

# Soroush Omranpour

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## EDUCATION

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<b>McGill University - Mila</b> <i>MSc. of Computer Science</i>	2022 – Present Montreal, Canada
<b>Sharif University of Technology</b> <i>BSc of Computer Engineering – GPA: 3.85</i>	2016 – 2021 Tehran, Iran

## SKILLS

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**Languages:** Python, Bash, SQL, Java

**Tools/Frameworks:** Git/Github, Flask, FastAPI, Docker

**Machine Learning:** PyTorch, Tensorflow, NumPy, Pandas, Matplotlib, sklearn, Transformers, Deep Graph Library

**Relevant Courses:** Applied Machine Learning, Probability and Statistics, Signal Processing, Linear Algebra, Algorithms and Data Structures, Tensor Decomposition, Natural Language Understanding

## EXPERIENCE

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**Research Assistant** 2022 – present  
*Quebec AI Institute (Mila)* *Advisors: Reihaneh Rabbany, Guillaume Rabusseau*

- Developing a **higher-order tensor Transformer** architecture that operates on higher-order multi-dimensional input such as spatiotemporal data or multivariate timeseries, etc.
- Developing a **dynamic graph learning** method for **mental health** disorder detection on social media users.
- Developing a **multimodal** method to perform stock market movement prediction from historical price data and social media text.

**Research Assistant** 2021  
*Music and Artificial Intelligence Lab - Taiwan AI Labs* *Advisor: Yi-Hsuan Yang*

- Developed a python library called **DeepMusic** (available via pip) supporting MIDI format to simplify musical data representation and data preprocessing for neural networks.
- Developed a music generation toolkit to train a transformer decoder on a large MIDI corpus capable of generating multi-instrument polyphonic symbolic music.
- Developed a method to perform melody extraction from symbolic music using transformer VAE architecture.

**Deep Learning Engineer** 2020 – 2022  
*ZLab - Fanap Inc.* *Tehran, Iran*

- **Real-time Speech to Text** Project: Developed a production-ready pipeline for speech recognition on Persian including noise filtering, transformer-based audio encoder, transformer-based text decoder, and LM corrector all serving a FastAPI backend.
- **Text to Speech** Project: Developed a method to perform speech synthesis on Persian as a low-resource language using transfer learning across languages.
- **Semantic Search Engine** Project: Developed a production-ready hybrid search system using lexical (Elastic Search) and semantic (embedding vector) search algorithms for an online book store. This project required careful data collection, model training on a large corpus and exhaustive system finetuning.

**Research Assistant** 2019  
*Machine Learning and Computer Vision Lab - IST Austria* *Advisor: Christoph Lampert*

- Developed a VAE-based **generative model** trained on Raven Progressive Matrices to investigate abstract reasoning capabilities of neural networks.

## Research Assistant

2018 – 2020

*Data Science and Machine Learning lab - Sharif University of Technology*

*Advisor: Hamid R. Rabiee*

- Executed large-scale text data processing, model implementation, and performing experiments as part of the project for fake news detection on social networks.
- Investigated the cross-domain adaptation capacity of SOTA models for fake news detection by performing transfer learning among multiple datasets.
- Developed a python package called **SocialPhi** to calculate an information-theoretic metric to measure group performance based on temporal activities as time series. This was part of my bachelor thesis Unified Behavioral Analysis of Social Network Users.

## PUBLICATION

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- M. Ramezani, M. Rafiei, **S. Omranpour**, H. Rabiee. News Labeling as Early as Possible: Real or Fake? In IEEE/ACM International Conference on Advances in Social Networks Analysis and Mining 2019

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

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- **Mila Graduate Scholarship**: Awarded to research students for demonstrated expertise in artificial intelligence in the form of a stipend.
- **Iran's National Elites Foundation Member**: For being ranked among the top 0.01 % of students in the nation-wide university entrance exam.