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Quantitative Finance enthusiast with a Double Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics and Computer Science. Currently, pursuing a dual program of Bachelor's and Master's in Engineering at CentraleSupélec (Diplôme d'Ingénieur Grande École), where I will be majoring in Mathematical Finance. I am also completing a Micromaster's in Finance from MIT Sloan School of Management. I am actively seeking an internship and/or a work-study program starting June 2024.

EDUCATION

CentraleSupélec

Master's in General Engineering (Diplôme d'Ingénieur Grande École)

Paris, France

Ongoing –2026

▪ **Relevant Coursework:** Advanced Probability, Partial Differential Equations, Strategic Interactions in Game Theory, Modeling Representations and Analysis, Quantum Physics, Industrial Engineering, Electronic Systems.

MIT Sloan School of Management

MicroMaster's in Finance (Online)

Massachusetts, USA

Ongoing –2024

▪ **Awards & Honors:** Scholarship 90%.

▪ **Relevant Coursework:** Mathematical Methods in Quantitative Finance, Derivatives Markets: Advanced Modeling & Strategies.

Sorbonne University

Bachelor of Computer Science 3.9/4.0 GPA

Paris, France

2020 –2023

Relevant Coursework & Ranking:

Computability & decidability (5th/88), Advanced algorithms (17th/116), AI & Operational Research (8th/129).

Bachelor of Mathematics 3.9/4.0 GPA

2020 –2023

Relevant Coursework & Ranking:

Advanced Measure and Probability Theory(7th/174), Numerical & Functional Analysis, Multilinear Algebra.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Software Engineer, SYSTEMIS

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Software Engineer Intern

July 1st 2023 – September 25th, 2023

IT & Cybersecurity Company

Paris, France

- Creating and implementing software solutions in Python/Django with a DEVOPS and agile methodology (Scrum, Kanban).
- Monitoring vulnerabilities identified by SAST/SCA tools (CheckMarx, LifeCycle, ...).
- Performing on-going security testing and code review to find non identified vulnerabilities by our SAST/SCA tools.
- Participated in penetration testing and conducted vulnerability assessments (Nmap, OpenVAS, Metasploit, and more).
- Researched the influence of Artificial Intelligence on cybersecurity.

Strategy Consultant Projetc, Boston Consulting Group (BCG)

Paris, France

Global management consulting firm

February 2024

- Conducted in-depth market analysis to identify growth opportunities for clients in the strategy consulting project at BCG.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to develop and implement data-driven strategies optimizing client success.

Research & Development Intern (Python and C++), LIP6-Lab of Sorbonne University

Paris, France

Institution of Higher Education's Research Lab

March 1st 2022 – July 15th, 2022

- Implemented cryptanalysis algorithms, including hill-climbing, ICM, BSGS, and genetic algorithms using **Python** and **C++**.
- Studied the effectiveness of these algorithms on a range of cryptosystems, such as DSE cipher, Vigenere, El-Gamal, and RSA.

Competitive Programming Training (Python and C++), LIP6-Lab of Sorbonne University

Paris, France

Institution of Higher Education

September 1st 2021 – February 15th, 2023

- Developed strong problem-solving (algorithms, data structures) skills, with focus on **Python** and **C++** during intensive training.
- Actively engaged in weekly competitive programming training sessions, including internal contests with graduate students.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Southwestern Europe Contest SWERC Programming Contest

Milano, Italie

ICPC International Collegiate Programming Contest

February 17th, 2023

- Ranked 36th out of 120 teams, 7th among the French teams, achieved the best historical ranking of Sorbonne University.

International Olympiad in Informatics IOI Certificate of Appreciation Syrian IOI Qualifications.

2017, Syria

- Ranked 2nd at the IOI Qualifications (Syria-Belarus-Russia).

2018 Minsk, Belarus

International Mathematical Olympiad IMO Certificate of Appreciation Syrian IMO Qualifications.

World Robot Olympiad WRO Association

- Ranked 1st in the regional phase, qualification for the world championship.

2015, Syria

- Ranked 2nd in the regional phase, qualification for the world championship.

2016 & 2017, Syria

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- **Languages:** French Fluent, English Fluent, Russian Notions, Arabic Native.
- **Proficient:** C/C++ (STL, Eigen), Python (Numpy, Gurobi, Pandas, Scikit-learn, TensorFlow).
- **Experienced:** Ocaml, SQL, Java, JavaScript, R, Microsoft Office, Bloomberg, Machine Learning (Scikit-learn, TensorFlow).

PROJECTS

Stock Trading Bot Project: Mathematical Market Analysis (Python)

Independent project 2023

▪ *Algorithmic Strategy Development:*

Implemented trading strategies using mathematical models while analyzing historical stock data for data-driven decisions.

- *Statistical Arbitrage:* Applied cointegration and correlation analysis for identifying profitable stock pairs.
- Used mathematical optimization (e.g., Markowitz model) for building diversified portfolios.
- *Time Series Forecasting:* Employed ARIMA and GARCH models for predicting stock price movements.
- *Monte Carlo Simulations for Risk Assessment:* Conducted simulations to assess and optimize trading position risk.

Project X AE A-12: Fake News Detector using Machine Learning (Python)

Coursework 2022

- *Machine Learning (scikit-learn):* TfidfVectorizer and PassiveAggressiveClassifier, for robust fake news classification.
- Developed a scraping bot to bypass Twitter/X API.

Blockchain (C/C++)

Coursework 2022

- Created a blockchain from scratch using C implementing a proof-of-work consensus algorithm.
- Integrated RSA cryptographic functions for enhanced security.
- Developed an algorithm that relies on the longest chain for trustworthiness.
- Crafted a customized minimalist unit test framework to ensure robustness.

Automate (Python)

Coursework 2022 - 2023

- Created and implemented automata using Python.
- *Developed various automaton functions including* Determination, Concatenation, Multiplication, Union, Language recognition, Regular expression conversion, Transition diagrams, State transition simulations.
- Designed and implemented a comprehensive testing environment.
- Applied the Automate project to solve mathematical problems, such as simplifying algebraic expressions using regular expressions and automaton-based transformations.

AI Chess-BOT (C++)

Independent project 2022

- Developed a C++ chess-playing program with AI capabilities.
- Implemented a customizable depth decision tree for AI decision-making.
- Utilized an alpha-beta pruning algorithm for predicting optimal chess moves.
- Included support for advanced chess rules such as castling, the fifty-move rule, triple repetition, and pawn promotion.

DNA Sequence alignment (C/C++)

Coursework 2023

- Focused on solving a genomics problem: sequence alignment, employing dynamic programming algorithms to measure genetic similarities and differences between two DNA sequences represented as sequences of nucleotides.
- Implemented algorithms for sequence alignment, including Needleman-Wunsch and Smith-Waterman, to find optimal alignments.

Optimization Problem (Python)

Coursework 2023

Designated as the best project in AI, Optimization & Operations Research Cours at Sorbonne University.

- Successfully tackled optimization challenges using linear programming techniques, leveraging the Gurobi library.
- Implemented flow algorithms, including max Flow/min cut, such as the Ford-Fulkerson algorithm and many optimization algorithms, including Dijkstra's algorithm, the simplex method, and the branch and bound algorithm, to apply in decision-making for achieving optimal solutions.

Personal Portfolio Website (HTML, CSS, JavaScript)

Independent project 2023

▪ *Interactive Web Design:*

Crafted an interactive personal portfolio website using HTML, CSS, and JavaScript for a dynamic user experience.

▪ *User-Centered Navigation:*

Prioritized user-friendliness with smooth animations and intuitive navigation, ensuring a seamless browsing experience.