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Education .

University of Cambridge, Language Technology Lab

Cambridge, UK

PhD in Computation, Cognition and Language

Oct 2024 - Sept 2028

- Supervisors: Profs. Anna Korhonen and Isabelle Augenstein (University of Copenhagen)
- Affiliations: ELLIS PhD Student, Cambridge Trust Scholar, Girton College Member

Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV), Visual Data Science Lab

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

MSc in Mathematical Modelling

Feb 2022 - May 2024

• Supervisors: Profs. Jorge Poco and Marcos Raimundo (State University of Campinas, Brazil)

Rice University; Visual, Language, and Learning Lab

Houston, US

Visiting Scholar in Computer Science

Oct 2022 - Dec 2022

 $\circ~$ Supervisor: Prof. Vicente Ordó
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Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Dec 2017 – Jan 2022

BSc in Applied Mathematics

Supervisor: Prof. Jorge Poco
1st in class, GPA 3.86/4.0 (9.66/10.0, lowest passing grade of 6)

Federal Center for Technological Education of Minas Gerais (CEFET-MG)

 $Varginha,\ Brazil$

Technician Diploma in Mechatronics

2015 - 2017

• High school researcher fellow and volunteer

Research Projects _____

Improving NLP model explanations using human annotations

Dec 2021 - Mar 2024

- Developed a novel contrastive-inspired loss to incorporate human annotations into NLP classification in a modeland explainer-agnostic way (NAACL Findings 2024, LatinX in NLP, MSc thesis).
- Employed a multi-objective optimizer to explore the trade-off between the contrastive and the original losses.
- Significantly improved the plausibility of post-hoc explanations (relative increase of 3.49% for a language model) without substantially degrading model performance.

Design of a novel explainer for GNN node classification

July 2022 - Jan 2023

- Distill n' Explain (AISTATS 2023) first distills the original GNN into an interpretable one and then explains the latter.
- Designed and proved lemmas and theorems that guarantee the method's explanation faithfulness.
- The proposed explainer outperformed previous methods in explanation accuracy while being orders of magnitude faster.

Development of a visual analytics system to explore citations in legal docu- $Aug\ 2020\ -\ Feb\ 2022$ ments

- LegalVis (TVCG 2023, VIS 2022, BSc thesis) employs ML, NLP, XAI and data visualization to infer non-explicit citations in Brazilian legal documents.
- Tested a diverse set of NLP classifiers (Transformers, word embeddings and bag-of-words) and achieved high accuracy (96%) in identifying citations.
- Employed a model-agnostic explainer (LIME) to explain the inferred citations.

Development of a visual analytics system to apply legal understandings

Feb 2022 - present

- LegalAnalytics (AI & Law 2025) employs ML, NLP, XAI and visualization methods to assist judicial experts in the application of understandings from the Brazilian Supreme Court.
- Conducted a literature review on XAI in the legal domain (under review).

Application of machine learning to binding precedents

June 2021 - Apr 2025

- Explored ML, NLP and topological data analysis in legal documents that cite Brazilian binding precedents (AI & Law 2025).
- Managed the annotation of legal documents by experts (contribution to other papers).

- Exploration of the intersection between NLP and topological data analysis in legal documents.
- Publications expected in 2025.

Study of training data attribution

Oct 2022 - Sept 2024

- Explored methods to attribute model predictions to training data.
- Investigated the intersection between attribution, datamodeling and machine unlearning.

Publications _

Lucas Resck, Felipe Moreno-Vera, Tobias Veiga, Gerardo Paucar, Ezequiel Fajreldines, Guilherme Klafke, Luis G. Nonato, and Jorge Poco. 2025. LegalAnalytics: Bridging Visual Explanations and Workload Streamline in Brazilian Supreme Court Appeals. Artificial Intelligence and Law. Accepted for publication.

Raphaël Tinarrage, Henrique Ennes, Lucas E. Resck, Lucas T. Gomes, Jean R. Ponciano and Jorge Poco. 2025. Empirical analysis of Binding Precedent efficiency in the Brazilian Supreme Court via Similar Case Retrieval. Artificial Intelligence and Law. Accepted for publication.

Lucas Resck, Marcos M. Raimundo and Jorge Poco. 2024. Exploring the Trade-off Between Model Performance and Explanation Plausibility of Text Classifiers Using Human Rationales. NAACL Findings 2024. Also presented as a poster at the LatinX in NLP at NAACL 2024 workshop.

