Tomàs Ortega

Curriculum Vitae

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I am a PhD student in Electrical Engineering at University of California, Irvine. My current research aims to characterize the communications required for distributed algorithms in a network to converge at a certain speed. I have a master's degree in Mathematics from the UPC, in Barcelona, with a focus on Discrete Mathematics and Information Theory. I obtained bachelor's degrees in both Mathematics and Telecommunications Engineering from UPC under the CFIS program. I am particularly interested in combining the fields I have studied, and applying this knowledge to code. For my bachelor's thesis I did an internship at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, where I worked on a project that allowed me to draw from both bachelor's and also implement the ideas in code.

Education

2021 – **Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering**, *University of California, Irvine*, Irvine. present

2020 – 2021 Master's degree in Mathematics, Master's in Advanced Mathematics and Mathematical Engineering, UPC, Barcelona.

2015 – 2020 Bachelor's degree in Mathematics, CFIS, UPC, Barcelona.

2015 – 2020 Bachelor's degree in Telecommunications Engineering, CFIS, UPC, Barcelona.

Professional and Research Experience

September Research Assistant at UPC (Signal Theory and Communications Depart-2020 – ment), Design and optimization of 5G coverage estimators in urban scenarios, along January 2021 with implementation and testing of the proposed solutions, Barcelona.

February – **JVSRP Internship at NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory**, Development and July 2020 implementation of an adaptive-sweep algorithm for carrier acquisition and tracking in spacecraft radios (link to publication), Pasadena.

January – **Research Project Collaborator at HP**, Design of a ultrasound positioning system

July 2019 for mobile printers, with an emphasis on the position calculation and communications software, Barcelona.

Summer of **Summer Internship at BaseTIS**, Enhancing task automation and parallelization 2018 for data analysis and reporting for Gas Natural Informatica, Barcelona.

Publications

Tomas Ortega, Marc Sanchez Net, Kar-Ming Cheung, and Dariush Divsalar. Adaptive-sweep algorithm for spacecraft carrier acquisition and tracking: System analysis and implementation. In 2021 IEEE Aerospace Conference (50100), pages

1-9, 2021.

Tomas Ortega, Marc Sanchez Net, Dariush Divsalar, and Kar-Ming Cheung. Acquisition and tracking of high dynamics doppler profiles for space applications. In *2021 IEEE Aerospace Conference (50100)*, pages 1–20, 2021.

Tomàs Ortega, Antonio Pascual-Iserte, and Olga Muñoz. Los/nlos estimators for mmwave cellular systems with blockages. *IEEE Wireless Communications Letters*, 11(1):121–125, 2022.

Conferences attended

o IEEE Aerospace Conference - March 2021

Other Courses and Seminars

- Seminar on quantum and classical error-correcting codes, organized by Simeon Ball, UPC (2021)
- Online Course Using Python for Research, offered by Jukka-Pekka Onnela, Harvard University (2020)
- Summer Course FME 1st Course of Introduction to Research, organized by Juanjo Rué, UPC (2019)
- Summer Course JAE School of Mathematics , organized by Yago Antolín and Mario García Fernández, ICMAT-UAM (2019)
- Winter Course Game Theory, offered by Josep Freixas, UPC (2019)
- Winter Course Introduction to Deep Learning, organized by Xavier Giró, UPC (2018)
- Summer Course BarcelonaTech Mathematics Summer Camp, organized by Fundació Privada Cellex, UPC (2015)
- Online Course Programming Mobile Applications for Android Handheld Systems, offered by Adam Porter, University of Maryland (2014)
- Summer Course Programming and algorithmics, offered by Salvador Roura and Jordi Petit, UPC (2014) and (2013)
- Summer Course Computer graphics, offered by Alvar Vinacua, UPC (2013)

Languages

Spanish Native C1 certificate

Catalan Native C1 certificate

English **Proficient** Cambridge Proficiency certificate

French Good Delf certificate

Computer skills

- o Programming Languages: C, C++, Java, Python, Ruby, Haskell
- Markup Languages: HTML, XML, LaTeX
- o Tools: AWS, Luigi, Docker, Dash, Jenkins, Git, Heroku

Other Merits and Awards

- 2021 UCI, Electrical Engineering department fellowship, awarded.
- 2021 Balsells program, Balsells graduate fellowship, awarded.
- 2020 Google Hash Code, 2nd team Spain, 171th global.
- 2019 Google Hash Code, 1st team Spain, 75th global.
- 2018 **Kernel Analytics Datathon**, *2nd place*, Accuracy when classifying Parkinson's Disease onset of symptomatology using sensor data.
- 2018 Google Hash Code, 1st team Spain, 53rd global.
- 2015 CFIS, CFIS scholarship, awarded.
- 2015 **UAB ARGÓ prize for excellence in a mathematics and programming project**, awarded, As part of my research project in high school I developed a free and open-source Android App called MAT. It allows users to solve some elementary maths problems and is available on Google Play click here to view.
- 2015 Spanish Programming Olympiad, finalist.
- 2014 CIMS Cellex Program, shortlisted.