



# Robert Mattila, Ph.D.

Researcher | KTH Royal Institute of Technology

## Profile

I received my Ph.D. degree in June 2020 based on my research on inference and control of stochastic dynamic systems (e.g., hidden Markov models). My research has been published in leading venues for machine learning and artificial intelligence (NeurIPS, ICML), as well as those for signal processing and control theory (SPL, TSP, CDC).

During my Ph.D., I have learned: • independent research and problem solving, • teaching and presenting for an audience, • written communication, • time-management, • critical thinking, • algorithm implementation and evaluation (in Python, Matlab and Julia).

I am interested in opportunities related to machine learning, data analytics and their future applications in real-world scenarios – for example, next-generation health-care and finance.

## Publications (selected)

- **R. Mattila**, et al., “Inverse filtering for hidden Markov models with applications to counter-adversarial autonomous systems”, in the *IEEE Transactions on Signal Processing*, 2020.
- **R. Mattila**, et al., “Fast and consistent learning of hidden Markov models by incorporating non-consecutive correlations”, in the *International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2020.
- **R. Mattila**, et al., “Inverse filtering for hidden Markov models”, in *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, 2017.

## Education and Research

- 2015 - 2020 **Ph.D. Degree** KTH | Stockholm, Sweden  
*Hidden Markov Models: Identification, Inverse Filtering and Applications*  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Bo Wahlberg, Prof. Cristian Rojas  
**Courses:** • Partially observed Markov decision processes • Game theory • Mathematical methods in signals, systems and control • Bayesian networks • Hybrid systems • Probabilistic verification and synthesis • Matrix algebra • Probability and random processes • Convex optimization • Stochastic control and optimization • Deep learning in data science • Optimal filtering
- 2019 **Visiting Researcher** Cornell University | Ithaca, USA  
**Supervisor:** Prof. Vikram Krishnamurthy
- 2010 - 2015 **M.Sc. in Engineering (sv. Teknisk Fysik)** KTH | Stockholm, Sweden  
**B.Sc. Engineering Physics** **M.Sc. Systems, Control and Robotics**  
**GPA:** 5.0/5.0, 300 ECTS
- 2014 **Research Internship (SURF)** Caltech | California, USA  
**Supervisors:** Prof. Richard Murray, Prof. Yilin Mo
- 2013 **Erasmus Exchange Studies** UCM | Madrid, Spain  
**GPA:** 8.1/10.0 (Courses in Spanish)

## Teaching

At KTH, I have helped teach courses on:

- Reinforcement learning (M.Sc., 120 students)
- Stochastic control and optimization (M.Sc.)
- Automatic control (B.Sc.)

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### Awards

- KTH-EE Scholarship of Excellence (1 MSEK)
- H. Göransson's Scholarship for outstanding grades
- KTH Student Scholarship for outstanding grades

### Programming

- Matlab, Python, Julia
- Algorithm implementation
- fast.ai: Practical Deep Learning for Coders, v3

### Mathematics

- Hidden Markov models
- Statistics, machine learning, optimization

### Languages

Swedish ★★★★★  
English ★★★★★  
Spanish ★★★☆☆

### Computers

- OSX, Linux, Windows
- $\LaTeX$ , Git

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