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EDUCATION

2008 PhD in Logic & Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Calgary

Selected research grants & Awards

2022 Bednarowski Trust Fellow, University of Edinburgh

Research project: Explicating normic support

2022 Kosciuszko Foundation Fellow, Northeastern University, Boston

Research project: Epistemological challenges to imprecise probabilism

2022-2025 Principal Investigator in a National Science Center OPUS project, University of Gdansk

Research project: Rethinking legal probabilism

2017-2021 Principal Investigator in a National Science Center SONATA BIS project, University of Gdansk

Research project: Conceptual, formal and practical aspects of forensic and judicial applications of probabilistic tools

2012 Trinity College Long Room Hub Visiting Fellow, Trinity College Dublin

Research project: Mathematical existence, abstraction principles and real number theory

2011-2012 Visiting Fellow, Benares Hindu University, Varanasi

Research project: Knowability paradox and Nyaya logic

2009 British Academy Visiting Fellow, Bristol University

Research project: Modal reconstructions of mathematical theories

Positions held

2012-2019 Postdoctoral Fellow of Research Foundation Flanders

2008- Associate Professor, University of Gdansk (with academic leaves)

2005-2008 TA, research assistant, instructor of record, University of Calgary

SELECTED DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS

• Legal Probabilism bayesian networks in R

R implementation of **bayesian network methods** for criminal evidence evaluation, based on our work with Marcello Di Bello on the Legal Probabilism entry in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

· Short-term impact of personal attacks on Reddit user activity

In cooperation with Samurai Labs, we tracked 148,317 users and identified personal attacks among 182,528 posts and comments using their high precision software. I analyzed the data from three perspectives: (i) classical statistical methods, (ii) Bayesian estimation, and (iii) model-theoretic analysis with hurdle and zero-inflated models. They agree: personal attacks decrease the victims' activity. Results published in Computers in Human Behavior

• Bayesian estimation of multi-class bias in word2vec embeddings

We propose Markov chain Monte Carlo methods to supersede cosine-distance-based bias measures such as WEAT and argue that the resulting picture is not as clear as it initially might have seemed.

Probabilistic coherence measures over bayesian networks

Algorithms for calculating main existing coherence measures over bayesian networks, with a new method essentially relying on the causal structure, implemented in R, building on bnlearn, with application to multiple counterexamples to earlier proposals.

MC in backtesting of optimized trading strategies

Implementation in R of Monte Carlo methods for gauging uncertainty in algorithmic trading strategy evaluation. Illustrates how correcting for multiple testing in optimization can undermine claims to significance.

Key skills

R tasks and tools

- Bayesian statistics
 STAN, JAGS, BUGS, rethinking, rjags, runjags, BESTmcmc
- Bayesian networks bnlearn, gRain
- Discrete data models countreg, vcd, vcdExtra, car, MASS
- Time series, dynamic regression, algotrading xts, quantmod, tidyquant, TTR, fpp3
- Data wrangling and visualization tidyverse, ggplot2, ggpubr

other

- Python
- SQL
- Reproducible research R markdown, LaTeX, beamer, Shiny
- Datacamp: 24 courses completed 130,102xp, 1,536 exercises aced

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

- Multiple university courses taught related to probability, statistical programming and inference e.g.: statistical methods in criminology; probability & philosophy of juridical evidence evaluation; uncertainty and R programming; interpretations of probability; decisions, games, and social choice theory; cognitive failures; meta-arithmetic; formal theories of truth; ontology of mathematics, logic I, logic II
- 3 books and ca. 30 research papers in top academic journals

e.g.: Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Computers in Human Behavior; Aggressive Behavior; Review of Symbolic Logic; Law, Probability & Risk; The International Journal of Evidence & Proof, Journal of Applied Logics, Artificial Intelligence and Law

30 invited lectures

e.g.: University of Oxford, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, University of Edinburgh, Kyoto University, Keio University, Nagoya University, University of Turin

- 13 major research grants and awards, 15 international conferences organized, referee for 18 journals
- Research group coordinator of LoPSE research group (4-7 researchers) since 2013