Jack J. Mayo

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Skills Programming: C++, MATLAB, Python, R, Lua, NetLogo, Mathematica

Languages: English (native), Dutch (intermediate)

Tools: LaTex, Linux Bash, scikit-learn, Tensorflow/Keras/Tensorboard, Quantum++

Education University of Amsterdam

2020 - Present

PHD IN MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS

Project: Adaptive Online Learning in Unbounded Spaces.

University of Groningen

2018 - 2020

MSC NANOSCIENCE (DUTCH TOPMASTER) - GPA 8.0 (UK 1:1)

Highest ranked MSc programme in the Netherlands. Aimed at the top 10% of students with backgrounds in physics, chemistry and material science. Electives in condensed matter theory, many particle systems, quantum field theory and statistical mechanics.

University of Groningen

2015 - 2018

BSC PHYSICS (HONS) - GPA 8.2 (UK 1:1)

Specialisation in theoretical physics. Honours programme of 45 ECTS broadening and deepening classes, professional skills and project work. 237 ECTS obtained in total over a period of 3 years.

Bedford Sixth Form 2013 - 2015

A LEVEL

A in Physics, A in Mathematics, B in Chemistry

Experience

Teaching Assistant

2020 - Present

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING - UNIVERSITY OF AMSTERDAM

Preparation and presentation of bi-weekly (2 hour) exercise classes, grading homework and exams, course logistics support and exam invigilation. Gewone Differentiele Vergelijkingen and Machine Learning Theory (MasterMath)

Research Intern Summer 2019

DONOSTIA INTERNATIONAL PHYSICS CENTER

Investigated and implemented analytical methods for solving a theoretical problem. Presented findings to an audience of academics and students during a mini-symposium. Project: Adiabatic Quantum Computing in Finite Time.

Research Intern Summer 2017

ZERNIKE INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCED MATERIALS - UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

Designed and conducted an investigation under the supervision of PhD's and academics. Conducted literature study. Wrote findings in an academic format. Project: Explaining Anomalous Spectral Broadening in Cylindrical J-Aggregates.

Teaching Assistant 2016 - 2018

FACULTY OF SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING - UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

Preparation and presentation of bi-weekly (2 hour) exercise classes, grading homework and exams, course logistics support and exam invigilation. 8 courses in total including mathematical physics, thermodynamics, statistical physics and multivariable calculus. Additionally, I provided private tutoring.

Student Representative

2016 - 2018

HONOURS COLLEGE FACULTY COUNCIL - UNIVERSITY OF GRONINGEN

Served as the main point of contact between students from the Faculty of Science and Engineering (FSE) and the central administration of the Honours Programme. Communicated student concerns and comments. Represented the views and interests of the FSE cohort at council meetings.

Other 2008 - 2015

(NON ACADEMIC)

Private tutor in music. Promotions assistant (Jamm Brixton). Barman (The Bell, Westoning). Telephone interviewer (GfK NOP Research). Laborer (KJM Construction).

Project Work

Nonlinear Quantum Signal Processing in Organic Self-Assembled Aggregates

Individual

MSC THESIS - GRADED 8.5

- Implemented a reservoir computing system in modelled aggregates of functional organic molecules.
- Designed protocols for femtosecond laser experiments in collaboration with experimentalists.
- Worked formally with density matrices.
- Core theoretical work (backend) implemented in C++, using the Quantum++ library.
- → Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Richard Hildner and Dr. Thomas La-Cour Jansen.

Adiabatic Quantum Computing in Finite Time

Individual

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP - GRADED 10.0 (MANUSCRIPTS PUBLISHED, OR UNDER PREPARATION)

- Found exact analytical methods for tracking defect statistics in the 1D Ising model under slow quench.
- Used methods to calculate cumulants, and bound kink numbers in large deviation theory.
- Developed strategies to conduct work in an analytical setting by searching relevant literature.
- Learned the use of Mathematica, and parallelism in Python using the native MPI.
- → Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Adolfo del Campo.

Bio-Mimetic Signal Processing: A Primer in Architectural Advances for Device PhysicistsIndividual RESEARCH PAPER - GRADED 8.5

- Compiled a review contrasting recent advances in neuromorphic architectures.
- Described processing of signals, including techniques for their sparsification and accumulation.
- Compared how different designs impacted reliability, performance and power consumption.
- Reviewed methods of interfacing device output with programming tools.
- → Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Tamalika Banerjee.

