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ABOUT ME

I am a Ph.D. student in computer science at Politecnico di Milano, where I am advised by Prof. Nicola Gatti. My current research focuses on online reinforcement learning (RL) in constrained Markov decision processes. In particular, I am interested in combining online (machine) learning theoretical tools with optimization techniques to build strategic agents able to act in complex constrained online environments.

EDUCATION

| Politecnico di Milano | 2022 - now |
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| PhD in Computer Science · Advised by Prof. Nicola Gatti | Milan, Italy |
| Columbia University | February - April 2025 |
| Visiting Scholar • Working with Prof. Christian Kroer at IEOR Department | New York City, USA |
| Politecnico di Milano | 2019 - 2022 |
| Msc in Computer Science and Engineering Grade: 110 cum laude/110 | Milan, Italy |
| Politecnico di Milano | 2016 - 2019 |
| Bsc in Computer Engineering | Milan, Italy |

EXPERIENCE

• lastminute.com

Machine Learning Scientist, internship

June - September 2024

Chiasso, Switzerland

• In charge of developing online learning algorithms for dynamic pricing

• Polimi Artificial Intelligence Research and Innovation Center (Airic)

August - October 2022 Milan, Italy

• In charge of selecting State-Of-The-Art artificial intelligence techniques and applying them in real world business oriented scenarios

PUBLICATIONS

Research Scientist, internship

C=CONFERENCE, J=JOURNAL, W=WORKSHOP

- [C.1] Francesco Emanuele Stradi, Matteo Castiglioni, Alberto Marchesi and Nicola Gatti (2025). Learning Adversarial MDPs with Stochastic Hard Constraints. In *The 42nd International Conference on Machine Learning* [ICML 2025].
- [C.2] Francesco Emanuele Stradi, Anna Lunghi, Matteo Castiglioni, Alberto Marchesi and Nicola Gatti (2025).

 Policy Optimization for CMDPs with Bandit Feedback: Learning Stochastic and Adversarial Constraints.

 In The 42nd International Conference on Machine Learning [ICML 2025].
- [C.3] Francesco Emanuele Stradi, Matteo Castiglioni, Alberto Marchesi and Nicola Gatti (2025). Optimal Strong Regret and Violation in Constrained MDPs via Policy Optimization. In *The 13th International Conference on Learning Representations* [ICLR 2025].
- [C.4] Davide Maran*, Francesco Bacchiocchi*, Francesco Emanuele Stradi*, Matteo Castiglioni, Nicola Gatti and Marcello Restelli (2024). Bandits with Ranking Feedback. In *The 37th Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems* [NeurIPS 2024].
- [C.5] Francesco Emanuele Stradi, Jacopo Germano, Gianmarco Genalti, Matteo Castiglioni, Alberto Marchesi and Nicola Gatti (2024). Online Learning in CMDPs: Handling Stochastic and Adversarial Constraints. In The 41st International Conference on Machine Learning [ICML 2024].
- [C.6] Francesco Bacchiocchi*, Francesco Emanuele Stradi*, Matteo Papini, Alberto Maria Metelli, and Nicola Gatti (2024). Online Learning with Off-Policy Feedback in Adversarial MDPs. In The 33rd International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence [IJCAI 2024].
- [C.7] Davide Maran*, Pierricardo Olivieri*, Francesco Emanuele Stradi*, Nicola Gatti and Marcello Restelli (2024).
 Online Markov Decision Processes Configuration with Continuous Decision Space. In The 38th AAAI
 Conference on Artificial Intelligence [AAAI 2024].
- [W.1] Francesco Emanuele Stradi, Matteo Castiglioni, Alberto Marchesi and Nicola Gatti (2024). Online learning in CMDPs with adversarial losses and stochastic hard constraints. In *The 17th European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning* [EWRL 2024].

- [W.2] Francesco Bacchiocchi*, Francesco Emanuele Stradi*, Matteo Castiglioni, Alberto Marchesi and Nicola Gatti (2024). Markov Persuasion Processes: How to Persuade Multiple Agents From Scratch. In ICML 2024 Workshop: Aligning Reinforcement Learning Experimentalists and Theorists [ARLET 2024].
- [W.3] Francesco Bacchiocchi*, Francesco Emanuele Stradi*, Matteo Papini, Alberto Maria Metelli and Nicola Gatti (2023). Online Adversarial MDPs with Off-Policy Feedback and Known Transitions. In *The 16th European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning [EWRL 2023]*.
- [W.4] Davide Maran*, Pierricardo Olivieri*, Francesco Emanuele Stradi*, Nicola Gatti and Marcello Restelli. (2023).
 Online Configuration in Continuous Decision Space. In The 16th European Workshop on Reinforcement Learning [EWRL 2023].
 - * stands for equal contribution

TEACHING

• Probabilità e Statistica Matematica, TA

Spring 2024

Politecnico di Milano

• Bsc in Management Engineering

• Statistica, TA

Spring 2024

Politecnico di Milano

• Bsc in Mechanical Engineering

SERVICE

• Reviewing: ICLR (2025), ICML (2025), NeurIPS (2025)

PROGRAMMING

• Programming Languages: C, Java, Python, SQL, Ampl

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

• Languages: Italian (Native), English (Proficiency level)