Julian Asilis

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Education

Aug 2022 – May 2027 (Expected)
Ph.D. in Computer Science, *University of Southern California*, Los Angeles
Supported by NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, 2024–present
Research: Statistical learning theory; deep learning theory; deep generative models.
Advisor: Vatsal Sharan
GPA: 4.0

2016 – 2020
A.B. in Mathematics with High Honors, *Harvard University*, Cambridge, MA
Senior Thesis: Probability Monads, under Michael Hopkins.

Research

Authors are usually ordered alphabetically, as is standard in computer science theory.

9. **Tina: Tiny Reasoning Models via LoRA**
Shangshang Wang, Julian Asilis, Ömer Faruk Akgül, Enes Burak Bilgin, Ollie Liu, Willie Neiswanger.
In submission, 2025.

8. **On Agnostic PAC Learning in the Small Error Regime**
Julian Asilis, Mikael Møller Høgsgaard, Grigoris Velegkas.
In submission, 2025.

7. **Local Regularizers Are Not Transductive Learners**
Sky Jafar, Julian Asilis, Shaddin Dughmi.
In *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, 2025.

6. **Understanding Aggregations of Proper Learners in Multiclass Classification**
Julian Asilis, Mikael Møller Høgsgaard, Grigoris Velegkas.
In *Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT)*, 2025.

5. **Proper Learnability and the Role of Unlabeled Data**
Julian Asilis, Siddartha Devic, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, and Shang-Hua Teng.
In *Conference on Algorithmic Learning Theory (ALT)*, 2025.

4. **Transductive Sample Complexities Are Compact**
Julian Asilis, Siddartha Devic, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, and Shang-Hua Teng.
In *Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2024.

3. **Open Problem: Can Local Regularization Learn All Multiclass Problems?**
Julian Asilis, Siddartha Devic, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, and Shang-Hua Teng.
In *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, 2024. (Open problems track)

2. **Regularization and Optimal Multiclass Learning**
Julian Asilis, Siddartha Devic, Shaddin Dughmi, Vatsal Sharan, and Shang-Hua Teng.
In *Conference on Learning Theory (COLT)*, 2024.

1. **Computable PAC Learning of Continuous Features**
Nathanael Ackerman, Julian Asilis, Jieqi Di, Cameron Freer, and Jean-Baptiste Tristan.
In *Logic in Computer Science (LICS)*, 2022.

Experience

June 2021 – June 2022 **Research Associate**, *Boston College*, Chestnut Hill, MA
- Researched computable learning theory, contributing to the publication and presentation of an extended abstract at CCA and a paper at LICS.
- Researched topological measures of complexity for neural networks, including training and analyzing 10k+ nets, and designing and implementing an efficient algorithm for computing polyhedral decompositions of shallow nets.
- Served as TA and Head TA for 2 computer science courses, including writing 140 pages of notes, overseeing 7 TA's, and writing scripts for automated exam grading.

July 2020 – May 2021 **Quantitative Researcher**, *AQR Capital Management*, Greenwich, CT
- Refined and expanded several factors used to trade dozens of assets in fixed income.
- Performed statistical inference and time series modeling on datasets of 1M+ entries.
- Delivered multiple 60-minute research presentations to senior quants and partners.
- Wrote production code in Python and SQL.

Summer 2019 **Research Summer Analyst**, *AQR Capital Management*, Greenwich, CT
- Completed 10-week research project studying macroeconomic signals for the fixed income group, including extensive signal testing in Python.
- Delivered findings to partners through a 60-minute presentation.

Teaching

At Boston College:
- *CSCI 1101: Computer Science I* (Spring 2022 Head Teaching Assistant)
- *CSCI 3340: Introduction to Machine Learning with Applications to Chemistry* (Fall 2021 Teaching Assistant)

At Harvard:
- *Math 101: Sets, Groups, and Topology* (Spring 2020 Course Assistant)
- *Math 112: Real Analysis I* (Spring 2019 Course Assistant)
- *Math 122: Abstract Algebra I* (Fall 2018 Course Assistant)

Community

Summer 2023 **SHINE Mentor**, *USC Summer High School Intensive in Next Generation Engineering (SHINE)*, Los Angeles, CA

2019 – 2020 **Math Mentor**, *Harvard Gender Inclusivity in Mathematics (GIIM)*, Cambridge, MA

2018 – 2019 **Teaching Assistant**, *Cambridge Math Circle*, Cambridge, MA

Skills

Programming: Python
Languages: English, Spanish