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ABOUT

Nationality: Portuguese
Date of Birth: 25 July 1995

PERSONAL SUMMARY

I'm analytically minded, having performed **Data Analysis** with R and Python, **Machine Learning** with tensorflow and **Scientific Computing** with SageMath.

Even though my strong suit is data analysis, **Game Theory** introduced me to the world of **Behavioral Economics**, and Dan Ariely's book *Predictably Irrational* convinced me to further pursue this area.

Hence in the next few years I would be interested in exploring the union between purely rational Risk Analysis and Cognitive Biases.

LANGUAGES

Portuguese - Native
English - Bilingual Proficiency

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ONLINE PRESENCE

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MISCELLANEOUS

I'm the owner of a Category B European Driving License.

I enjoy trying out new activities, having kept a personal preference for Football, Punting, Croquet, Pool and Puzzles.



ACADEMIA

MMath in Mathematics at Oxford University

Expected Result: First Class Honours
Course End Date – June 2018

Oct 2016 – present

BA in Mathematics at Oxford University

Final grade: **First Class Honours**

Classes taken and respective results available on request.

(3 years) Oct 2013 – Jun 2016

High School - Grande Colégio Universal

Final grade: **19.2 / 20**

(8 years) Oct 2005 – Jun 2013

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tutor – High School Mathematics (1 on 1 tutorials with 3 students)

- Quickly assessed a student's knowledge and context in order to efficiently teach and share viewpoints.

(6 months) Jul 2017 - Dec 2017

Data Scientist at Farfetch (E-commerce platform)

Supervisor: Dr Ricardo Sousa

- The team's goal was to continuously improve the product ranking algorithms.
- Shared responsibilities and coordinated tasks with coworkers.

(6 months) Jul 2017 - Dec 2017

Computing the Average Rank of Elliptic Curves at Oxford University

(Summer Project with 15 students)

Supervisor: Dr Jennifer Balakrishnan

- Following a 1 week crash course in Elliptic Curves, we adapted algorithms designed by William A. Stein in order to populate Elliptic Curves' databases.

(5 weeks) Jun 2016 - Jul 2016

Data Scientist Summer Intern at Farfetch (E-commerce platform)

Supervisor: Dr João Gomes

- Self-taught Machine Learning, Python, SQL and R basics in the first 3 weeks.
- Developed an internal Fraud Detection algorithm.
- Co authored a paper detailing the results with Nuno Carneiro.

(7 weeks) Jul 2015 - Aug 2015

EXTRACURRICULAR

Croupier for Oxford RAG Casino (Charity Fundraiser)

- Required me to do fast mental calculations and concentrate for long periods of time.
- Handle complaints and difficult situations, while remaining polite, tactful and friendly.

(2 years) 2014 - 2016

G-Research Algorithmic Trading Competition (Stock Exchange Simulator)

- Coded a micro transaction strategy in a team of 3 students.
- Strategies were judged by simulating an exchange using historical stock price values and comparing final profits.

1st Place

5th Nov 2014

London International Youth Science Forum

Participant - Entry funded by the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation.

(2 weeks) Jul 2014 - Aug 2014

Delfos Project (Mathematical Weekend School for pre-University students)

Met many friends with whom I still share mathematical insights and interesting problems.

- Participated in 8 Math Olympiads, both National and International.
- 3 Bronze Medals, 3 Silver Medals and 2 Gold Medals.

(3 years) 2010 - 2013

Hands on Particles

Participant - Masterclasses on Particle Physics organized by the *European Particle Physics Outreach Group*

10th Mar 2012