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## EDUCATION

#### Carnegie Mellon University

2024 - Present

Visitor Student and Researcher

Pittsburgh, PA - USA

Machine Learning Department

• Advisor: Prof. Leila Wehbe

• Relevant Coursework: Representation Learning, Convex Optimization

#### University of São Paulo

2023 - Present

M.S. in Computer Science and Computational Mathematics - Machine Learning

São Carlos, SP - BR

Institute of Mathematical and Computer Sciences (ICMC)

• GPA: A (highest grade in all classes)

• Advisor: Prof. André Carlos Ponce de Leon Ferreira de Carvalho

#### University of São Paulo

2018 - 2022

Bachelor of Mechatronics Engineering

São Carlos, SP - BR

• GPA: **9.1**/10 (**Rank 1/52**)

#### Research Experience

### brainML - Carnegie Mellon brAIn

Jul 2024 - Present

Advised by Prof. Leila Wehbe

Carnegie Mellon University

• Developing a multi-modal CLIP-based model to decode speech from fMRI and MEG data, expanding from a two-domain to a three-domain framework

Analytics Lab Feb 2023 – Sept 2024

Advised by Prof. André Carlos Ponce de Leon Ferreira de Carvalho

University of São Paulo

• Classifying autism-related fMRI signals using Graph Neural Networks and dimensionality reduction by Recurrent Neural Networks. Analyzed embeddings using t-SNE

#### Integrated Pattern Recognition and Biometrics Lab (iPRoBe)

Nov 2021 - Dec 2022

Advised by Prof. Arun Ross and Prof. Luis Gustavo Nonato

Michigan State University (Remote)

 $\bullet$  Developed a Convolutional Variational Autoencoder with a Patch Discriminator to generate spoofed fingerprints, achieving 93% success in generating fingerprints indistinguishable from real ones

# Study of Singularities on Deep Neural Networks

 $March\ 2021-Dec\ 2022$ 

Advised by Prof. Arun Ross and Prof. Raimundo Nonato Araujo dos Santos

University of São Paulo and Michigan State University

 Analyzed adversarial robustness in deep learning by examining decision boundary curvature and applying topological tools in latent space, suggesting that smoother boundaries enhance resistance to adversarial examples

#### Pure Mathematical Analysis

Aug 2018 – Mar 2020

Advised by Prof. Hildebrando Munhoz Rodrigues

Universidade de São Paulo

• Elaborated and presented proofs of theorems related to measure and operator theory and metric spaces in weekly seminars. Explored Lebesgue integration, linear operators in finite dimensions, perturbation theory, and Singular Value Decomposition

#### Publications

### Explainable LightGBM Approach for Predicting Myocardial Infarction Mortality

# Teaching

TEACHING	
Graduate Teaching Assitant	University of São Paulo
• Image Processing and Analysis (Prof. Moacir Antonelli Ponti)	2024
• Artificial Neural Networks and Deep Learning (Prof. Moacir Antonelli Ponti)	2023
• Machine Learning Applied to Problems (Prof. André C.P.L.F. Carvalho)	2023
Undergraduate Teaching Assitant	University of São Paulo
• Analytical Geometry (Prof. Raimundo Nonato Araujo dos Santos)	2020
• Linear Algebra (Prof. Márcia Ferderson)	2020
• Introduction to Robotics (Prof. Marcelo Becker)	2019
Industry Experience	
Artificial Intelligence Intern	Set 2021 – Dec 2021
Xmobots	São Carlos, SP - BR
• Developed a U-Net-inspired convolutional autoencoder for semantic segmentation of	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
environmental monitoring in the Amazon. A hydroelectric plant now uses model dependence and water bodies.	
Awards	
• Research Internship Abroad Scholarship by FAPESP at Carnegie Mellon Universi	
• Masters Scholarship by FAPESP	2023-2025
<ul> <li>First-Class Honor by CREA-SP Formação Profissional</li> <li>First Class Honor by Instituto de Engenharia</li> </ul>	$     \begin{array}{r}       2022 \\       2022     \end{array} $
• Scientific Initiation by FAPESP	2021-2022
• BRAFITEC merit Scholarship for double degree program at Centrale Supelec (Cancell	
Talks	
IANS (AI, Neuroscience and Healthy) - UFF (Federal Fluminense University) "Introduction to Convolutional Neural Networks"	2024
EESC (São Carlos School of Engineering) - USP	2023
"Introduction to Machine Learning"	2022
Center for Mathematical Morphology - MINES Paris	2022
"Computer vision analysis of the parameters of a beer foam bubble"	2022
SIICUSP (USP International Symposium on Scientific and Technological Initi "Autoencoder for Fingerprint Reconstruction"	fation) 2022
SIICUSP (USP International Symposium on Scientific and Technological Initi	fation) 2021
"A study of the decision boundary in the domain (input) of classifier functions"	2021
Service and Volunteering	
Reviewer	2024
• Brazilian Symposium on Computing Applied to Health (SBCAS)	
Board of Examiners: Undergraduate Thesis	2024
• Natthan Camargo, EESC - USP (Mechatronics Engineering)	
Volunteer Tutor: Meninas Programadoras (Programming Girls) USP	2022 - 2023
<ul> <li>Introducing and Teaching programming for young high school girls</li> </ul>	
Leadership: Academic Secretariat for Mechatronic Engineering	2020-2021
• Led a team managing finances and academical product oversight	
Schools and Workshops/Courses Attended	
Summer School on Biometrics $-IAPR$ Conference on Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)	2021 2021
Technical Skills	
Programming Languages: Python, MATLAB, C, Assembly	

ML: Pytorch, Geometric Pytorch, Scikit-Learn, Tensorflow

Other Skills: Control Systems, Linux, Git, Graphs, Biometrics, Neuroscience, Robotics

Languages: Portuguese (native), English (advanced), French (intermediate), and Spanish (beginner)