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Curriculum Vitae

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Date of Birth: 30.12.1994 - Nationality: Dutch

Current position

10/2018-Present **PhD candidate**, *Statistical Physics of Learning*, Intelligent Systems, Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence.
University of Groningen, The Netherlands

Work experience

06/2017-12/2017 **Philips**, *Internship*, Drachten, The Netherlands.

07/2008-06/2014 **Software consultant**, *Self-employed*, Leeuwarden, The Netherlands.

Education

09/2016-09/2018 **Master's Degree in Computing Science (Specialization: Intelligent Systems and Visualization)**, *University of Groningen*, Faculty of Science and Technology, Cum Laude.

Thesis: On-line Learning in Neural Networks with ReLU Activations

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Michael Biehl and Dr. Kerstin Bunte

09/2013-08/2016 **Bachelor's Degree (Dutch Dipl.- Inform.) in Computing Science**, *University of Groningen*, Faculty of Science and Technology.

Thesis: Time Series Classification in Complex Fourier Space

Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Michael Biehl and MSc. Friedrich Melchert

09/2014-04/2015 **C++**, *University of Groningen*, Given by Prof. Dr. F.B. Brokken.

08/2007-07/2013 **High School**, *Stedelijk Gymnasium (Grammar school)*, Leeuwarden, Degree: Nature and Technology + Health (Dutch: Natuur en Techniek + Gezondheid (NT/NG)).

Additional courses: Computer Science and Economics

Teaching

09/2016-11/2016 **Teaching Assistant Information Security**, *Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence*, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

09/2017-11/2017 **Teaching Assistant Information Security**, *Bernoulli Institute for Mathematics, Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence*, University of Groningen, The Netherlands.

Awards

2017 **Best paper award**, *Computer Science Student Colloquium*, Paper: Segmentation of Blood Vessels in Retinal Fundus Images.

2016 **Best presentation award**, *BSc. thesis symposium*, Thesis: Time Series Classification in Complex Fourier Space.

Languages

Dutch (mother tongue), English (fluent), German (Limited Working Proficiency)

Publications

2019 Straat, M. and M. Biehl. "On-line learning dynamics of ReLU neural networks using statistical physics techniques". In: *Proc. European Symposium on Artificial Neural Networks (ESANN) 2019, Bruges/Belgium*. Ed. by M. Verleysen.

Straat, M., M. Kaden, et al. "Learning Vector Quantization and relevances in complex coefficient space". In: *Neural Computing and Applications (NCAA)*.

- 2018 Straat, Michiel et al. "Statistical Mechanics of On-Line Learning Under Concept Drift". In: *Entropy* 20.10. ISSN: 1099-4300. DOI: 10.3390/e20100775. URL: <http://www.mdpi.com/1099-4300/20/10/775>.
- 2017 Straat, M., M. Kaden, et al. "Prototypes and matrix relevance learning in complex fourier space". In: *2017 12th International Workshop on Self-Organizing Maps and Learning Vector Quantization, Clustering and Data Visualization (WSOM)*, pp. 1–6. DOI: 10.1109/WSOM.2017.8020019.