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Education

Master's Degree in Industrial Management

EMINES School of Industrial Management

Minor in Data Science: **GPA: 3.98/4.0**

September 2024 - Present

Coursework includes: NLP, Probabilities, Machine Learning, Optimization, Statistics, Multivariable Calculus, Martingale strategies, Lebesgue Integration, Measure Theory, Linear Programming, Biomedical Engineering, Robotics, Analytics, Principles of Economics

Bachelor's Degree in Industrial Management

EMINES School of Industrial Management

Engineering degree program- **GPA: 3.96/4.0**

September 2020 - September 2024

Coursework includes: Real Analysis, General Topology, General Algebra, Linear Algebra, Electromagnetics, Electronics, Robotics

Papers

Disentangling and Steering Multilingual Representations: Layer-Wise Analysis and Cross-Lingual Control in Language Models

Abir Harrasse*, Florent Draye, Bernhard Schölkopf, Zhijing Jin

(ICML AIW Workshop) Available at: AIW-Workshop

TinySQL: A Progressive Text-to-SQL Dataset for Mechanistic Interpretability Research

Abir Harrasse*, Philip Quirke, Clement Neo, Dhruv Nathawani, Amir Abdullah

(Under Review) Available at: arXiv:2503.12730

Activation Space Interventions Can Be Transferred Between Large Language Models

Narmeen Oozeer, Dhruv Nathawani, Nirmalendu Prakash, Michael Lan, Abir Harrasse*, Amirali Abdullah

(ICML 2025) Available at: arXiv:2503.04429

Industry Experience

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September 2024 - March 2025

Research Intern

Bay Area, San Francisco

- Using mechanistic interpretability methods to probe models during reasoning tasks, investigating whether human-interpretable causal algorithms are implemented. The goal is to develop a general framework for conducting mechanistic interpretability experiments. Our work was submitted to venues such as ICML 2025 and EMNLP 2025.

Research Experience

Causal Interpretability

April 2025 - Present

Research Intern, supervised by **Prof. Zhijing Jin**

Max Planck Institute for Intelligent Systems

- Research internship focused on studying the identifiability of Sparse Autoencoders through the lens of Causal Representation Learning, interpreting multilingual difference of performance and improving influence functions.

LLMs evaluating LLMs

April 2024 - August 2024

Research Intern, supervised by **Prof. Chaithanya Bandi**

National University of Singapore

- Designed adversarial multi-agent systems for LLM output evaluation, with roles like advocates and judges. This dynamic framework improved decision-making, achieving an 8% performance boost over prior methods.

RL with generative models

Research assistant, supervised by Prof. Omar Saadi

January 2023 - January 2024

College of Computing-UM6P

- Focused on model-based reinforcement learning using generative models, testing existing algorithms and optimizing their runtime and sampling efficiency.

Product Assortment Optimization

Research Intern, supervised by Prof. Agnès Gorge

June 2023 - July 2023

Africa Business School - UM6P

- Researched the theoretical aspects of assortment optimization and its impact on retailer profitability. This involved studying substitution effects and demand uncertainty, leading to the development of a new machine learning heuristic.

Key Achievements and Projects

"Chariot Autonome" Robot

AI lead

October 2023 - May 2024

EMINES-UM6P

- Collaborated with my team to develop an autonomous robot capable of following the user in real time. Implemented AI features using human tracking algorithms and depth estimation to enhance navigation and interaction capabilities.

BCG Platinion Hackathon

National Winner

October 2023

BCG Casablanca

- Our mobility solution, optimizing matchmaking among transporters, suppliers, and demanders, won the top national prize and second place internationally at the hackathon with 150+ participants. It leverages Google's VRP-Solver for route optimization under multiple constraints.

Morocco IoT and AI Challenge

Finalist

September 2023

Marrakech, Morocco

- As a finalist in the Morocco IoT and AI Challenge, I presented **Med-Flamingo**, a medical chatbot combining visual language models and LLMs. It interacts in Moroccan Dialect, answers medical questions, and generates reports, with ongoing work on AI safety enhancements. The project is accessible through: medical chatbot.

Assets flood protection

Project leader

March 2023 - April 2023

EMINES-UM6P

- Developed exact algorithms to optimize the cost of building walls around a city of assets for small data and meta-heuristic algorithm to tackle the case of large data.

Asthma Mathematical Modelisation

Project leader, supervised by Dr. Marcel Filoche

October 2022 - December 2022

EMINES-UM6P

- Our biomedical engineering project applied mathematical modeling, employing Navier-Stokes equations to simulate asthma and gain insights into respiratory airflow during asthma attacks. The project is accessible through: results.

NaMO - Preparing for IMO's 61st edition

Participant

January 2019 - March 2020

Rabat, Morocco

Among the top 25 participants selected for the country’s most prestigious mathematical competition, where more than 1000 best high school students gathered to prepare for international contests like the International Mathematical Olympiads (IMO).

Awards and Achievements

National Moroccan Merit Scholarship FAR (2020)

Awarded to the top 50 national scores in high school final examinations, representing the top 0.1% of all candidates.

UM6P Excellence Scholarship (2020)

Granted for exceptional performance in entrance examinations, placing within the top 1% of applicants.

Skills

Languages

Native: Arabic, French. *Fluent:* English. *Beginner:* Mandarin

Programming Languages/Tools

Python, Pytorch, TransformerLens, SAELens, Nnsight, Transformers, Diffusers, Datasets, Slurm, FICO Xpress, SQL

Volunteering

MathMaroc

September 2021-September 2024

Vice General Secretary

Collaborating with fellow members to organize events, workshops, and outreach programs to engage students and enthusiasts in the exploration and appreciation of mathematics.

The GenAI Winter School

October 2023- February 2024

Organizer

Taking an active role in the coordination and organization of The **GenAI Winter School**, an event that welcomed distinguished researchers including **Yann Le Cun**, **Eric Xing**, and other prominent figures in the field.

Rotaract EMINES Club

January 2022 - June 2022

Co-founder and General Secretary

Co-founded a social impact club focused on aiding local communities through initiatives such as food distribution, visits to orphanages, and educational orientation sessions in remote middle schools.

E-maths Club

January 2021 - June 2021

Founder and President

Founded the first mathematics club at EMINES-UM6P to promote math culture through ludic activities, conferences, peer-to-peer workshops and study groups. Organized orientation sessions connecting students with alumni to explore academic and research pathways.