proficiency

## REFERENCES

Available upon request