Michelangelo Conserva

"We know the past but cannot control it. We control the future but cannot know it."

- Claude Shannon.

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Interests

My principal objective is to develop practical methodologies with a strong theoretical backing for sequential decision making under uncertainty.

Selected Publications

M.C., Paulo Rauber.

Markov Decision Processes Hardness: Theory and Practice.

Neural Information Processing Systems, 2022.

Education

Ph.D., Queen Mary University of London, United Kingdom.

Sep. 2020 -

Reinforcement Learning

Master of Science, University College London, United Kingdom, Distinction.

Sep. 2019 - Sep. 2020

Computational Statistics and Machine Learning

Bachelor of Science, Sapienza University of Rome, Italy, 110 cum laude.

Sep. 2016 - Jul. 2019,

Statistics. Economics and Finance

Awards and extra-curricular activities

- Nuffield Research Placement. Mentoring a high school student (now studying Computer Science at Imperial College London) coming from a disadvantaged background, London, UK.
- o Secured four years PhD funding by the EPSRC, (London, UK).
- o Volunteering at a youth association "Giovani Tiburtini" to support homeless people, Rome, Italy.
- Giochi di Anacleto, high school physics Olympics: classified 1st (2015) and 3rd (2014).
- High school math Olympics: classified 1st (2015).

Skills

Programming languages. Advanced: Python. Intermediate: R, Matlab, Java. Novice: C++, C. **Python libraries.** Pytorch, Tensorflow, Jax, Scipy, Pandas, scikit-learn, Matplotlib, NetworkX. **Soft skills.** Effective communication, clear presentation, team-work, pressure handling.