# Pierfrancesco Beneventano

## PhD candidate at Princeton University

Researching on theory of deep learning. Broadly interested in Machine Learning, its theory, and the math tools to develop it.

### **Personal Data**

Address: Sherrerd Hall, Princeton, 08540 NJ.

**Phone:** +1 (609) 865 0159 Email: pierb@princeton.edu Linkedin profile Google Scholar

Website

#### Education

PhD in Operation Research and Financial Engineering, Princeton University, NJ, USA

Mathematics of machine learning, Statistics, Computational Mathematics



CGPA: na 2020 - curr.

MSc in Mathematics, ETH Zurich, Switzerland Final grade: 5.92/6 (summa cum laude)

Statistics, Probability, Computational Mathematics, and Deep Learning

2018 - 2020

Theses:

o Deep neural network approximations for high-dimensional functions.

o Deep neural network approximations for high-dimensional first order Kolmogorov PDEs.

**ETH** zürich

Final grade: 110/110 summa cum laude

Supervisors: Prof. Arnulf Jentzen, Prof. Patrick Cheridito.

#### BSc in Mathematics, Università di Pisa, Italy

Computational Mathematics Curriculum

2015 - 2018

- o Thesis on numerical methods for Markov chains (Italian). Supervisor: Prof. Dario A. Bini.
- o INdAM Merit Scholarship, best 40 freshmen in math all-over Italy (2015–2018).
- o INdAM Summer School in Mathematics (2016, 2017).



Università di Pisa

### **Experiences**

#### **Machine Learning Research Intern**

Daedalean AI, Zurich, Switzerland

2020

o Explainability of AI.

o Theoretical Guarantees for Neural Networks (Generalizability).

My work was part of the project Concepts of Design Assurance for Neural Networks (CoDANN) in partnership with EASA, European Union Aviation Safety Agency, which will lead to the first guidelines for AI certification in safety critical system.

#### **Teaching Assistant**

ETH Zurich, Switzerland

2019 - 2020

- o Computational Methods in Engineering and Applications.
- o Numerical Methods for Partial Differential Equations.
- o Translator and Proofreader of a book on Calculus.

Courses for, among others: Physics MSc, Data Science MSc, CSE BSc, Mech. Eng. BSc. *Taught at the exercise lectures of the courses (both theory and C++ for problems.)* 

**ETH** zürich

## Coding skills

**Proficient**: *C, Matlab, L*AT<sub>E</sub>X.

**Experiences**: *C++*, *Python*, *R*, *Java*.

Languages

Native: Italian.

Fluent: English, 7.5/9 Academic IELTS