Lucas E. Resck, Jean R. Ponciano, Luis Gustavo Nonato and Jorge Poco. 2023. LegalVis: Exploring and Inferring Precedent Citations in Legal Documents. IEEE Transactions on Visualization and Computer Graphics (TVCG 2023). Presented at VIS 2022.

Tamara Pereira, Erik Nascimento, Lucas E. Resck, Diego Mesquita and Amauri Souza. 2023. Distill n' Explain: explaining graph neural networks using simple surrogates. AISTATS 2023.

Theses and Reports _____

Lucas Emanuel Resck Domingues. 2024. Balancing performance and explanation plausibility: a multi-objective approach to text classification with human rationales. MSc thesis, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Lucas Emanuel Resck Domingues. 2021. Inferring and Explaining Potential Citations to Binding Precedents in Brazilian Supreme Court Decisions. BSc thesis, Getulio Vargas Foundation, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Lucas Emanuel Resck Domingues and Júlia Gandini Blahun. 2018. Circuits for Driving Low Power Direct Current Motors. Technical report, Federal Center for Technological Education of Minas Gerais, Varginha, Brazil.

Júlia Gandini Blahun, Luiza de Souza Pinto Regina and Lucas Emanuel Resck Domingues. 2016. Brazilian Robotics Olympiad – OBR'2016, Level II Practical Modality. Technical report, Federal Center for Technological Education of Minas Gerais, Varginha, Brazil.

Contribution to Other Papers _____

Beatriz Sabdin Chagas, Carla Marcondes Damian and Raphäel Tinarrage. 2022. The Impact of the Súmula Vinculante 26 on the Decrease of Similar Demands at the STF: a Quantitative Analysis With Machine Learning Models. XI International Meeting of CONPEDI. Law team: Beatriz Sabdin Chagas, Carla Marcondes Damian, Ana Clara Macedo Jaccoud, Pedro Burlini de Oliveira. Math team: Henrique Hennes, Jorge Poco, Jean Roberto Ponciano, Lucas Resck, Raphäel Tinarrage.

Ana Clara Macedo Jaccoud, Pedro Burlini de Oliveira and Raphäel Tinarrage. 2022. Regime Progression for Heinous Crimes in Brazilian Supreme Court (STF): an Empirical Analysis of Súmula Vinculante 26. XI International Meeting of CONPEDI. Law team: Beatriz Sabdin Chagas, Carla Marcondes Damian, Ana Clara Macedo Jaccoud, Pedro Burlini de Oliveira. Math team: Henrique Hennes, Jorge Poco, Jean Roberto Ponciano, Lucas Resck, Raphäel Tinarrage.

Teaching Experience _____

Professor
Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV)

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Jan 2023 - Apr 2023

Professor of Introduction to Programming in Python in a Web Systems Development course.

Teaching Assistant

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Mar 2020 - June 2021

Getulio Vargas Foundation (FGV)

Teaching assistant of Ordinary Differential Equations, Calculus in Several Variables and Calculus in One Variable.

Work Experience _

Summer Intern

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

EloGroup

Dec 2019 - Feb 2020

Conducted time series analysis, exploratory data analysis, sanity checks on databases and data preprocessing.

Summer Intern

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

PSR Jan 2019 - Feb 2019

Developed and implemented optimization models for maintenance schedules and dispatch of power plants, utilizing Julia and optimization packages.

Honours, Awards and Scholarships

ELLIS PhD Student

Oct 2024 - Sept 2028

PhD student under the ELLIS PhD & Postdoc Program.

Cambridge International Scholarship

Oct 2024 - Sept 2027

<u>Cambridge Trust</u>'s scholarship to cover tuition fees and maintenance costs.

Young Researcher

Sept 2024

11th Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) Young Researcher.

G-Research scholarship

Paris, France

Registration and travel grant for EDS 2024.

Aug 2024

Google and Zendesk scholarship

Lisbon, Portugal

Registration and travel grant for <u>LxMLS 2024</u>.

July 2024

NAACL Diversity and Inclusion Award

Mexico City, Mexico June 2024

Registration and partial travel grant for NAACL 2024.

Feb 2022 - May 2024

FGV scholarship: tuition fees and monthly stipend.

