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Education

Dauphine - PSL & Mines Paris - PSL (co-accreditation)   **2023 − 2025**
*Master of Computer Science, **Top 30% in 1st year***   *Paris, France*
- Awarded the Graduate Excellence Scholarship from ENS Paris-Saclay (1st year) and ENS Paris (2nd year)

Ho Chi Minh University of Education   **2019 − 2023**
*Honours Bachelor of Mathematics, **Valedictorian***   *Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam*
- Awarded the Merit Scholarship of university for 4 consecutive years

Experience

Dassault Systèmes   **Mar 2025 − Sep 2025**
Research Intern (Thiago Milanetto Schlittler and Prof. Roland Grappe)   *Vélizy-Villacoublay, France*
- Study variational and annealing algorithms on quantum computers for combinatorial optimization and machine learning
- Explore their current challenges and develop these methods, compare them to classical solvers and different hardwares

LAMSADE, Dauphine - PSL   **Mar 2025 − Jun 2025**
Research Student   *Paris, France*
- Thoroughly study the connection of operations research and AI challenges, make minor scientific contribution
- Research Project 1 (5 ECTS): Explainable AI with new methods (Prof. Alexis Tsoukias)
- Research Project 2 (5 ECTS): Graph-based energy minimization methods in computer vision (Prof. Angelo Fanelli)

UMA, ENSTA Paris - IPParis   **May 2024 − Aug 2024**
Research Intern (Prof. Andrea Simonetto and Prof. Sourour Elloumi)   *Palaiseau, France*
- Study constructing ansatz for variational quantum algorithms, by modeling as vehicle routing and MILP forrmulation
- Create ansatz for encoding HOBO problems into gate-based quantum computers with efficient number of CNOT gates

QUACS, INRIA Saclay   **Feb 2024 − Apr 2024**
Research Student   *Palaiseau, France*
- Thoroughly study the connection of operations research and quantum computing, make minor scientific contribution
- Research Project (5 ECTS): Quantum Markov process for decision-making problems

Algebra Group of Research, HCMUE   **10 months**
Research Intern   *Ho Chi Minh, Vietnam*
- Study fundamental aspects of combinatorics and abstract algebra, model and address combinatorial problems
- Design or develop, and evaluate algebraic algorithms both in theory and practice mathematically

Project

Quantum Machine Learning   **2024**
- Implement Variational Quantum Eigensolver, evaluate performance with different optimizers and hyperparameters
- Build Variational Quantum Classifier for IBM-birds dataset, evaluate on different types of hardware-efficient ansatz

Deep Learning in Computer Vision   **2024**
- Build and deepen network with more layers and variational SGDs, reach accuracy 97% from 92% on MINIST dataset
- Build VAE (without and with CNN) and GAN to generate images, evaluate performance with different hyperparameters

Quantum Combinatorial Optimization   **2023**
- Code end-to-end variant QAOA algorithms for QUBO, test performance with different number of layers and parameters
- Study different optimizations (Derivative-free and Evolutionary) on cost function and test on various QUBO problems

Technical Skill

Language: Vietnamese (Native), English (C1), French (currently study B1)
Programming Language: Python (2 years), C++ (2 years), Matlab (2 years)
Quantum Frameworks: Qiskit, Cirq   **Solver**: GLPK, CPLEX, Gurobi

Achievement (from 2019)

- Full travel grant to European Quantum Technology Summer School 2024, by European Center for Quantum Sciences
- Mathematics: 1 silver medal + 1 bronze medal in national competitions, 2 gold medals in regional competitions
- Informatics: top 3%/2000 in Quantum IBM Challenge, 1 bronze medal in regional competition
- Research: 2 silver medals + best thesis award in university contests, 2 poster presentations at international workshops