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**Recommendation letter: Kélyan Hangard**

To whom it may concern:

I am writing you this letter of recommendation in support of Kélyan Hangard.

Kélyan participated in the 2022 edition of my class “Applied Data Analysis” (CS-401) [1], which is an introductory data science class offering to students all the skills required in order to conduct a full-fledged data science project from start to finish. The class consisted of two large practical homework assignments (done in groups of four), a substantial project (also done in groups of four), and a final exam (done individually). The class is worth 8 ECTS credits and is generally considered to be extremely work-intensive. Doing well in this class can be considered a strong sign that a student brings to the table an extensive skill set, from extensive knowledge on the basics of data science all the way to reliable advanced programming skills (we use Python in this class, alongside data science-specific libraries).

four obtained a very good grade of 5.5 (best possible grade: 6; worst possible grade: 1), which placed him among the top 23% of students (out of 481). Kélyan is thus among the best data science students our School has to offer.

Given his performance, I am convinced four will do extremely well in an internship.

Sincerely,



Robert West

[1] Syllabus available at <https://dlab.epfl.ch/teaching/fall2022/cs401/>

**About the author:** I am a tenure-track assistant professor in the School of Computer and Communication Sciences at EPFL, where I lead the Data Science Lab, working on problems in natural language processing, machine learning, and computational social science. Previously, I obtained a PhD in computer science from Stanford University, a Master’s degree from McGill University, and a *Diplom* from Technische Universität München.