# ZACHARY TILLER

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### **EDUCATION**

# University of Cambridge | MEng Information & Computer Engineering

Oct. 2019 - July 2023

4th Year: Masters Project: 'Non-Gaussian Stochastic Processes for Financial & Tracking Applications':

- Applying Particle Filters to Levy-Process-Driven Stochastic State Space Equations

Key Modules: Probabilistic ML, DL & Structured Data, Statistical Signal Analysis, Computational Stats & ML Societies: Cambridge Jewish Society

3rd Year: Upper Second Class Honours (68%)

Coursework: Reinforcement Learning to swing-up & control an inverted pendulum (71%)

**2nd Year**: First Class Honours, ranked **7th** in year. Queens' Foundation Scholar & President's prize **1st Year Ungraded due to COVID-19** 

# Bancrofts School | Francis Bancrofts' Scholar

Sept. 2012 - Sept. 2019

**A Levels**: A\*A\*A\*A\* - Maths, Chemistry, Further Maths, Physics | **GCSEs**: 10A\*'s

Awards: Silver Cambridge Chemistry Olympiad, UKMT Kangaroo Award

# PERSONAL PROJECTS & CERTIFICATIONS

# **Snooker Sports Betting Model**

- Used power of Tensorflow & GPU to maximise a log-likelihood function to find the optimal player ratings
- Produced an end-to-end sports betting system with a partner. Currently manually executing bets on overall and handicap markets. Planning to automate via Betfair API

# Football Predictor Web App - Click For App

- Implemented the Bivariate Poisson distribution in Python to sample (Monte Carlo) football game scorelines
- Created my own formula for the parameters of the distributions (expected goal-rate) to reflect a team's attacking strength & form, gathering data via an API. Turned project into a Web App

# Real Time Hedge Calculator

• Developed software (CLI) to quickly examine the Risk/Reward & bet sizes when trading on sports exchanges **Experimental Trading Algorithm** 

• Used MQL4 to back-test ideas for systematic trend-following algorithms on FX pairs

## **Machine Learning Specialisation**

• Intro to ML and Deep Learning via deeplearning.ai; completed 8+ mini-projects, inc. CNNs, RNNs & NLP

#### Work & Leadership Experience

#### Quantitative Investment Strategy Intern (QIS): Vol Structuring, Macquarie

June 2022 - Aug. 2022

- Implemented a new intra-day PnL Explainer tool within Macquaries' Python libraries. Improved inaccurate Taylor-Series based methods to 8 d.p. precision enabling intra-day analysis on Delta Hedging VRP strategies
- Manipulated tool-output data into simple graphical formats for on-desk PnL analysis and client questions

#### Machine Learning & AI Intern (Part-Time), Memento VR

Aug. 2021

- Generated 14,800 labelled snaps from a video to use in a multi-output CNN to predict gyroscopic parameters
- Created a sign-language recogniser (CNN), at 70% testing accuracy, using techniques like data augmentation

# McKinsey & Co. Spring Intern

April 2021

• Collaborated with McKinsey consultants and peers to construct and present a solution to a mock-case

## **Jane Street Trading Spring Intern**

April 2021

• Practised market making, helping the team finish second place in a simulated open-outcry exchange

## Lead Student Consultant, Unlock Consultancy

Oct. 2020 - Nov. 2020

- Directed a global team over 3 time-zones on a tech consulting project for 6 weeks, delivering a 40-slide report
- Leveraged skills in cloud-based software to ease project management and delivery, saving c.10 hours a week

## EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

#### **Academic Mentor and Coach, Universify**

Oct. 2020 - July 2021

- Year long coach for two Year 11 students from deprived backgrounds, helping them work toward University
- Led classes of up to 20 students for a week during the online summer school, collaborating with 15 volunteers

# Treasurer, CATS Society Cambridge University

Oct. 2020 - July 2021

- Coded a programme to automate managing formal accounts with 100's of transactions a year
- Took initiative to modernise the accounting documents by re-drafting into a clearer format

#### Sports

• Queens' College Football 2XI. Arsenal FC Fan | Ex-Univeristy Water Polo | Gold DofE | School Swim Captain