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Positions

- Sept 2020 - Present **Senior Research Scientist, Meta Platforms (Facebook).**, Menlo Park, CA.
- July 2018 - Sept 2020 **Post-Doctoral Associate, Machine Learning Department, School of Computer Science (SCS), Carnegie Mellon University (CMU),** Pittsburgh, PA.
- Advisor:** Prof. Tom Mitchell
- Research:** Commonsense and Automated Reasoning, Neuro-symbolic Learning, Deep Learning, Probabilistic Learning, Spectral Methods, Learning by Instruction, Natural Language Processing

Education

- Spring 2018 **PhD in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California Irvine (UCI),** Irvine, CA.
- Thesis:** *Learning Latent Hierarchical Structures via Probabilistic Models and Deep Learning*
- Advisor:** Prof. Animashree Anandkumar
- Co-Advisor:** Prof. Sameer Singh
- Fall 2012 **M.Sc in Electrical Engineering, Communication Systems, School of Electrical Engineering, Amirkabir University of Technology,** Tehran, Iran, .
- Thesis:** *Microwave Imaging of the Breast Tissue for Breast Cancer Detection*
- Advisor:** Prof. Hamid Sheikhzadeh-Nadjar
- Summer 2010 **B.Sc in Electrical Engineering, Communications, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Shiraz University,** Shiraz, Iran.
- Thesis:** *A MAC Layer Protocol for Underwater Wireless Acoustic Sensor Networks*
- Advisor:** Prof. Alireza Keshavarz-Haddad

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Conferences
- **F. Arabshahi**, J. Lee, A. Bosselut, Y. Choi, T. Mitchell, “*Conversational Multi-Hop Reasoning with Neural Commonsense Knowledge and Symbolic Logic Rules*”, 2021 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP).
 - **F. Arabshahi**, J. Lee, M. Gawarecki, K. Rivard, A. Azaria, T. Mitchell, “*Conversational Neuro-Symbolic Commonsense Reasoning*”, 35th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2021.
 - Z. Lu*, **F. Arabshahi***, I. Labutov, T. Mitchell, “*Look-up and Adapt: A One-shot Semantic Parser:*”, 2019 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), * Equal Contribution.
 - **F. Arabshahi**, S. Singh, A. Anandkumar, “*Combining Symbolic Expressions and Black-box Function Evaluations in Neural Programs*”, *Proceedings of the International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2018*. Also appeared in *NeurIPS 2017 highlights, Learn How to Code a Paper with State of the Art Frameworks, NeurIPS 2017 MLtrain workshop*.
 - **F. Arabshahi**, A. Anandkumar, “*Spectral Methods for Correlated Topic Models*”, *Proceedings of the International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2017*, PMLR 54:1439-1447.

- **F. Arabshahi**, F. Huang, A. Anandkumar, C. T. Butts, S. M. Fitzhugh, “Are you going to the party: depends, who else is coming? [Learning hidden group dynamics via conditional latent tree models]”, *Data Mining (ICDM), 2015 IEEE International Conference on, Atlantic City, NJ, 2015*.
 - **F. Arabshahi**, S. Monajemi, H. Sheikhzadeh, K. Raahemifar, R. Faraji-Dana, “A Frequency Domain MVDR Beamformer for UWB Microwave Breast Cancer Imaging in Dispersive Mediums”, *13th IEEE International Symposium on Signal Processing and Information Technology (ISSPIT) 2013*.
- Workshops ○ **F. Arabshahi**, S. Singh, A. Anandkumar, “Towards Solving Differential Equations through Neural Programming”, *ICML workshop Neural Abstract Machines & Program Induction v2 (NAMPI), Stockholm, Sweden, 2018*.
- **F. Arabshahi**, R. Weiss, A. Anandkumar, “Beyond LDA: Spectral Methods for Topic Modeling Based on Exchangeable Partitions”, *NeurIPS workshop on Bayesian Nonparametrics: The Next Generation, 2015*.
 - **F. Arabshahi**, F. Huang, A. Anandkumar, C. Butts, “Modeling and Predicting Dynamic Social Interactions Using Conditional Latent Random Fields”, *Statistical Inference for Network Models, NetSci Satellite Symposium 2014*.

Preprints

- S. Singla, N Murali **F. Arabshahi**, S. Triantafillou, K. Batmanghelich, “Augmentation by Counterfactual Explanation - Fixing an Overconfident Classifier”, Submitted to CVPR 2022.
- P. Sethi, D. Savenkov, , **F. Arabshahi**, J. Goetz, A. Bosselut, M. Tolliver, N. Scheffer, I. Kabul, Y. Liu, A. Aly, “AutoNLU: Detecting, root-causing, and fixing NLU model errors”, Submitted to MLSys 2022.
- **F. Arabshahi***, Z. Lu*, S. Singh, A. Anandkumar, “Tree Stack Memory Units”, arXiv preprint arXiv:1911.01545, 2020, * Equal Contribution.
- **F. Arabshahi**, K. Rivard, T. Li, B. Myers, T. Mitchell, “Conversational Learning”, *Preprint (2020)*.

Honors

- Fall 2019 **Rising Stars in EECS 2019**, Selected to participate in Rising Stars 2019, an academic career workshop for women in EECS hosted by the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
 - Spring 2017 **Phi Beta Kappa Alumni International Scholarship**, Recipient of \$2000.
 - Fall 2015 **GHC scholarship**, Grace Hopper Celebration of Women in Computing.
 - Summer 2015 **UCI data science initiative summer fellowship**, University of California Irvine, \$6,039 stipend, Acceptance rate: 15/115.
- Travel Grants:** ICLR 2018 travel award (\$500), ICDM 2015 student award (\$550), Bren School of ICS Grace Hopper grant 2014, Machine Learning Summer School student grant, 2014.

Internships

- Summer 2017 **Software Engineer Intern**, Pepperdata Inc., Applying machine learning and data analysis tools to the time-series data available in Pepperdata.
- Summer 2016 **Research Intern**, Yahoo! Labs, Link industries: Advertisement clustering using spectral methods, Proposed a joint matrix and tensor factorization algorithm for clustering Yahoo’s advertisements for recommendation purposes.

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2018 **“Spectral Methods: Latent Variable Models”**, Invited lecture in Probabilistic Graphical Models, Department of Machine Learning, Carnegie Mellon University.

- Fall 2013 **Computational methods in EECS (EECS 10)**, *Teaching Assistant*, Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, University of California Irvine.
- Spring 2010 **Communications I**, *Teaching Assistant*, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Shiraz University.

Student Advising

- Summer 20 **Pranay Mundra**, *Summer Intern, University of Washington*.
- Winter 20-Summer 20 **Alex Pan**, *Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowships (SURF) Program, Caltech*.
- Fall 18-Summer 19 **Zhichu (Brian) Lu**, *Bachelor's Thesis, continuing Master's Thesis, SCS, CMU*.
- Fall 19-Summer 20 **Nghia (Max) Le**, *Master's Thesis, SCS, CMU*.
- Fall 19-Summer 20 **Jennifer Lee**, *Bachelor's Thesis, SCS, CMU*.
- Summer 19 **Mikayla Gawarecki**, *Summer Research Intern, SCS, CMU*.
- Spring 19 **Eric Nie**, *Research course 15-400, SCS, CMU*.
- Spring, Summer 19 **Bifei Liu**, *Student project course "context-aware coreference resolution" designed by Forough Arabshahi, ECE, CMU*.
- Spring 19 **Sourabh Girish Karandikar**, *Student project course "context-aware coreference resolution" designed by Forough Arabshahi, ECE, CMU*.

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