Alvaro H.C. Correia

Final-year PhD student in machine learning



EDUCATION

Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e)

PhD in Computer Science, Concentration in Machine Learning

ENSTA Paris - Institut Polytechnique de Paris

MSc in Robotics and Embedded Systems

Université Paris-Saclay

MSc in Machine Learning

Universidade de São Paulo

BSc in Mechatronics Engineering

Eindhoven, the Netherlands

Nov. 2018–Current

Paris, France 2014–2017

Paris, France

2016–2017

São Paulo, Brazil

2011 - 2017

EXPERIENCE

Eindhoven University of Technology (TU/e)

Research Assistant | Advisers: Cassio de Campos and Robert Peharz

Eindhoven, the Netherlands

Nov. 2018-Current

- Worked on (deep) generative models at large, including tractable probabilistic models (publication), Bayesian networks (publication), variational autoencoders and normalising flows.
- Planned and executed research to improve our theoretical understanding of generative models as well as to extend their applications in other fields, namely computer vision, federated learning and reinforcement learning.

Qualcomm Research

Amsterdam, the Netherlands

Research Intern | Advisers: Daniel Worrall and Roberto Bondesan

Summer 2021

- Worked on graph neural networks and equivariant architectures for combinatorial optimisation problems.
- Proposed an improved, learnable version of a popular meta-heuristic (publication).

Itaú Unibanco São Paulo, Brazil

Data Scientist 2018

- Worked on unsupervised deep learning methods, leveraging unlabelled data to improve credit scoring results.
- Tutored four analysts in data science and machine learning.

Decision Making Lab | Universidade de São Paulo

São Paulo, Brazil

Research Assistant | Adviser: Fabio Gagliardi Cozman

2017-2018

- Developed first transformer architecture for question answering (publication).
- Worked on the interpretation of embedding models of knowledge bases (publication).

Accenture Labs

Dublin, Ireland

Research Intern | Advisers: Freddy Lecue and Alexander Allauzen

Summer 2017

- Developed a deep probabilistic model to classify projects according to their financial risk, including a human-in-the-loop feature selection method to integrate feedback from business experts (publication).
- Developed a patented monitoring system based on reinforcement learning (patent).

Rolls-Royce Birmingham, UK

Systems Engineering Intern

2015-2016

- Worked on the design of a modular and easy to extend operating system for aircraft engines.
- Focused on software-hardware integration, collaborating closely with hardware, software and verification teams.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

- [1] A. H. C. Correia, D. E. Worrall, and R. Bondesan, "Neural simulated annealing", arXiv preprint arXiv:2203.02201, 2022.
- [2] A. H. C. Correia, J. Cussens, and C. de Campos, "On pruning for score-based bayesian network structure learning", in *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics*, 2020, pp. 2709–2718.
- [3] A. H. C. Correia, R. Peharz, and C. P. de Campos, "Joints in random forests", Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems, vol. 33, 2020.
- [4] A. H. C. Correia and C. de Campos, "Towards scalable and robust sum-product networks", in *International Conference on Scalable Uncertainty Management*, Springer, 2019, pp. 409–422.
- [5] A. H. C. Correia and F. Lecue, "Human-in-the-loop feature selection", in *Proceedings of the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence*, vol. 33, 2019, pp. 2438–2445.
- [6] A. H. C. Correia, J. L. Silva, T. d. C. Martins, and F. G. Cozman, "A fully attention-based information retriever", in 2018 International Joint Conference on Neural Networks (IJCNN), IEEE, 2018, pp. 2799–2806.
- [7] A. C. Gusmao, A. H. C. Correia, G. De Bona, and F. G. Cozman, "Interpreting embedding models of knowledge bases: A pedagogical approach", in *ICML Workshop on Human Interpretability in Machine Learning*, 2018.

SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS

Top Reviewer UAI 2021	2021
Selected for MLSS-Tübingen 2020 Acceptance rate of 14%	2020
Best BSc Thesis Department of Mechatronics Engineering at Universidade de São Paulo	2017
Nominated for best research project ENSTA Paris	2015
Brafitec Scholarship Coordination for the Improvement of Higher Education Personnel (CAPES)	2014 – 2017
Undergraduate Researcher Scholarship São Paulo Research Foundation (FAPESP)	2013

SKILLS LANGUAGES

Python, Pytorch, Numpy	Portuguese Native language
r ython, r ytoren, numpy	English Fluent - TOEFL 118/120 (2017)
Tensorflow, Jax	French Fluent - TCF C2 (2015)
C++, MATLAB, IATEX, Numba	Spanish Advanced - DELE C2 (2009)

TEACHING AND SERVICE

Reviewer	2019-2021
AAAI 2021, AISTATS 2020-2022, ICLR 2022, ICML 2020-2021, NeurIPS 2021, UAI 2021	
Master Students TU/e	2019-2021
Supervised master students doing their theses in generative models and reinforcement learning. Guðmundur Pálsson, Stefan Jonsson, Thijs Meeuwisse, Joost de Boer	
Bachelor Students TU/e	2019-2021
Supervised bachelor students doing their theses in generative models.	
Mennolt van Alten, Yaron Heerkens, Tim van Engeland, Niels Schelleman, Leon Willems, Anastas Kerme	dchiev
Teaching Assistant TU/e	2019-2020

Introductory Deep Learning lectures for BSc and PDeng students.