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## EDUCATION

- 2020–2024      **University of Oxford, Worcester College, MA Mathematics and Statistics**
- Palgrave Brown Scholarship (2020–2024)
  - First year completed with overall mark of 65.07 (equivalent to 2.1)
  - Second year completed with overall mark of 69.1 (equivalent to 2.1)
    - Top 30% in: Numerical Analysis, Probability, Complex Analysis, Metric Spaces, Simulation and Statistical Programming, Graph Theory, Calculus of Variation
  - Other Completed courses in Mathematics/Statistics:
    - 1st year: Analysis, Probability, Linear Algebra, Multivariable Calculus
    - 2nd year: Statistics, Linear Algebra, Integration, Differential Equations
    - 3rd year (ongoing): Functional Analysis, Probability Measure and Martingales, Statistical Inference, Statistical Machine Learning
- 2017–2020      **XIV LO im. Stanisława Staszica, Warsaw, Matex, Mathematics and Computer Science**
- Courses on advanced Algorithms, Analysis, Geometry and Probability.
  - Intensive mathematical, coding and algorithmic bootcamps.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

- 2023      **1st Author Publication at AISTATS-2023-** “Can 5th Generation Local Training Methods Support Client Sampling? Yes!” [Paper](#) / [FLOW seminar](#) / [Slides](#)
- 2019      **National Mathematical Olympiad** – Laureate title and in top 20
- 2018      **Physics Olympiad** - Semi-finals
- 2018      **National Mathematical Olympiad** - Finalist and in top 60
- 2017      **Junior Mathematical Olympiad** - Finalist title and in top 50
- 2016      **Junior Mathematical Olympiad** - Laureate title and in top 20

## EXPERIENCE

- Summer  
2022      **Research Internship at KAUST Supervised by Peter Richtarik**
- Developed and Analysed the first method (SOTA) “**5GCS**” that achieves accelerated communication via local training, which additionally supports Clients Sampling.
  - Completed “SGD” course by Peter Richtarik, which is a comprehensive analysis of current SOTA stochastic gradient based optimization methods in strongly convex, convex and non-convex settings.
- 2021–2022      **Project for Oxford “Engineers without borders” society.**
- In a team of 3, we were approaching classification and segmentation problems on Kaggle. We focused on Bioimages such as brain cells. Including: U-net, otsu method and programming using Pytorch.
- July-Sep  
2021      **Volunteer Research** Supervised by Yaodong Yang
- During this time, I learned about Bilevel Optimizations problems and ways to approach them. I also gained my first insight into the work of a researcher.
- 2019      **IT FOR SHE [Volunteer] – workshops on robotics and programming for children**
- I organised and delivered 20 hours of workshops in programming, robotics and new technologies for children from poor rural neighbourhoods. Additionally, the workshops were designed to fight gender inequality in STEM and present women as computer science specialists.

## MISCELLANEOUS

- IT      **Programming languages:** C++, Python, LaTeX, MATLAB, R
- Soft skills      **Top soft skills:** Acting on feedback, communication, and being a fast learner.