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A dedicated and skilled researcher with experience in Mathematics, Machine Learning, Finance, and Science Education. Demonstrates excellence in advancing knowledge through impactful publications, innovative problem-solving, and interdisciplinary collaboration. Passionate about teaching Mathematics, Computer Science, and Quantitative Finance. To know more about me, please kindly refer to the following: Tap to access my Github profile, Tap my Google scholar profile and Tap to access my LinkedIn profile.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Lyman Briggs College, Michigan State University

East Lansing, USA

June 2024-present

Visiting Scholar of Mathematics, Host: Prof. Dr. Aklilu Zeleke

Conduct research in Recursive polynomials, Diophantine triples equations, Computational chemistry

CREATE for STEM, Michigan State University

East Lansing, USA

Research aide,

Host: Prof. Dr. Kevin Haudek

Conduct research on the use of AI in science education for analytic scoring. **Nelson Mandela University**

Port Elizabeth, South Africa

September 2024-December 2024

Post-doctoral Research Fellow.

Host: Prof. Dr. Abraham Prins

Conduct research in Group theory (Character tables) and Classical nearring modules.

Kigali, Rwanda November 2022-June 2023

January 2023-June 2024

African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS Rwanda)

Post-doc Research visiting Host: Research German chair Dr Jan Hazla

Conduct research in Combinatorics.

Dortmund, Germany

Technical University Dortmund

Host: Prof Amin Coja-Oghlan

Research visit April 2023

African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)

Cape Town, South Africa July 2020-September 2020

Research visit

Host: Prof Barry Green Stellenbosh University

Cape town, South Africa

Ph.D research study

2017-2019

Conduct research in the area of algebra focusing on nearfields, near-vector spaces, and subgroups.

Johannes Kepler University

Research visit, host: Prof Pilz Gunter

Linz. Austria

June 2019

Freiburg University

Freiburg, Germany

Research visit, host: Prof Amador Martin-Pizarro

Conduct research in Model theory.

April 2019-July 2019

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Department of Finance, Michigan State University

East Lansing, USA

Assistant professor,

January 2025-May 2025

Chairperson: Prof. Simonov Andrew

Teaching: FI 491/ FI 891 AI in Finance and Business.

Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Nelson Mandela University

Teaching: Numerical skills for Business (BNS1011) and Algebra (MATT101/MATV111)

January 2023-June 2024

Kigali, Rwanda

African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS Rwanda) Lecturer

January 2022-October 2022

Providing general assistance to the director and the lecturers within the academic program in the Structured Master

courses. Teaching problem-solving classes and computer labs. Contributing to the assessment of student performance on a continuous basis.

African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS Ghana)

Accra, Ghana

Visiting lecturer in Programming with Python

November 2022

I taught AIMS Structured Master students how to program, using the language Python as a vehicle and design space for the specification and development of programs.

École Supérieure Multinationale des Télécommunications (ESMT)

Dakar, Senegal

Lecturer in Digital Image Processing,

October 2021- present

Give online courses, tutoring, and programming sessions along with the assessments for the departments and subjects listed below to the Master students at the Multinational School of Telecommunication.

Poly-technical School of Abomey Calavi (École Poly-technique d'Abomey Calavi)

Cotonou, Benin

Lecturer in Numerical analysis and Probability.,

February 2021- July 2021

Institut National Supérieur de Technologie Industrielle (INSTI)

Lokossa, Benin

Lecturer,

February 2021- July 2021

Give courses, tutoring, and programming sessions along with the assessments for the departments and subjects following, Algorithmic and Structured programming, Numerical calculus and optimization, Object Oriented Programming in C++.

National Water Institute (Institut National de l'Eau)-University of Abomey-Calavi

Cotonou, Benin

Lecturer in Numerical Methods, Matlab and R-Programming,

February 2021- June 2021

Give courses, tutoring, and programming sessions along with the assessments in the above-mentioned subject for students in the first year of Master of Water and Sanitation Engineering.

