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# RESEARCH INTERESTS

Machine learning and it's applications to Speech Signal Processing, such as Voice Conversion (VC), Text-to-Speech (TTS) Synthesis

#### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering

Oregon Health and Science University, Portland, OR, expected 2018

*M.Sc.*, Computer Engineering, Artificial Intelligence

Sharif University of Technology, Tehran, IRAN, September 2011

**B.Sc.**, Computer Engineering, Software Engineering

Isfahan University of Technology, Isfahan, IRAN, September 2009

#### **POSITIONS**

#### ObEN Inc., Pasadena, CA

June 2015 - Present

Research Scientist

- Working with an R&D team to implement a text-to-speech adaptation system
- Leading a Development team for reducing a TTS system latency (95% latency reduction)
- Researching and inventing methods for improving VC and TTS systems
- Developed techniques for DNN-based many-to-many voice conversion
- Developed LSTM and Adversarial training for TTS and VC acoustic modeling
- Developed cross-lingual VC and TTS adaptation techniques

## Biospeech, Inc., Portland, OR

Summer 2013

Speech Research Intern

- Improving the naturalness of a Unit-Selection Speech Synthesizer system by improving the interpolation techniques. Reduced click distortions
- Improving the naturalness of a Unit-Selection Speech Synthesizer system by doing energy normalization. Reduced energy mismatches between units

Center for Spoken Language Processing, OHSU, Portland, OR 2011 - Present Graduate Research Assistant

- Developing and inventing various voice transformation methods, including frequency warping, deep neural networks, joint-autoencoders, siamese architectures, Gaussian mixture models, hidden Markov models.
- Making conversational speech more clear with application to improving intelligibility in hearing-aid devices

Speech Processing Lab. and ASR Co., Tehran, IRAN Fall 2009 - Fall 2011 Researcher and Developer

- Improving speaker diarization system performance (MATLAB)
- Participated in developing a speaker diarization system over telephone (C++)

#### COMPUTER SKILLS

Languages: Python, C, C++, C#, ...

ML Toolkits: Theano, TensorFlow, Keras, PyTorch Speech Toolkits: Merlin, HTS, Festival, HTK, SPTK

- PUBLICATIONS S.H. Mohammadi, T. Kim, Investigation of using disentangled and interpretable representations for one-shot cross-lingual voice conversion, Interspeech, 2018.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, Siamese Autoencoders for Speech Style Extraction and Switching Applied to Voice Identification and Conversion, Interspeech, 2017.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, An overview of voice conversion systems, Speech Communication, 2017.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, A Voice Conversion Mapping Function based on a Stacked Joint-Autoencoder, Interspeech 2016.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, Semi-supervised Training of a Voice Conversion Mapping Function using Joint-Autoencoder, Interspeech 2015.
  - M.S. Elyasi Langarani, J. van Santen, S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, Data-driven Foot-based Intonation Generator for Text-to-Speech Synthesis, Interspeech 2015.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, Voice Conversion Using Deep Neural Networks With Speaker-Independent Pre-Training, SLT 2014.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, Transmutative Voice Conversion, ICASSP 2013.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, A. Kain, J. van Santen, Making Conversational Vowels More Clear, Interspeech 2012.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, H. Sameti, M.S. Elyasi Langarani, A. Tavanaei, KNNDIST: A Nonparametric distance measure for speaker segmentation, Interspeech 2012.
  - E. Morley, E. Klabbers, J. van Santen, A. Kain, S.H. Mohammadi, Synthetic F0 Can Effectively Convey Speaker ID in Delexicalized Speech, Interspeech 2012.
  - S. Bahaadini, H. Sameti, F. Jabbari, S.H. Mohammadi, Glottal Pulse Shape Optimization using Simulated Annealing, AISP 2012.
  - S.H. Mohammadi, H. Sameti, et al, Filter-bank Design Based on Dependencies Between Frequency Components and Phoneme Characteristics, EUSIPCO 2011.
  - S. Bahaadini, H. Sameti, S.H. Mohammadi, Comparative study of different excitation signals on Mel-generalized cepstral synthesis filters, AISP 2011.

#### **TEACHING**

Guest Lecturer, Deep Learning; A Hands-on Introduction, Advanced Topics in Speech Processing Course at UCLA Spring 2018, 2018-04-23.

Guest Lecturer, Introduction to Deep Learning, Advanced Topics in Speech Processing Course at UCLA Spring 2017, 2017-04-18.

Guest Lecturer, Capturing and Synthesizing Human Voice, Speech Processing Course at UCLA Spring 2016, 2016-04-13.

Guest Lecturer, Recent advances in Speech Generation using Deep Learning Techniques, Advanced Machine Learning Course at OHSU Fall 2015, 2015-09-28.

Guest Lecturer, Deep Learning, Machine Learning Course at OHSU Spring 2015, 2015-06-01.

Teaching Assistant, Speech Processing, Sharif University of Tech., Fall 2010.

Teaching Assistant, Speech Recognition, Sharif University of Tech., Winter 2010.

**Teaching Assistant**, Neural Networks, Sharif University of Tech., Spring 2011.

#### ACTIVITIES

Reviewer, IEEE Transactions on Audio, Speech, and Language Processing, Speech Communication, Journal of AI Research, APSIPA Transactions on Signal and Information Processing, ICASSP, Interspeech, ICCCT.

Organizing Committee, Volunteer at Interspeech 2012 conference.

Member, CSLU Graduate Admission Committee

Student Member, ISCA, IEEE Signal Processing Society

### REFERENCES

Available upon request