Sepehr Lavasani

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EDUCATION ♦ University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada 2021 - Present

M.Sc. in Computing Science

Working with Prof. Nathan Sturtevant on Suboptimal Bidirectional Search

Shahid Beheshti University, Tehran, Iran

2015 - 2020

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering, Major: Computer Architecture

Cumulative GPA: 3.71/4 Last two years GPA: 3.85/4

Interests

- ♦ AI in Games
- ♦ Video Game Programming
- ♦ Video Game Design
- ♦ Serious Game and GWAP(Game With a Purpose)

Master's Thesis

Suboptimal Bidirectional Heuristic Search

Ongoing

Under the supervision of Nathan Sturtevant.

- Designed an unbounded suboptimal heuristic search framework called Anchor Search.
- C++ implementation of two concrete anchor search algorithms.
- Designed a front-to-front heuristic based on the notion of pattern databases (PDBs).

Bachelor's

♦ Improving Optimization Algorithms Using GWAP

Jun 2019

Project Under the supervision of Mojtaba Vahidi Asl.

- Designed and implemented a GWAP (Game With A Purpose) using the Unity game engine.
- Incorporated human common-sense as a heuristic function to enhance blind optimization algorithms.
- Designed and implemented an evolutionary algorithm to solve variations of the Facility Location Problem (FLP) as a case study.

Work

Programmer and Project Manager

Nov 2018 - Apr 2020

EXPERIENCE

NTBG Game Studio, Iran

• Worked as Gameplay Programmer, Tool Designer and Technical Artist

♦ Senior Member of SBU GameLab

2016 - 2020

Shahid Beheshti University, Iran

Worked as a programmer on two academic psychological GWAP projects.

Professional & Game Development Technical Workshops (Shahid Beheshti University)

DEVELOPMENT AND TRAINING

• Advanced Design Patterns for Video Games Summer 2019

Summer 2019 • Level Design Tool Development in Unity Game Engine

• Introduction to Game Development with Unity Game Engine Summer 2018

♦ **Teaching Assistantship** (Shahid Beheshti University)

• TA of Advanced Computer Programming
Instructed by Mojtaba Vahidi Asl

Spring 2017

• TA of Introduction to Programming
Instructed by Monire Abdus

Fall 2016

NOTABLE PROJECTS

⋄ Personal Projects

• OmniGrid

A Unity toolbox to facilitate the development of grid-based Real-Time Strategy (RTS) games.

• CamDirector

A responsive camera control tool for the Unity game engine, dynamically adjusting based on the player's position.

Cardify

An event-based framework for creating card games in the Unity game engine.

• Extended Quadtree Implementation

a C++ extension of quadtrees to higher dimensions for efficient querying of closest states in puzzle-solving.

• Game Prototypes

Find some of them in my portfolio.

♦ Academic Projects

- Implementation of Kao's algorithm: Finding Mean and Temperature of Multi-branch Games

 Combinatorial Game Theory, Instructed by Martin Müller.

 Apr 2022
- Design of A High-Level Embedded System Simulation Tool
 Realtime and Embedded Systems, Instructed by Dara Rahmati.

 Jan 2019

• Design and Implementaion of A Compiler

Dec 2018

Design entire parts of a compiler accepting a psudo-C language and Implemented by Python. Fundamental Of Compiler Designing, Instructed by Adel Hosseini

Computer Skills

- ♦ Programming Language: C#, Python, C++, Java
- ♦ Development Tools: Unity Engine (proficient), Unreal Engine (familiar), MonoGame Framework (familiar)

LANGUAGES

- ♦ Persian (native)
- ♦ English (fluent)
 - Duolingo English Test: 130/160
 - *IELTS*: 7.5

Hobbies

- ♦ Making video games
- ♦ Playing video games
- ♦ Listening to music