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DEGREES

ETH Zürich

Learning and Adaptive Systems (LAS) Group

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Thesis: Stochastic Approximation on Riemannian Manifolds and the Space of Measures

Supervised by Prof. Andreas Krause

2024

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Learning and Adaptive Systems (LAS) Group

M.Sc. in Computer Science

Thesis: Consistent Online Learning

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2019

Sharif University of Technology

B.Sc. in Computer Engineering

2016

B.Sc. in Pure Mathematics

2016

APPOINTMENTS

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Department of Mathematics, *C.L.E. Moore Instructor of Mathematics*

2025–

HONORS AND
AWARDS

Silver Medal for Iranian National Mathematical Olympiad

2011

1st rank in I-COM Data Science Hackathon held in Portugal

2017

PUBLICATIONS

M. R. Karimi*, Y-P. Hsieh*, A. Krause. *Sinkhorn Flow: A Continuous-Time Framework for Understanding and Generalizing the Sinkhorn Algorithm*, accepted in 26th Artificial Intelligence and Statistics Conference (AISTATS), 2024.

M. R. Karimi*, Y-P. Hsieh*, A. Krause. *A Dynamical System View of Langevin-Based Non-Convex Sampling*, Presented as a **spotlight** in 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.

M. R. Karimi, Y-P. Hsieh, A. Krause. *Stochastic Approximation Algorithms for Systems of Interacting Particles*, Presented in 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.

Y-P. Hsieh, **M. R. Karimi**, A. Krause, P. Mertikopoulos. *Riemannian Stochastic Optimization Methods Avoid Strict Saddle Points*, Presented in 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.

V. Borovitskiy, **M. R. Karimi**, V. R. Somnath, A. Krause. *Isotropic Gaussian Processes on Finite Spaces of Graphs*, Proceedings of 26th Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2023.

M. R. Karimi*, Y-P. Hsieh*, P. Mertikopoulos, A. Krause. *The Dynamics of Riemannian Robbins-Monro Algorithms*, Proceedings of Thirty Fifth Conference on Learning Theory (COLT), 2022.

M. R. Karimi, N. Gürel, B. Karlaš, J. Rausch, C. Zhang, A. Krause. *Online Active Model Selection for Pre-trained Classifiers*, Proceedings of The 24th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2021.

M. R. Karimi, A. Krause, S. Lattanzi, S. Vassilvitskii. *Consistent Online Optimization: Convex and Submodular*, 22nd International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS), 2020.

	TATS), 2019.	
	M. R. Karimi , M. Lucic, H. Hassani, A. Krause. <i>Stochastic Submodular Maximization: The Case of Coverage Functions</i> , Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2017.	
	M. R. Karimi* , E. Tavakoli*, M. Farajtabar, L. Song, M. Gomez-Rodriguez. <i>Smart broadcasting: Do you want to be seen?</i> , SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD), 2016.	
EMPLOYMENT HISTORY	ETH Zürich Research Assistant. Supervised by Prof. Andreas Krause	2016–19
	Max Planck Institute for Software Systems Research internship. Supervised by Prof. Manuel Gomez-Rodriguez	Summer 2016
SERVICES	Reviewer for the following conferences: ICML (2019), NeurIPS (2019, 2020, 2022, 2023), AAAI (2020, 2021), COLT (2020, 2022, 2024), ICLR 2021.	
TALKS	<i>SDEs and Games via Dynamical Systems</i> Alpine Game Theory Symposium (AGTS), Grenoble, France.	Jun. 2023
	<i>Sinkhorn Flows</i>	Dec. 2023
	<i>Online Active Model Selection</i>	Aug. 2021
	<i>Consistent Online Learning</i>	Jul. 2019
	Amirkabir Artificial Intelligence Summer Summit (AAISS), Tehran, Iran (Online).	
	<i>Submodularity in Data Science</i> (with Andreas Krause) Data Science Summer School, École Polytechnique, Paris	Jun. 2018
	<i>Short-course in Submodularity</i>	Dec. 2017
	<i>Stochastic Submodular Maximization</i>	Dec. 2017
	<i>Short-course in Mathematical Optimization</i>	Jan. 2017
	<i>Smart Broadcasting: Do you want to be seen?</i>	Dec. 2015
	Sharif University's Winter Seminar Series (WSS)	
TEACHING	Massachusetts Institute of Technology 18.05 Introduction to Probability and Statistics (Instructor) 18.650 Fundamentals of Statistics (Teaching Assistant)	Spring 2025 Fall 2025
	ETH Zürich Introduction to Machine Learning (Teaching Assistant) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (Head TA), 2024 Probabilistic Artificial Intelligence (Teaching Assistant) Autumn 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2023.	
	Sharif University of Technology Teaching Assistant for Discrete Structures, Data Structures, Introduction To Programming (C), Advanced Programming (C++), Engineering Probability and Statistics, Systems Analysis and Design, Operating Systems, Signals and Systems, Modern Information Retrieval.	2011–16
OUTREACH	Allame Helli 1 Highschool Combinatorics and problem-solving classes for preparation for the Mathematics Olympiad.	
	Young Scholars Club Geometry and optimization classes for gold-medalists of the Iranian Mathematics Olympiad.	
REFERENCES	Prof. Andreas Krause (krausea@ethz.ch) Prof. Panayotis Mertikopoulos (panayotis.mertikopoulos@imag.fr)	