A Study of Self-Assembled Tunneling Junctions With Deep Learning

Individual

NANOSCIENCE SHORT PROJECT - GRADED 8.0

- Trained an autoencoder to predict JV properties of junctions from their molecular structure.
- ullet Achieved absolute error $< 0.1\sigma$ of sample standard deviation on a database of 300 molecules.
- Up to 70% improvement achieved when trained with additional molecular properties.
- Learned how to develop models in Tensorflow/Keras, and to interface with Tensorboard.
- → Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Ryan C. Chiechi.

Reservoir Computing With Dynamic Memristors

Individual

BACHELOR'S THESIS - GRADED 8.0

- Programmed a numerical model of a set of dynamic memristive devices.
- Performed a set of time-series emulation and classification experiments using programmed devices.
- Learned how to construct classes and objects in MATLAB, as well as multi-threading.
- Learned to interpret and implement concepts from the machine learning literature.
- → Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Patrick Onck and Prof. Dr. Michael Biehl.

Explaining Anomalous Spectral Broadening in Cylindrical J-Aggregates

Individual

RESEARCH INTERNSHIP (ADVANCED PROJECT I) - GRADED 8.0 (MANUSCRIPT UNDER PREPARATION)

- Quantitatively explained anomalous features of polarization resolved 2D electronic spectra.
- Learned how to implement spectral calculations in MATLAB.
- → Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Thomas La Cour Jansen.

EEG Signal Classification with DWT, PCA and SVM's

Partnership

FMNS RESEARCH PROJECT (10 ECTS) - GRADED 8.0

- Designed and implemented a coded investigation to classify 52 channel EEG time-series data.
- Method distinguished patient classes with an accuracy of 0.85, against 0.45 permutation control.
- Learned how to process data in MATLAB's signal processing library, as well as scikit-learn in Python.
- → Supervisor: Dr. Marieke van Vugt.

Neuromorphic Computation and the Reservoir - Literature ReviewADVANCED PROJECT II - GRADED 8.5

Individual

• Compiled a literature review on the subject of reservoir computing systems in software and hardware. → Supervisor: Prof. Dr. Patrick Onck.

Sustainable Islands

Team of 7

HONOURS COLLEGE ATELIER - GRADED 8.5

- Investigated the adoption patterns of sustainable technologies by inhabitants of the Friesian Islands.
- Learned to program agent-based simulations in NetLogo, and coordination within a larger team.
- → Supervisor: Dr. Wander Jager.

Publications

Distribution of Kinks in an Ising Ferromagnet After a Thermal Quench.

Jack J. Mayo, Zhijie Fan, Gia-Wei Chern, Adolfo del Campo. Manuscript in preparation.

Full Counting Statistics of Topological Defects after Crossing a Phase Transition

Fernando J. Gómez-Ruiz, Jack J. Mayo, and Adolfo del Campo Phys. Rev. Lett. 124, 240602. (2020)

Unravelling Structural Disorder within Molecular Aggregates Through Single Aggregate Spectroscopy. Kunsel, T., Mayo, J. J., Löhner, A., Köhler, J., Jansen, T.L.C., Knoester, J.

J. Chem. Phys. 153, 134304. (2020)

Organisation

NanoSymposium 2019 - "From the Bottom Up" (http://www.nanosymposium.nl/2019/) Team of 12

MSC RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Organised industrial sponsorship from ASML, GBB, Zyngus and Stichting Physica

Organised and accommodated external keynote speaker (Prof. Bertus Beaumont - TU Delft)

Awards/Honours

| Paper "Unravelling Intra-Aggregate" awarded Editors Pick in J. Chem. Phys. | 2020 |
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| Paper "Full Counting Statistics" awarded Editors Choice in Physical Review Letters | 2020 |
| DIPC Internship Scholarship - living stipend | 2018 |
| Zernike Scholarship - Tuition fee waiver and living stipend | 2019 |
| FSE Honors College Research Symposium - award for best poster | 2018 |

Additional Activities

Gave 4×2 hour support lectures in neurophysics, calculus 1 and 2.

Prepared several mock examinations to prepare a class of around 20 undergraduates for their finals. Organised and participated in support sessions in statistical physics for a similarly sized class.

Rosalind Franklin Fellowship selection committee 2019 (student member).

RuG Impact Award 2019, advisory jury member.

Other Programming

Actor Critic Methods for Continuous Games

PERSONAL INTEREST

Implemented an Actor-Critic network in Lua. Learned to translate examples from the machine learning literature into executable code, and to manipulate/interface systems with hexadecimal memory.