Invited speaker

MSc scholarship

Três Corações, Brazil

Presentation How the mathematics olympiads transformed my life to motivate students from Colégio União, invited by Prof. Aguinaldo Borba.

Mar 2023

CAPES PROSUP scholarship

May 2022 - Feb 2023

Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES)'s Graduate Support Program for Private Education Institutions (PROSUP) scholarship to partially cover tuition fees.

Academic distinguished undergraduate award

Apr 2022

Ranked 1st in my undergraduate class. Recognition of academic excellence (grades and research).

Talent Selection Program

Dec 2017 - Jan 2022

Hosted by the Center for the Development of Mathematics and Sciences of FGV.

- Scholarship holder (tuition fee and monthly stipend).
- Selected based on my performance in mathematical olympiads and the entrance exam.

PICME scholarship

Aug 2018 - July 2021

Undergraduate Research and Master's Program (PICME) scholarship.

- It was only possible because of my mathematical olympiad medals before college.
- I did research and took graduate courses during my undergraduate studies with a scholarship.

High School Research Fellowship

Mar 2017 - Feb 2018

Scholarship holder at CEFET-MG and the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq) in the High School Research Fellowship.

1st place in the FGV entrance exam

Nov 2017

1st place in the entrance exam for the Applied Mathematics undergraduate program (24 candidates).

Olympiad medals

2012 - 2017

- Brazilian Public School Mathematics Olympiad (OBMEP): Gold (1 medal), silver (3) and bronze (1) medals and honourable mention (1).
- Brazilian Astronomy and Astronautics Olympiad (OBA): Silver (2) and bronze (1) medals.

Skills _ Programming: Python, C++, Julia, R, MATLAB/Scilab, LaTeX Machine Learning: PyTorch, scikit-learn, HuggingFace Transformers, TensorFlow, Keras Technologies: Git, Pandas, NumPy, Linux Languages: English (fluent, TOEFL: 112/120), Portuguese (native) Other: First Aid for Sport (British Red Cross) ${f Volunteering}$ Cambridge University Brazilian Society (CUBS) Cambridge, UK Dec 2024 - present Communications Officer. **FAccT 2024** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil June 2024 Volunteer at the ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency 2024. Academic Directory of Applied Mathematics at FGV Aug 2018 - Aug 2019 Treasurer. International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2018 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Aug 2018 Volunteer at the ICM 2018. Events, Schools and Workshops Attended ____ 11th Heidelberg Laureate Forum (HLF) Heidelberg, Germany Sept 2024 Selected as a Young Researcher and presented an artistic work at the Intercultural Science Art Project. ELLIS Doctoral Symposium (EDS) 2024 Paris, France Presentation of a poster of the NAACL Findings 2024 paper. Aug 2024 Lisbon Machine Learning School (LxMLS) 2024 Lisbon, Portugal Presentation of a poster of the NAACL Findings 2024 paper. July 2024 NAACL 2024 and LatinX in NLP Mexico City, Mexico June 2024 Paper presentation. **FAccT 2024** Rio de Janeiro, Brazil June 2024 Volunteer. Tropical Probabilistic AI School 2024 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Jan 2024 Presentation of a poster of the NAACL Findings 2024 paper. Seminar for Postgraduate Students at FGV (SEPEMAp) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Oct 2023 Presentation of the NAACL Findings 2024 paper. XLII Brazilian Congress of Applied and Computational Mathematics Bonito, Brazil (CNMAC 2023) Sept 2023 Latin American Congress on Industrial and Applied Mathematics (LACIAM) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 2023 Jan 2023 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

Summer School on Data Science 2023

IEEE VIS: Visualization & Visual Analytics 2022 Presentation of the TVCG 2023 paper.

8th Workshop on Mathematical Solutions for Industrial Problems

Organised by the Research Center in Mathematics Applied to Industry (CeMEAI) at the University of São Paulo.

International Congress of Mathematicians (ICM) 2018 Volunteer.

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil Aug 2018

São Paulo, Brazil (virtual)

Oklahoma City, US

Jan 2023

Oct 2022

Mar 2022

High School Research Course (Mentores)

Scholarship holder (CNPq) at the Plane Analytical Geometry course for medalists of OBMEP.

High School Research Program ($\underline{\operatorname{PIC-Jr}})$

Scholarship holder (CNPq) at the mathematics course for medalists of OBMEP.

Virtual 2016

Varginha, Brazil 2013 – 2015