

# Sonia Sargolzaei

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## EDUCATION

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### MSc., Georgia Institute of Technology – Atlanta, GA

May 2022

- **Computer Science**, specializing in **Machine Learning**
- **Master's project:** Using **Python** and **D3.js** to create a adjusted map of US cities based on their popularity
- GPA: 3.90 / 4.0
- **Selected Course Work:** Deep Learning, Data Visualization Principles, Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Data and Visual Analytics, Computer Science and Engineering Algorithms, Special Problems (Research on Transformer for NLP)

### BSc. University of Tehran – Tehran, Iran

Dec 2017

- **Computer Engineering**
- **Selected Course Work:** Data Structure and Algorithms, Engineering Probability and Statistics, Introduction to Artificial Intelligence, Calculus, Differential Equations, Discrete Mathematics, Advanced Programming

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Data Analyst Intern at Degree Analytics – Austin, TX (remote)

August 2021

Advisor: David Palumbo, Aaron Benz

- Used **Python** to perform data preparation, cleaning and analysis on Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data
- Used **AWS QuickSight** to create a multi-sheet dashboard showing the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) metrics for all secondary schools in the US

## SKILLS

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### Data Science & Machine Learning Libraries

- **PyTorch** (proficient), **scikit-learn** (proficient), **Pandas** (proficient), **NumPy** (proficient), **SciPy** (proficient), **Matplotlib** (proficient), **Keras** (intermediate), **BeautifulSoup** (intermediate), **Seaborn** (intermediate), **Plotly** (intermediate), **Selenium** (novice)

### Data Visualization Tools & Libraries

- **Tableau** (proficient), **AWS QuickSight** (proficient), **D3.js** (proficient)

### Programming Languages

- **Python** (proficient), **C++** (proficient), **C** (intermediate), **MATLAB** (intermediate), **SQL** (intermediate), **Scala** (intermediate), **Java** (intermediate)

### Web Technologies

- **HTML** (proficient), **CSS** (intermediate), **JavaScript** (intermediate)

### Tools

- **Git** (proficient), **Jupyter Notebook** (proficient), **AWS** (intermediate), **GCP** (Intermediate), **Databricks** (intermediate), **Azure ML Studio** (Intermediate), **Spark** (Intermediate), **Hadoop** (novice), **Pig** (novice), **Hive** (novice), **HBase** (novice)

## RESEARCH PROJECTS

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College of Computing, Georgia Institute of Technology

### Special Problem

May 2022

Advisor: Professor Mahdi Roozbahani

- Conducted research on **Transformers** and their application in **NLP**—made a presentation about why the Transformers are the state-of-the-art structures for NLP tasks, explaining the structure of Transformers in detail, and introducing the famous language models

### Graduate Research Assistant at Friendly Cities Lab

May 2022

Advisor: Professor Clio Andris

- Performed research in the **GIS** field focusing on the label size of cities on maps
- Used **Python** and **D3.js** on SafeGraph Patterns dataset to create a map visualization, in which label sizes of cities are based on metrics other than population

### Graduate Research Assistant at Ubicomp Lab

Apr 2021

Advisor : Professor Gregory Abowd

- Used **Python**, **Pandas**, **Matplotlib** and **scikit-learn** libraries to perform data analysis on Georgia Tech students' WiFi data in the *Wifi Study* projects, to predict academic success based on attendance, and in the *Contact Tracing* project, to infer high-risk locations, events and gatherings at Georgia Tech campus, which led to two papers
  - Published paper: Swain, Vedant Das, et al. "WiFi mobility models for COVID-19 enable less burdensome and more localized interventions for university campuses." *medRxiv* (2021).
  - Published paper: Swain, V. Das, et al. "Leveraging WiFi Network Logs to Infer Student Collocation and its Relationship with Academic Performance." *arXiv preprint arXiv:2005.11228* (2020).

## SELECTED PROJECTS

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- Used **PyTorch** to train a virtual home assistant robot using **Reinforcement Learning** and Actor-Critic algorithms
- Used **PyTorch** to implement the Saliency Map and GradCam algorithm to find the areas that have the greatest effect on the **classification** algorithm score
- Used **PyTorch** to implement **Class Visualization** algorithm to turn a random noise image to an image recognized as a target class
- Used **PyTorch** to transfer a style of an image to another image (**Style Transfer**)
- Used **PyTorch** to implemented a **CNN** architecture with **SGD optimizer**
- Used **Azure ML Studio** to predict Automobile price using Regression
- Used **Keras API** to perform image **Classification** on MNIST Dataset
- Used **Spark**, **Scala** and **Docker** to analyze, compute measures and present results on NYC trip data, a large dataset, using multiple cloud platforms: **AWS**, **DataBricks** and **GCP**
- Used **Python** and **AWS QuickSight** to create a **QuickSight dashboard** for all the schools in the US and give insights about the DEI metrics
- Used **Python** and **D3.js** to create an **interactive choropleth map** of board game ratings to present the information
- Used **C++** and **Object Oriented Programming** to Designed a course management system

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