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EDUCATION

Imperial College London

Statistics and Machine Learning (StatML) PhD

Supervisors: Dr Ioanna Papatsouma & Professor Alastair Young

October 2021 - Present

University of Bologna

Visiting Doctoral Student

Visiting Supervisor: Professor Christian Martin Hennig

January - March 2024

Imperial College London

MSc Statistics (Data Science)

Thesis: "A benchmarking study of distance-based clustering methods for mixed-type data"

September 2020 - September 2021

Distinction (80.89/100)

Imperial College London

BSc Mathematics

September 2017 - June 2020

First Class Honours (78.21/100)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Cyprus Institute, Climate & Atmosphere Research Centre

Summer Research Internship

Project title: "Climate Impacts on Vector-borne Diseases: Integrating Environmental Drivers to the Mathematical Models of Vector Populations"

June - August 2020

Nicosia, Cyprus

PwC Cyprus

Advisory, Data Analytics Internship

June - July 2019

Nicosia, Cyprus

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Unsupervised learning: Cluster analysis, outlier detection, dimensionality reduction.
- Mixed-type data: Combination of continuous and discrete variables in data.
- Robust statistics: Robustness guarantees for machine learning methodologies.

PUBLICATIONS & PREPRINTS

Efthymios Costa, Ioanna Papatsouma (2024). "A novel framework for quantifying nominal outlyingness". *arXiv preprint arXiv:2408.07463*.

Efthymios Costa, Ioanna Papatsouma, Angelos Markos (2024). "A Deterministic Information Bottleneck Method for Clustering Mixed-Type Data". *arXiv preprint arXiv:2407.03389*.

Efthymios Costa, Ioanna Papatsouma (2023). "Outlier detection for mixed-type data: A novel approach". *arXiv preprint arXiv:2308.09562*.

Efthymios Costa, Ioanna Papatsouma, Angelos Markos (2022). "Benchmarking distance-based partitioning methods for mixed-type data". In: *Advances in Data Analysis and Classification* 17, pp. 1–24.

FUNDING & AWARDS

Associate Fellow of Advance HE (AFHEA)

Awarded on February 2024, Imperial College London

MSc in Statistics Imperial College London Ambassador

Honorary title in recognition of outstanding contributions to the running and delivery of the programme (Academic Years 2022 - 2023, 2023 - 2024 & 2024 - 2025)

Poster Competition Runner-up & People's Choice Award

Mathematics PhD Symposium 2022, Imperial College London

PhD Studentship

EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training (CDT) in Statistics and Machine Learning (StatML)

Warner Prize

Prize awarded for research project development in the MSc in Statistics at Imperial College London - Class of 2021

Outstanding Academic Representation Network Team Award

Student volunteer award - Imperial College Union Student Choice Awards 2020

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS

UKRI EPSRC Mathematical Sciences Team visit at Imperial College London	9 October 2024
<i>Poster title: "A Deterministic Information Bottleneck Method for Clustering Mixed-Type Data"</i>	Presenter
18th Conference of the International Federation of Classification Societies	16 July 2024
<i>Presentation title: "A Deterministic Information Bottleneck Method for Clustering Mixed-Type Data"</i>	Presenter
Imperial Mathematics PhD Symposium	12 June 2024
<i>Poster title: "A Novel Approach to Outlier Detection for Mixed-Type Data"</i>	Presenter
Department of Statistical Sciences "Paolo Fortunati", University of Bologna - Weekly Statistics Seminars	1 February 2024
<i>Presentation title: "Outlier detection for mixed-type data: A novel approach"</i>	Presenter
16th International Conference on Computational and Methodological Statistics	16 - 18 December 2023
<i>Poster title: "A novel approach to outlier detection for mixed-type data"</i>	Presenter
Amazon Development Center Germany GmbH	27 - 28 March 2023
<i>Advanced training on Statistical Machine Learning and Computing for big-data analysis</i>	Attendee
<i>Poster title: "Benchmarking distance-based partitioning methods for mixed-type data"</i>	Presenter
Faculty of Natural Sciences Research Showcase 2022	29 September 2022
<i>Presentation title: "Clustering mixed-type data: Which method to choose?"</i>	Presenter
Bocconi Summer School in Advanced Statistics & Probability	11 - 22 July 2022
<i>Topic: Random Structures and Combinational Statistics</i>	Attendee
Imperial Mathematics PhD Symposium	16 June 2022
<i>Poster title: "A full factorial benchmarking study of non-parametric partitioning methods for mixed-type data"</i>	Presenter
62nd Annual Conference of the South African Statistical Association	29 November - 3 December 2021
	Attendee

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Senior Graduate Teaching Assistant

Probability and Statistics - BSc/MSci Mathematics Year 1 (Autumn 2024)

Probability for Statistics - BSc/MSci Mathematics Year 2 (Autumn 2022)

Department of Mathematics, Imperial College London

Statistics - MEng Mechanical Engineering Year 3/4 (Autumn 2023)

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Imperial College London

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Data Science - MSc Statistics (Spring 2022)

Computational Statistics - MSc Statistics (Autumn 2022, 2023 & 2024)

Unsupervised Learning - MSc Machine Learning and Data Science (Autumn 2022)

Deep Learning, Supervised Learning - MSc Machine Learning and Data Science (Spring 2023)

Machine Learning - MSc Statistics (Spring 2023)

Introduction to Statistical Learning, Statistical Modelling II - BSc/MSci Mathematics Year 3/4 (Spring 2023)

Statistical Modelling I - BSc/MSci Mathematics Year 2 (Spring 2023)

Department of Mathematics, Imperial College London

OUTREACH

- Mentor for Imperial College London Mathematics School Research Project (2024 - 2025).

MEMBERSHIPS

Fellow of the Royal Statistics Society (RSS)

SKILLS

Programming/IT: R (Advanced/Preferred), Python (Intermediate), C++ (Basic), MATLAB (Basic), L^AT_EX, HPC projects on compute clusters, Office 365

Languages: Greek (native), English (fluent), French (proficient)