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Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering with more than six years of research experience in computer vision, machine learning, deep learning, signal and image processing, and their applications in biometrics. Main Publications: TBIOM, 3×CVPR, NeurIPS, ECCV, 5×WACV, ICPR.

#### **EDUCATION**

PH.D. in ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, USA MAY'21

Dissertation: Deep Models for Improving the Performance and Reliability of Person Recognition

Advisor: Dr. Nasser M. Nasrabadi

M.Sc. in Electrical & Electronics Engineering, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), Mar.'09

Lausanne, Switzerland

Thesis: Tomographic Field Reconstruction Using a Mobile Sensor Network

Advisors: Dr. Martin Vetterli and Dr. Yue M. Lu

B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering, Communications, University of Tehran, Tehran, Iran JULY'07

Thesis: Modeling Optical Coherence Tomography Using Fourier Optics

## CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, USA SEPT.'21-Present

- · Generation and detection of morphed face images
- Off-angle, view-invariant, and low-resolution face recognition

## **EXPERTISE**

Adversarial Examples: Knowledge on crafting adversarial examples, iterative data generation, and studying loss landscape in the vicinity of natural and adversarial samples.

- Designed an adversarial attack capable of modifying frequency representations of input image.
- Exploited joint robustness to adversarial perturbations by analysing the interaction between members of an ensemble.
- Altered geometric structure of the face to craft adversarial examples.
- · Crafted adversarial iris samples through designing a surrogate network and defending against them using an ensemble of autoencoders to learn the distribution of wavelet sub-bands.

Image-to-image translation: Knowledge of generative adversarial networks, variational autoencoders, and mutual information maximization.

- Designed an unsupervised image-to-image translation using domain-specific variational information bound.
- Designed sketch-to-photo synthesis frameworks enhanced by facial attaributes.

Biometrics: Knowledge on face, iris, fingerprint, and speech processing using Tensorflow and PyTorch.

- Designed several multimodal architectures for multimodal biometric recognition.
- Optimized a mutual information maximization problem on disentangled representations for differential morph detection.
- Designed a prosodic-enhanced networks for cross-device text-independent speaker verification

Alleviating overfitting: Knowledge of data augmentation, mixing augmentation, and knowledge distillation.

• Improved the performance of the mixing augmentation using a supervision of a teacher model to identify salient regions.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

[submitted] Adversarially-Trained Equivariant Single-View 3D Reconstruction, Soleymani, Dabouei, Dawson,

[submitted] Benchmarking Human Face Similarity Using Identical Twins, McCauley, Soleymani, Nasrabadi, Daw-

[submitted] Real-time Texture-adaptive Redundant DWT Watermarking Using Short-SURF Descriptors, Soleymani, Noore, Nasrabadi.

2021 [33] Quality-Aware Multimodal Biometric Recognition, Soleymani, Dabouei, Iranmanesh, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE Transactions on Biometrics, Behavior, and Identity Science, 2021.

[32] SuperMix: Supervising the Mixing Data Augmentation, Dabouei, Soleymani, Taherkhani, Nasrabadi, Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2021.

[31] Self-Supervised Wasserstein Pseudo-Labeling for Semi-Supervised Image Classification, Taherkhani, Dabouei, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR), 2021.

