



Interest

Natural Language Processing with Deep Neural Networks
Recommendation System
Machine Learning

Education

- 2014 → **Ph.D. in Computer Science, Florida International University.**
(Exp) May 2019 Advisors: Prof. Ning Xie, Prof. Tao Li (RIP)
Desertion: Deep Learning for Learning Representation in Natural Language Processing
- 2013 → 2014 **M.Sc. in Computer Science, Florida International University.**
- 2005 → 2009 **B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, University of Isfahan.**

Skill

DeepLearning TensorFlow, PyTorch, Keras, CNTK

NLP Stanford CoreNLP, NLTK, Gensim, Scikit learn, spaCy

Data Spark/Hadoop, Numpy/Scipy/Pandas, SQL/noSQL

Language Python, SQL, Java, C/C++, C#, Scala

Experience

- May 2018 → **Microsoft, Applied Data Scientist Intern.**
Aug 2018
 - Design and develop deep neural network model for sequential document recommendation system of Microsoft office.
 - Model the sequential access pattern of documents and achieve high NDCG for highly active users.
- May 2017 → **Microsoft AI & R, Software Eng. Intern.**
Aug 2017
 - Design and develop deep neural network model for tagging address queries. Significant improvement in the accuracy and precision.
 - Study the impact of various neural network architecture on the performance of tagging address queries in map search.
- May 2016 → **IPSoft, Software Eng. Intern.**
Aug 2016
 - Study paraphrase Identification of short text data and deep ranking model to rank base on similarity score.
 - Design model based on convolutional neural network to rank questions in large QA dataset.
 - Develop the model in TensorFlow framework using hinge loss to improve the ranking model.
- Aug 2014 → **Florida International University, Research Assistant.**
PRESENT
 - Leverage deep learning models for understanding unstructured short text data such as online user reviews, questions, and news such as sentiment analysis, document classification.
 - Design and develop an end-to-end convolutional neural network based model to explore the effectiveness of user information for review rating prediction, achieving competitive performance on Amazon and Yelp sentiment classification task
 - Design and develop contextual multi-armed for recommendation systems where the reward mapping function change over time
 - Design and develop, RevMap, unified framework for generating visual structured summaries of online user reviews
- May 2011 → **Isfahan University of Tech, Software Engineer.**
Aug 2013
 - Patch repository: Enterprise patch repository over multiple operating systems
 - Secure Rule Engine: Secured rule engine for online Computer security competition
 - Analysis of network vulnerabilities and management of security incident

Selected Publication

NLP with Deep Learning

- DL04** Tagging Address Queries in Map Search
S. Mokhtari, Dragomir Yankov, Ahmad Mahmoudy, N. Xie, 33th Innovative Applications of Artificial Intelligence (IAAI'19), Honolulu, Hawaii
- DL03** Context-Sensitive Neural Sentiment Classification
S. Mokhtari, T.Li, N. Xie, IEEE 19th International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration for data science (IRI'18)
- DL02** RevMap: A Visualized Framework for Holistic View of Reviews
S. Mokhtari, T.Li, N. Xie, IEEE 19th International Conference on Information Reuse and Integration for data science (IRI'18)
- DL01** Hierarchical Neural Model for Tagging address queries in map search
S. Mokhtari, N. Xie, 2nd Workshop on Widening NLP (WiNLP 2018) co-located with NAACL, New Orleans, LA
- DL00** Hierarchical Neural Address Parser
S. Mokhtari, T. Li, 12th Women in Machine Learning Workshop (WiML 2017) co-located with NIPS, Long Beach, CA

Data Mining

- DM02** Online Context-Aware Recommendation with Time Varying Multi-Arm Bandit
C. Zeng, Q. Wang, S. Mokhtari, T. Li, ACM KDD'16
- DM01** Optimal Two-Tier Forecasting Power Generation Model in Smart Grid
K.G. Boroojeni, S. Mokhtari, M. H. Amini, S. S. Iyengar, IJIP'15
- DM00** A Hybrid Model for Forecasting Power Demand and Generation in Smart Grids
K.G. Boroojeni, S. Mokhtari, S. S. Iyengar, ICCN'14

Honor and Awards

- 2018** Microsoft AI-School Technical Award.
- 2018** FIU Dissertation Year Fellowship.
- 2017** Microsoft Diversity Scholarship.
- 2016-18** Student Travel Grant for SIGKDD'16, WiML'17, WiNLP'18, TAPIA '18.
- 2016, 2017** FIU Grace Hopper Travel Grant.
- 2014, 2015** SRI Summer School Grant.
- 2015** Grad Cohort Workshop –CRA Women Scholarship.
- 2014** Best Paper Award at ICCN.

Teaching Experience

- 2017 → 2018** Java Programming, FIU, Teaching Assistant.
- 2016 → 2017** Business Analyst, FIU, Teaching Assistant.
- 2015 → 2016** Algorithm Techniques, FIU, Teaching Assistant.
- 2014 → 2015** Computer Data Analysis, FIU, Teaching Assistant.