

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Trustworthy AI, Multimodal Generative Models, Deep Reinforcement Learning, Deep Learning-Guided Program Synthesis

## EDUCATION

**Bu-Ali Sina University**

MS in Artificial Intelligence

• CGPA: 19.28/20.00 | 4.00/4.00, Ranking: 1<sup>st</sup>

Hamedan, Iran

Sep 2023 - Present

**University of Kurdistan**

BS in Computer Engineering

• CGPA: 17.64/20.00 | 3.65/4.00, last two years: 19.24/20.00 | 4.00/4.00

Sanandaj, Iran

Sep 2019 - Jul 2023

## EXPERIENCE

**Robot Intelligence & Vision Lab**

Graduate Student Researcher - Supervisor: *Prof. Hassan Khotanlou*

Hamedan, Iran

Mar 2025 - Present

- Working on Debiasing Image Datasets using Generative Models.

**Matina AI**

AI Engineer

Tehran, Iran

Apr 2024 - Jan 2025

- Investigating LLM post-training approaches.
- Creating LLM post-training datasets.

**Quera**

Course Instructor

Tehran, Iran · Remote

Mar 2021 - Feb 2022

- Create and optimize programming courses tutorials.
- Design programming problems and develop unit tests for them to judge the submitted answers.
- Help students to debug their codes and solve their issues.

## PUBLICATIONS

1. S. Bourbour, M. SeifKashani, J. Seraj, F. Taherinezhad, **A. Nafisi**, F. Nadi, I. Barati, H. Hasani, M. Amiri, M. Masoudi, "Matina: A Culturally-Aligned Persian Language Model Using Multiple LoRA Experts," *ACL Findings*, 2025.
2. F. Daneshfar, S. Soleymanbaigi, **A. Nafisi**, P. Yamini, "Elastic deep autoencoder for text embedding clustering by an improved graph regularization," *Expert Systems with Applications*, 2024.

## HONORS &amp; AWARDS

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** in the LLM Agents Hackathon May 2025
- **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in the Rayan International AI Contest Dec 2024
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place** in the Quera Large Language Model Hackathon Mar 2024
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Place** in the 28th Computer Engineering regional Olympiad (Region 5) Jun 2023
- **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in the 27th Computer Engineering regional Olympiad (Region 5) Jul 2022
- **Qualifying and participating** in the ICPC 2020 regional contest Dec 2020

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistant at Bu-Ali Sina University**

2023 - Present

- *Digital Image Processing, Deep Learning, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Web Search and Information Retrieval*

**Teaching Assistant at University of Kurdistan**

2022 - 2023

- *Natural Language Processing, Artificial Intelligence, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Advanced Programming, Computer Networks*

## SKILLS & TECHNICAL TOOLS

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**Programming:** Python, C/C++

**ML/CV Tools & Libraries:** PyTorch, Keras, HuggingFace libraries, OpenCV, Scikit-Learn, Pandas, NumPy, Matplotlib

**Languages:** Persian (native), Arabic (native), English (proficient)

**Others:** Git,  $\text{\LaTeX}$ , Linux

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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- **Compositional Image Retrieval:** A system that retrieves the best image using visual and text inputs [GitHub](#)
- **Backdoored Model Detection:** A system that classifies models as either backdoored or clean [GitHub](#)
- **Hierarchical Group Robustness:** A robust image classifier that can handle hierarchical group structures [GitHub](#)
- **Denoising Framework:** A system that denoises images according to their noise type [GitHub](#)

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- Introduction to LangGraph, *LangChain Academy* [Certification](#)
- TensorFlow Developer Specialization, *DeepLearning.AI* [Certification](#)
- Deep Learning Specialization, *DeepLearning.AI* [Certification](#)
- Mathematics for Machine Learning and Data Science Specialization, *DeepLearning.AI* [Certification](#)
- Reinforcement Learning Specialization, *University of Alberta* [Certification](#)
- Machine Learning Specialization, *DeepLearning.AI* [Certification](#)

## REFERENCES

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