

Paul Friedrich

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Employment history

- 2020 – now **Ph.D. candidate in Computer Science**, University of Zurich
Associated Researcher with the ETH AI Center
Research Areas: Machine Learning, Multi-Agent Reinforcement Learning,
Mechanism Design, Game Theory, Planning
Co-advisors: Sven Seuken (Computation and Economics Research Group),
Giorgia Ramponi (Autonomous Sequential Learning & Predictive Intelligence Lab)
- 2021 & 2022 **Head Teaching Assistant**, University of Zurich
Coordinated TAs, weekly exercise sheets, creation and grading of final exam
Course: *Algorithmic Game Theory and Mechanism Design (CompSci MSc)*
- 2020 & 2023 **Teaching Assistant**, University of Zurich
Course: *Algorithmic Game Theory and Mechanism Design (CompSci MSc)*
- 2020 **Quant & Analytics Consultant**, Ernst & Young
Financial Services Risk Management (Zurich, Switzerland)
Worked on regulatory & financial audits of, and advisory projects for globally active Swiss financial institutions. Audited statistical and scenario-based risk models, critically verified documentation, designed and implemented independent challenger models in Python and R.
- 2018 – 2019 **Quant & Analytics Intern**, Ernst & Young
Financial Services Risk Management (Zurich, Switzerland)
- 2016 – 2018 **Teaching Assistant**, ETH Zurich
Courses: *Topology, Complex Analysis, Real Analysis I (Math BSc&MSc)*

Education

- 2017 – 2020 **M.Sc. in Mathematics**, ETH Zurich
Focus: Machine Learning, Computational and Mathematical Finance
Thesis: *A Machine Learning Perspective on the Kyle Model (graded 6.0/6.0)*
Supervised by Josef Teichmann (ETH Zurich)
- 2017 **Exchange student**, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology
- 2014 – 2018 **B.Sc. in Mathematics**, ETH Zurich
Focus: Mathematical Optimization, Probability Theory
Thesis: *Risk Measures and their Applications: an Exposition (graded 6.0/6.0)*
Supervised by Mete Soner (Princeton University)

Research Papers

Paul Friedrich, Yulun Zhang, Michael J. Curry, Ludwig Dierks, Stephen McAleer, Jiaoyang Li, Tuomas Sandholm, and Sven Seuken, “Scalable mechanism design for multi-agent path finding,” *preprint at arXiv:2010.06398*, 2024.

Paul Friedrich, Ludwig Dierks, and Sven Seuken, “Machine learning-enhanced market design for drone traffic management,” *working paper*, 2024.

Sven Seuken, **Paul Friedrich**, and Ludwig Dierks, “Market design for drone traffic management,” *AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, won Blue Sky Best Paper Award (third place)*, 2022.

Paul Friedrich and Josef Teichmann, “Deep investing in kyle’s single period model,” *preprint at arXiv:2006.13889*, 2020.

Professional Experience

Supervision

- 2021 – 2022 **Master's project**, University of Zurich
Supervised a team of three Computer Science MSc students who developed a simulator for auction-based drone traffic management as part of my line of research.

Volunteering

- 2017 – 2018 **Organising committee**, MindPhair at ETH Zurich
Yearly job fair for Mathematicians, Physicists and Computational Scientists.
- 2015 – 2016 **Board member for university's policy**, The Association of Mathematics, Physics and Computational Science & Engineering Students at ETH Zurich
Handled all communication between the association and the Department of Mathematics at ETH, represented student interests in all department committees, incl. hiring committees. Organised events, coordinated with other student associations.

Competitions

- 2023 **2nd place**, Computational Social Choice Competition at IJCAI 2023

Summer Schools

- 2021 **Summer School:** Data Science, Optimization and Operations Research
Organised by Prof. Michel Bierlaire, EPFL Lausanne. Zinal, Switzerland

Skills

Coding	Python , R, MATLAB, C++
Tools & Frameworks	Numpy/Scipy , JAX , Keras, PyTorch, Gurobi, CPLEX, SQL
Languages	German (mothertongue) , English (proficient) , French (fluent), Spanish (intermediate). Basic Russian, Ukrainian, Mandarin Chinese
Interests	Sports (triathlon, sailing, surfing), volunteering, cooking, traveling & cultural exchange, violin, languages

References

Available on request.