KEVIN MANCINI

Mathematician and Computer Scientist
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I am a mathematician and computer scientist specializing in the mathematical foundations of machine learning. My research focuses on topology- and geometry-aware learning, as well as information flow control for improving long- and short-range node interactions in complex graph-based tasks. Driven by a passion for discovery, I am dedicated to tackling unsolved problems at the intersection of mathematics and computer science.

EDUCATION

SAPIENZA UNIVERSITY OF ROME Rome, IT
MSc Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics *2024 - Present*
- GPA: 30/30. Specializing in stochastic calculus and probability, with applications in machine learning for finance.

IMPERIAL COLLEGE LONDON London, UK
MSc Advanced Computing – Major in Artificial Intelligence *2023 - 2024*
- GPA: 86.7/100. Oral paper at MICCAI workshop and under review paper at IEEE TPAMI.
- Splunk Prize for best thesis in AI - DeltaGNN: Graph Neural Network with Information Flow Control.

UNIVERSITY OF HULL Hull, UK
Erasmus+ semester exchange, Computer Engineering *2021* - 2022

ALMA MATER STUDIORUM – UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA Bologna, IT
BSc in Computer Science and Engineering *2018 - 2021*
- GPA: 29.7/30 (top 2% class). Final Grade: 110/110 cum laude.

WORK EXPERIENCE

DELOITTE Milan, IT
Business Analyst & Developer, Full Time *2022 - 2023*
- Designed and developed a financial planner, led client meetings online and in-person.
- Reduced development time of OSBs to 1/5 by automating processes with Python, saving 15 working days.
- Dealt with Agile, Microservices, AWS Cloud, APIs, Spring Boot, Oracle BD, Redis, Docker, OpenShift.

CRIF Bologna, IT
Global FinTech & Analytics Company *2021 - 2021*
Software Engineer, Intern
- Winner of "CRIF GT Smart Up Internship" competition (top 16/120 students).
- Reduced SQL Server installation time by 80% using Ansible and Jenkins automation.

PROJECTS & RESEARCH

Lead Researcher – IX (AI Innovation center at Imperial College London) (repository) *2024 - Present*
- Designed novel topology-aware graph neural network in Python (under-review paper at IEEE TPAMI).
- Achieved average accuracy increase of 4.72% and avg reduction in training time of 30.61%.

Student Researcher – Deep Learning & Topology (repository) *2023 - 2024*
- Developed curvature-based deep neural network for medical imaging (oral presentation at MICCAI workshop).

Engineer – Internet of Things project (repository) *2021 - 2022*
- Led an international team of 6 students and ranked 1st/14 at the Hull IoT project competition.
- Engineered a device that uses sensors and SPI devices on a STM32 microcontroller to create an interactive game.

Developer – Mathematical Graphic Engine (repository) *2019 - 2019*
- Built a Windows/Unix desktop app in Java to graphically represent complex 2D/3D functions.
- Capable of rendering 70 million points of a complex 3D function in under 1 second using parallel computing.

TALKS

Invited Speaker - Imperial College London - Deep Graph-Based Learning (postgraduate course) London, UK
- Delivered a 1-hour lecture on deep GNNs, focusing on topological and geometrical measures. *Feb 2025*

Presenting Author – MICCAI GRAIL 2024 (paper preseantation) Marrakech, MA
- Presented research on DuoGNN, a novel deep learning model leveraging Olivier's Ricci curvature to enhance long- and short-range node interaction detection in graph-based learning tasks. *Oct 2024*

PUBLICATIONS

[1] Mancini Kevin, and Islem Rekik. "DeltaGNN: Graph Neural Networks with Information Flow Control" Under-review at IEEE TPAMI (Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence) (paper, repository)
[2] Mancini Kevin, and Islem Rekik. "DuoGNN: Topology-aware Graph Neural Network with Homophily and Heterophily Interaction-Decoupling" *MICCAI GRAIL (Graphs in Biomedical Image Analysis) 2024 workshop*. Selected for **Oral Presentation** (video, book, paper, repository)
[3] Mancini Kevin, Viroli Mirko, and Aguzzi Gianluca. "ScaFi: Integration and Performance Analysis with Scala Native" Thesis project (paper, repository)

HONORS & AWARDS

Academic Excellence:
Oct 2024: *Oral Presentation at MICCAI GRAIL workshop 2024*
Sep 2024: *Distinguished MSc Project at Imperial College London with grade 94%*
Sep 2024: *Splunk Prize for the best MSc Individual Project in the area of data science and machine learning*
Aug 2024: *Honorable mention at International Mathematics Competition (IMC 2024)*
Sep 2022: *Best Computer Engineering Student of the cohort at Alma Mater Studiorum (2nd out of 200)*
Sep 2021*: Er.go Scholarship for academic excellence, academic year 2020/2021*
Sep 2020*: Er.go Scholarship for academic excellence, academic year 2019/2020*
Sep 2019*: Er.go Scholarship for academic excellence, academic year 2018/2019*

Industry Competitions and Fellowships:
Apr 2024: *Mentors4u Membership (mentee)*
May 2022: *NovaTalent Membership (top 3% applicants)*
Apr 2021: *Winner – SMARTUP GT (CRIF collaboration, Top 16/120)*
Feb 2020*: Selected for Intrapreneurship Program 2020, an excellence program on strategic management in collaboration with Francesco Ubertini (ex Magnifico Rettore of the Alma Mater Studiorum)*

SKILLS

Coding: Java, Python, C, MATLAB, Scala, C++, HTML, CSS, PHP, SQL, LaTeX, CUDA, OpenCL, XQuery, Assembly.
Expertise: Deep Learning, Stochastic Processes, Bayesian Inference, Probability & Statistics, Optimization, Information Theory, Numerical Methods, Agile Development, High-Performance Computing (HPC), GitFlow.

INTERESTS & ACHIEVEMENTS

Adventurer & Polymath
Mountaineer, Climber, Volunteer at the Italian Alpine Club since 2017, Scuba diver, Avid reader, Cuber, Math enthusiast.
Personal Achievements
Funded my tuition through scholarships and part-time jobs, helped my mother learn English.