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Passionate about mathematics and math-adjacent domains, interested in persuing a career in research, currently seeking a PhD as of September 2021.

Education

Mathematical Engineering @ INSA Rouen Normandie
`September 2014 – August 2020 (pending internship)`

French graduate engineering program (Diplôme d'Ingénieur) with focus on applied mathematics and computer science, specialized in IA and Decision-Making.

Theoretical & Applied Computer Science @ Université de Rouen
`September 2019 – August 2020`

Research-oriented Masters program with focus on algebra and theoretical computer science.

Syrian Scientific Baccalaureate
`June 2013`

Graduation grade: 92.17%.

Experience

Research Intern @ L2S (Centralesupelec, CNRS)
`November 2020 – June 2021`

Worked on a bio-inspired geometric model for sound reconstruction. The spectrum of the degraded sound is lifted in the Heisenberg group and reconstructed via the Wilson-Cowan differo-integral equation.
Contributed to an article submitted to the GSI 2021 conference.
Improved and extended the implementation of the proposed model, and ran experiments on a library of speech recordings.

Research Intern @ INRIA Nancy Grand-Est
`June – August 2019`

Contributed to the «Mind the Gap!» algorithm developped by Pixel team that proposes a robust pipeline for generating hexahedral-dominant meshes from any global parametrization of a tetrahedral mesh.
Proposed and implemented improvements to the pipeline that helped obtain better meshes with less irregularities.

Projects

Music Information Retrieval - Masters Thesis

Research project exploring MIR algorithms for single/multiple pitch estimation and onset detection. Provided a Python API for these algorithms using own implementation and/or external libraries.

Active Contour Models - Snakes

Studied and implemented active contour models for parametric curve and level-set curves, evolving the curves by minimizing the mean-curvature or the geodesic metric.

The Taquin Game (8-puzzle)

A prolog implementation of the sliding tiles game using graph search algorithms.

Publications

An auditory cortex model for sound processing
`Preprint submitted to the GSI 2021 conference in March 2021`

Rand Asswad, Ugo Boscain, Giuseppina Turco, Dario Prandi, Ludovic Sacchelli.

Skills

Mathematics & Computer Science Theory

- Functional Analysis
- Control Theory
- Signal Processing
- Numerical Analysis
- Metaheuristics
- Probability, Statistics & Data Analysis
- Combinatorics
- Automata Theory & Language Processing
- Multi-agent Systems & MARL

Programming Languages

- `Basic:` Fortran, Matlab/Octave, Prolog, Lisp, Mathematica, Javascript, SQL, C#, PHP.
- `Experienced:` bash/shell, C, C++, Python, Julia, Java.
- `Markup:` LaTeX/TeX, HTML, Markdown.

Libraries & Frameworks

- `Python:` numpy, scipy, matplotlib.
- `Java:` RMI, Swing.
- `Lexer & Parser Generators:` Lex/Yacc, GNU Flex/Bison, Antlr4.
- `Web dev:` Django, Jekyll.

Software & Tools

- `OS:` GNU Linux, MS Windows.
- `Version Control:` Git, SVN.
- `Image Processing:` GIMP, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, Blender.

Languages

English ●●●●●○
French ●●●●●○
Arabic *(native)* ●●●●●●
German *(learning)* ●●○○○○

Miscellaneous

Violin (Conservatory of St-Etienne du Rouvray)

Interests

- Cinema & Art
- Camping & Hiking