# Alireza Mousavi-Hosseini

## **Research Interests**

Statistical Learning Theory, High Dimensional Statistics, Non-Convex Optimization and Sampling.

## EDUCATION

University of Toronto	Toronto, ON
Ph.D. in Computer Science	Sept. 2021 - Present
– Supervisor: Prof. Murat A. Erdogdu	
Sharif University of Technology	Tehran, Iran
B.Sc. in Computer Engineering	Sept. 2017 - July 2021
- GPA: 19.76 / 20	
Research Experience	
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne Visiting PhD Student	Lausanne, Switzerland Sept. 2023 - Nov. 2023
<ul> <li>Project: Kernel learning via mean-field Langevin dynamics (work in progress).</li> <li>Supervisor: Prof. Lénaïc Chizat</li> </ul>	
Sharif University of Technology	Tehran, Iran
Undergraduate Research Assistant	Feb. 2020 - July 2021
<ul> <li>Project: Studying the tradeoff between natural and adversarial accuracy in robust</li> <li>Supervisor: Prof. Mohammad Hossein Rohban</li> </ul>	machine learning.
IST Austria	Vienna, Austria
Research Intern	July 2020 - Dec. 2020
<ul> <li>Project: Using second-order information for neural network weight quantization.</li> <li>Supervisor: Prof. Dan Alistarh</li> </ul>	
École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne	Lausanne, Switzerland
Summer Research Intern	July 2019 - Sept. 2019
<ul> <li>Project: Designing an RNN-based system for efficient approximation of real-world</li> <li>Supervisor: Prof. Christoph Koch</li> </ul>	simulation behavior.
Honors and Awards	

•	Department of Computer Science 50th Anniversary Graduate Scholarship, University of Toronto	2023-2024
•	C.C. Gotlieb (Kelly) Graduate Fellowship in the Department of Computer Science, University of Toronto	2021-2023
•	Vector Institute Research Grant	2021-2026
•	Ranked 5th among 130 Computer Engineering entrants of 2017 at Sharif University of Technology	2021
•	International Physics Olympiad Silver Medalist	2017
•	National Physics Olympiad Gold Medalist	2016

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## PUBLICATIONS

- 1. Alireza Mousavi-Hosseini, Denny Wu, Taiji Suzuki, Murat A. Erdogdu. "Gradient-Based Feature Learning under Structured Data." NeurIPS, Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, 2023.
- Alireza Mousavi-Hosseini<sup>\*</sup>, Tyler Farghly<sup>\*</sup>, Ye He, Krishnakumar Balasubramanian, Murat A. Erdogdu. "Towards a Complete Analysis of Langevin Monte Carlo: Beyond Poincaré Inequality." COLT, Proceedings of the Thirty Sixth Conference on Learning Theory, 2023.
- 3. Alireza Mousavi-Hosseini, Sejun Park, Manuela Girotti, Ioannis Mitliagkas, and Murat A. Erdogdu. "Neural Networks Efficiently Learn Low-Dimensional Representations with SGD." ICLR, Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Learning Representations, 2023. (Spotlight)
- 4. Alireza Mousavi Hosseini<sup>\*</sup>, Amir Mohammad Abouei<sup>\*</sup>, and Mohammad Hossein Rohban. "The interplay between distribution parameters and the accuracy-robustness tradeoff in classification." ICML Workshop on Adversarial Machine Learning, 2021.

\*Equal contribution.

### Preprints

1. Ye He, Alireza Mousavi-Hosseini, Krishnakumar Balasubramanian, Murat A. Erdogdu. "A Separation in Heavy-Tailed Sampling: Gaussian vs. Stable Oracles for Proximal Samplers." 2024.

## INVITED TALKS

- Gradient-Based Feature Learning under Structured Data. Foundations of Learning and AI Research (FLAIR) Seminar, EPFL, October 2023.
- Gradient-Based Feature Learning of Neural Networks. Institute of Applied Mathematics, UBC, June 2023.
- Neural Networks Efficiently Learn Low-Dimensional Representations with SGD. Mila - Quebec AI Institute, October 2022.

#### SERVICE

- Reviewer for Journals:
  - Transactions on Machine Learning (TMLR)
- Reviewer for Conferences:
  - Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), Conference on Learning Theory (COLT), International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Toronto	Toronto, ON
Teaching Assistant	
- STA 414/2104: Statistical Methods for Machine Learning II	2023
- CSC 311: Introduction to Machine Learning	2022-2023
- CSC 412/2506: Probabilistic Learning and Reasoning	2022-2024
- CSC 110: Foundations of Computer Science I	2021

Sharif University of Technology	Tehran, Iran
Teaching Assistant	
– Machine Learning (Graduate Course)	2020
– Probability and Statistics	2018-2019
– Data Structures and Algorithms	2019
– Artificial Intelligence	2019
– Computer Networks	2020
Allameh Helli High School	Tehran, Iran
Physics Olympiad Mentor	Nov. 2016 - Jan. 2018