

Education

- 2022-Now **Ph.D. Computer Science**, *University of Southern California*, USA, CA
Focus on commonsense reasoning with NLP and Knowledge Graphs
- 2017-2021 **B.Sc., Computer Engineering**, *School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, University of Tehran*, Iran, Tehran
GPA - 4.0 / 4.0

Computer skills

- Programming Languages Python, R, C, C++, SQL, Java, Javascript (ES5, ES6), Typescript, HTML5, CSS, SCSS, Verilog, Kotlin, Matlab
- Tools and Frameworks PyTorch, Hugging Face, Weights & Biases, Keras, Stata, Linux, Spring, React, Angular, jQuery, AJAX, Git, Bootstrap, MongoDB, Latex, Node.js, Quartus, MySQL, Android Studio

Research & Work Experience

- 2022 - Now **Research Assistant**, *Dr. Filip Ilievski*, Information Science Institute (ISI)
Research on natural language processing (NLP) with a great focus on the applications of commonsense reasoning as well as exploiting knowledge graphs.
- 2021 - 2022 **NLP Research Assistant**, *Prof. Mark Cieliebak & Dr. Don Tuggener*, Zurich University of Applied Sciences
Analysis of automatic summarization techniques, both extractive and abstractive using transformers and knowledge graphs and also hate speech analysis and prediction in Twitter timelines.
- 2020 - 2021 **Research Assistant**, *Dr. Behnam Bahrak*, Data Analytics Lab
Focused on the applications of machine learning and social network analysis as well as non-parametric and permutation tests on complex networks with models such as exponential random graphs (ERGM). Also used different data mining techniques mostly directed on Twitter and Elasticsearch.
- 2020 **NLP Research Intern**, *Dr. Mohammad Taher Pilehvar*, TeIAS
Learned about NLP models, datasets, and common tasks such as NER and QA chatbots to learn NLP more practically. Also gathered Datasets for Farsi (Persian) Natural Language Processing (NLP).
- 2019 - 2020 **Front-end Developer**, *Tapsell Co.*
 - Developed the landing pages for two of the products owned by the company, Tagrow, and Metrix.
 - Developed various features for the customer and management dashboard in the Tapsell product.

Publications

- 2022 Sourati Hassan Zadeh, Z., Sabri, N., Chamani, H. & Bahrak, B., Quantitative analysis of fanfictions' popularity. *Soc. Netw. Anal. Min.* 12, 42 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13278-021-00854-9>
- 2022 Setayesh, A., Sourati Hassan Zadeh, Z. & Bahrak, B., Analysis of the global trade network using exponential random graph models. *Appl Netw Sci* 7, 38 (2022). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41109-022-00479-7>
- 2021 Chamani, H., Sourati Hassan Zadeh, Z., & Bahrak, B., An Overview of Regression Methods in Early Prediction of Movie Ratings, *2021 11th International Conference on Computer Engineering and Knowledge (ICCKE)*, 2021, pp. 1-6, doi: 10.1109/ICCKE54056.2021.9721453.
- 2022 Shabani Mirzaei, T., Chamani, H., Sourati Hassan Zadeh, Z. & Bahrak, B., (2021). A Large-Scale Analysis of Persian Tweets Regarding Covid-19 Vaccination. (under review)

Notable Course Projects

2022 **Transcript Analyser & Converter**

An API capable of retrieving dialogues, convert them from and to different transcript structures such as CEASR, and do various analyses on it including summarization with different methods such as abstractive such BART-based & KeyBERT and extractive methods as well as Searching in the dialogues.

2021 **Permutation Tests**

Leveraged various permutation techniques, such as node permutation and network permutation, to analyze their accuracy and efficiency on complex networks. Also, used different simulation and modeling approaches such as Exponential Random Graph Models (ERGMs) to study network datasets like the global trade network.

2021 **Neural Networks**

Learned about different neural networks and architectures covering memory neural networks, convolutional neural networks as well as a brief study of generative adversarial networks. Plus, using variations of these models to compare their effectiveness both in Vision and NLP focusing on models like GRU, BERT-based models, Inception models as well as U-nets.

2020 **Reinforcement Learning**

Studied variety of models and policies discussed in RL such as n-armed bandits, On-policy methods, and Off-policy methods with their practical usage and examples such as in famous jack's rental car problem and monetary value of waiting utilizing Prospect theory by Daniel Kahneman.

2019 **Artificial Intelligence**

Learned the basic ideas in AI such as clustering, classification, and regression models as well as searching algorithms like A* and IDS and analyzed their applicability on different datasets.

2018 **Advanced Programming**

Learned different design patterns and also clean coding principles by implementing a handful of programs covering diverse subjects such as hotel management, social networks, and file compression & cryptography.

Posters

2022 Sourati Hassan Zadeh, Z., von Däniken, P., Cieliebak, M., Ukraine-Russia - First insights into recent Twitter posts about this conflict. *SwissText Conference; June 2022; Lugano, Switzerland.*

2022 von Däniken, P., Sourati Hassan Zadeh, Z., Tuggener, D., Hateful Social Media Users - Can we predict their behavior?. *SwissText Conference; June 2022; Lugano, Switzerland.*

Teaching

2021 Database Systems (TA) Dr. Shakery

2020, 2021 Artificial Intelligence (TA) Dr. Yaghoubzadeh, Dr. Fadaei

2020 Probability and Statistics in Engineering (TA) Dr. Bahrak

2019, 2020 Design and Analysis of Algorithms (TA) Dr. Mahini

2019, 2020 Advanced Programming (TA) Dr. Khosravi

2019, 2020 Theory of Formal Languages and Automata (TA) Dr. Hojjat