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**EDUCATION** 

### Ph.D. in Computer Science, UC Irvine

June 2019 (Expected)

Thesis: Towards engineering computer vision systems: from web to FPGAs

M.S. in Computer Engineering, University of Tehran, Iran

2013

B.S. in Computer Engineering, University of Tehran, Iran

2010

Industry

Google Summer of Code (GSoC) Mentor

#### OpenCV Foundation

Summer 2017

Helped with mentoring two students participating in GSoC towards preparing documentation and web based tutorials for OpenCV.

JavaScript Engineering Intern

Mozilla

Summer 2015

Contributed to FireFox JavaScript JIT compiler to support more ECMAScript SIMD (formerly known as SIMD.js) data types and operations.

Vectorized several gl-matrix matrix and vector functions using SIMD.js API and achieved more than 2x speedup.

# RESEARCH PROJECTS

OpenCV.js: Developed the initial version of OpenCV.js, a JavaScript binding for OpenCV library which brings hundreds of image processing and computer vision functions to web browsers with near native performance. Languages used: C++, JavaScript, HTML5, Python. highlighted in the EE times

**AFFIX:** Developed a framework for FPGA acceleration of high level computer vision algorithms that are modeled as task graphs (based on OpenVX spec). It includes a graph compiler that translates computer vision algorithms to CPU and FPGA backends. Languages used: OpenCL (C99), Python, C++, CMake.

<u>WebRTCBench</u>: Contributed to development of a benchmark for performance evaluation of WebRTC implementations. Languages used: JavaScript, HTML5.

# SKILLS AND TOOLS

- Programming Languages: Proficient in Python, C/C++, JavaScript, Java, and assembly languages, familiar with C#, Haskell, and Rust
- Software Development Productivity: CMake, Doxygen, Gtest, Sphinx, Git, and GitHub
- Office Productivity: LATEX and PGF/TikZ
- Computer Visoin and Machine Learning: OpenCV, PCL, Caffe, Pytorch, Weka
- Compiler Construction: LLVM, ANTLR
- Web Standards: WebRTC, WebAssembly, SIMD.js
- Hardware Design and Verification: OpenCL, Verilog, SystemC, and TCL
- Algorithmic Programming and Problem Solving

Honors and Awards UCI Dean Fellowship, 4 years of full financial support.

2013

Top %0.1 of country, ranked 296 among 200,000 in nationwide university entrance exam. 2005

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## TEACHING AND MENTORING EXPERIENCES

#### Mentor

UCI International Summer Undergraduate Research

2016 and 2017

 Proposed research projects for undergraduate interns from Korean universities and supervised them in completing them.

#### Teaching Assistant

- Introduction to Computer Organization, UC Irvine
- Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science, UC Irvine
- Principles of Operating Systems, UC Irvine
- Data Structures, UC Irvine

## SELECT CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [1] S. Taheri, P. Behnam, E. Bozorgzadeh, A. V. Veidenbaum, A. Nicolau, "AFFIX: Automatic Acceleration Framework for FPGA Implementation of OpenVX Vision Algorithms", ACM/SIGDA Symposium on Field-Programmable Gate Arrays (FPGA) 2019.
- [2] S. Taheri, A. V. Veidenbaum, A. Nicolau, N. Hu, and M. Haghighat, "OpenCV.js: Computer Vision Processing for the Open Web Platform", ACM Multimedia Systems (MMSys) 2018.
- [3] P. Behnam, B. Alizadeh, S. Taheri, M Fujita, "Formally analyzing fault tolerance in datapath designs using equivalence checking", Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC) 2016.
- [4] S. Taheri, L. Beni, A. V. Veidenbaum, A. Nicolau, R. Cammarota, Jianlin Qiu, Qiang Lu and M. Haghighat, "WebRTCBench: Performance Assessment of WebRTC Implementations", ACM/IEEE Embedded Systems for Real-time Multimedia (ESTIMEDIA) 2015.

## MAGAZINE ARTICLES

[5] S. Taheri, A. V. Veidenbaum, A. Nicolau, N. Hu, and M. Haghighat, "Computer Vision for the Masses: Bringing Computer Vision to the Open Web Platform", Intel Parallel Universe Magazine, April 2018 issue.

#### OTHER

[6] S. Taheri Bringing the Power of SIMD.js to gl-matrix, Mozilla Hacks Blog, 2015.

#### Presentations

Improving OpenVX Application Development and Optimization Process for FPGAs Systems, Intel, Santa Clara.

May 2017

## ACADEMIC SERVICES

Peer-reviewer for International Journal of Parallel Programming (IJPP)

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

Co-host "Static Waves" music show on KUCI radio station

Sep. 2016 - March 2017