- [30] Mutual Information Maximization on Disentangled Representations for Differential Morph Detection, Soleymani, Dabouei, Taherkhani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2021.
- [29] Adversarially Perturbed Wavelet-based Morphed Face Generation, O'Haire, Soleymani, Aghdaie, Chaudhary, Nasrabadi. *IEEE International Conference on Automatic Face and Gesture Recognition (FG)*, 2021.
- [29] Identical Twins as a Facial Similarity Benchmark for Human Facial Recognition, McCauley, Soleymani, Williams, Dando, Nasrabadi, Dawson. *IEEE 20th International Conference of the Biometrics Special Interest Group (BIOSIG)*, 2021
- [28] Attention Aware Wavelet-based Detection of Morphed Face Images, Aghdaie, Chaudhary, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi. *IEEE Int. Joint Conference on Biometrics (IJCB)*, 2021.
- [27] Morph Detection Enhanced by Structured Group Sparsity, Aghdaie, Chaudhary, Soleymani, Nasrabadi. *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACVW)*, 2022.
- [26] Differential Morph Face Detection using Discriminative Wavelet Sub-bands, Chaudhary, Aghdaei, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshop (CVPRW), 2021.
- [25] Detection of Morphed Face Images Using Discriminative Wavelet Sub-bands, Aghdaei, Chaudhary, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, *IEEE International Workshop on Biometrics and Forensics (IWBF)*, 2021.
- 2020 [23] Exploiting Joint Robustness to Adversarial Perturbations, Dabouei, **Soleymani**, Taherkhani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, *Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)*, 2020.
  - [22] Transporting Labels via Hierarchical Optimal Transport for Semi-Supervised Learning, Taherkhani, Dabouei, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV), 2020.
  - [21] Differential Morphed Face Detection Using Deep Siamese Networks, Soleymani, Chaudhary, Dabouei, Dawson, Nasrabadi, MultiMedia FORensics in the WILD (MMForWILD), 2020.
  - [20] SmoothFool: An Efficient Framework for Computing Smooth Adversarial Perturbations, Dabouei, Soleymani, Taherkhani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2020.
  - [19] Boosting Deep Face Recognition via Disentangling Appearance and Geometry, Dabouei, Taherkhani, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 2020.
  - [18] Robust Facial Landmark Detection via Aggregation on Geometrically Manipulated Faces, Iranmanesh, Dabouei, Soleymani, Nasrabadi, IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV), 2020.
- 2019 [17] Defending Against Adversarial Iris Examples Using Wavelet Decomposition, Soleymani, Dabouei, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2019.
  - [16] Adversarial Examples to Fool Iris Recognition Systems, Soleymani, Dabouei, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IAPR International Conference on Biometrics (ICB), 2019.
  - [15] Fast Geometrically-perturbed Adversarial Faces, Dabouei, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, *IEEE Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision (WACV)*, 2019.
  - [14] Learning to Authenticate with Deep Multibiometric Hashing and Neural Network Decoding, Talreja, Soleymani, Valenti, Nasrabadi, *IEEE International Conference on Communications (ICC)*, 2019.
  - [13] Deep Contactless Fingerprint Unwarping, Dabouei, Soleymani, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IAPR International Conference on Biometrics (ICB), 2019.
- 2018 [12] Unsupervised image-to-image translation using domain-specific variational information bound, Kazemi, Soleymani, Taherkhani, Iranmanesh, Dawson, Nasrabadi, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2018.
  - [11] Multi-Level Feature Abstraction from Convolutional Neural Networks for Multimodal Biometric Identification, Soleymani, Dabouei, Kazemi, Dawson, Nasrabadi, International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR), 2018.
  - [10] Generalized bilinear deep convolutional neural networks for multimodal biometric identification, Soleymani, Torfi, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE International Conference on Image Processing (ICIP), 2018.
  - [9] Prosodic-Enhanced Siamese Convolutional Neural Networks for Cross-Device Text-Independent Speaker Verification, Soleymani, Dabouei, Iranmanesh, Kazemi, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2018.
  - [8] ID Preserving GAN for Partial Latent Fingerprint Reconstruction, Dabouei, Soleymani, Kazemi, Dawson, Nasrabadi, IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2018.
  - [7] Deep sketch-photo face recognition assisted by facial attributes, Iranmanesh, Kazemi, Soleymani, Dabouei, Nasrabadi, IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2018.
  - [6] Facial Attributes Guided Deep Sketch-to-Photo Synthesis, Kazemi, Iranmanesh, Dabouei, Soleymani, Nasrabadi IEEE Winter Applications of Computer Vision Workshops (WACVW), 2018.
  - [5] Attribute-Centered Loss for Soft-Biometrics Guided Face Sketch-Photo Recognition, Kazemi, Soleymani, Dabouei, Iranmanesh, Nasrabadi, IEEE Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Workshops (CVPRW), 2018.
- 2017 [4] On the construction of polar codes for achieving the capacity of marginal channels, Torfi, Soleymani, Aram, Vakili, IEEE Annual Allerton Conference on Communication, Control, and Computing (Allerton), 2017.
  - [3] Polar coding for achieving the capacity of marginal channels in nonbinary-input setting, Torfi, Soleymani, Iranmanesh, Kazemi, Shirvani, Vakili, *IEEE Annual Conference on Information Sciences and Systems (CISS)*, 2017.

[2] Dynamically reconfigurable evolutionary multi-context robust cellular array design, **Soleymani**, Noore, *International Journal of Circuits and Architecture Design*, 2016.

[1] Efficient high-quality demosaicing using spatially adaptive weighting, Kenarsari-Anhari, Bakhtiary-Davijani, Nasiri-Avanaki, Soleymani, International Symposium on Signal Processing and Its Applications, 2007.

## **INTERNSHIPS**

[2] 3D Model Processing for Automated Image Annotation, Supervisors: Dr. Luciano Sbaiz, Dr. Pascal Fua, *École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne*, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2008.

[1] Real-time Gaze Tracking Using Webcam Videos, Supervisors: Dr. Matteo Sorci, Dr. Jean-Philippe Thiran, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland, 2009.

## **AWARDS**

- [4] Best Poster Award in IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2019.
- [3] Best Poster Award in IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2018.
- [2] Best Student Paper Award in IEEE International Conference on Biometrics: Theory, Applications and Systems (BTAS), 2018.
- [1] Best Paper Award in IEEE Winter Applications of Computer Vision Workshops, 2018.

## **SERVICE**

[2] Reviewer: IEEE TNNLS, IEEE TBIOM, IEEE TIM, NeurIPS, ICLR, IEEE J. of Selected Topics in Signal Processing, IEEE Signal Processing Letters, IEEE Sensors Journal, IEEE Access, CVIU, WACV, ICIP, and IJCB.

[1] Graduate Teaching Assistant (WVU): Introduction to Electrical Engineering Laboratory, Electrical Circuits Laboratory, and Digital Electronics Laboratory.