Faculty of Science and Technology-University of Abomey-Calavi

Natitingou, Benin Republic

Visiting lecturer,

February-March 2021

Give courses, tutoring, and programming sessions along with the assessments for the departments and subjects: Second year of Mathematics and Computer science, Graph theory, Second year of Mathematics and Computer science, Dynamical System and differential equation, Multivariate Analysis.

École Supérieure Véréchaguine AK

Cotonou, Benin

Lecturer in Analysis, Probability and Statistics,

December 2020- June 2021

Give courses and tutoring sessions along with assessments in the above-mentioned subjects for students in the first year of civil engineering.

École Normale Supérieure (Teacher Training Center)-UNSTIM

Natitingou, Benin Republic

Visiting lecturer,

October 2020

Give courses, tutoring, and programming sessions along with the assessments for the departments of Mathematics and Computer Science in the subjects: Numerical methods (Third year), Vector analysis, and Complex Analysis (Second year).

African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS)

Cape town South Africa

Teaching assistant

August 2019-June 2020

- Providing general assistance to the director and the lecturers within the academic program in the Structured Master
- Assisting with problem-solving classes and computer labs.
- Providing group and personal tutorials where needed.
- Preparing additional materials.
- Contributing to the assessment of student performance on a continuous basis.

Stellenbosh University

Cape town, South Africa

Teaching assistant

2017-2019

2017-2018

Assist students in problem resolution during tutorial sessions and monitor students during assessments. Mark the assessments of the students.

Private tutoring

Help the students to improve their results and to have confidence in their study.

Stellies Tutoring

Cape Town, South Africa

Cape Town, South Africa

Private tutoring

Teach me 2

2017-2019

Help the students to improve their results and to have confidence in their study.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jean Edwards Consulting

Quantitative Analyst

Johannesburg, South Africa

2023

- Active support in FRTB VaR Replication, PL Reconciliation, Excel spreadsheet-based, Risk Not in VaR (RNIV) modeling and Quantification, Taylor VaR expansion use in CVA and VaR driving-factor analysis
- SIMM Implementation (Python) as per ISDA's specification including 1-day and 10-day component, Multi-versions, Back-testing module, and multi-jurisdictions processing.
- FRTB Standardized Approach Implementation (Python)
- BA-CVA and SA-CVA capital charge implementation

TBC Sarl Abomey-Calavi, Benin Republic Web developer 2013

Dynamic web application development and administration of web server, Apache 2, DNS Debian (Linux)

Benin Telecom Cotonou, Benin 5 months internship

Center of multimedia services, center telephone services, network access division, division transmission, transit (region switching center 2) division transmission, transit (cable station Submarine – SAT3).

IPerform Technologies Cotonou, Benin

2 months internship 2014

Administrator of database with MySQL, Oracle, php-my admin using UML, Crimp the cable rights, crossed, reversed with RJ45 connector and wall outlets.

EDUCATION

Stellenbosch University South Africa PhD in Mathematics 2017-2019

Dissertation on "Contributions to the theory of Beidleman near-vector spaces"

Stellenbosch University & African Institute for Mathematical Science (AIMS) South Africa 2016-2017

MSc in Mathematical Sciences, completed with distinction.

Dissertation on "Nearfield" University of Abomey-Calavi, Polytechnic school of Abomey-Calavi Benin Republic

MSc (Engineer) degree network and telecommunication, completed with distinction.

2010-2015 Master's thesis: "Development of the contents of a teach-ware on: study and computation

of the transmission lines (illustration by Smith chart)" supervised by Dr. Leopold Djogbe. International Graduate School of Ministry

Master degree of Ministry in Leadership Development, President: Dr Henry Klopp 2022-2025

Freiburg University Germany

Short-term degree in Mathematical logic, summer semester 2019

University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Sciences and Technologies Benin Republic

BSc in Mathematics 2010-2014

University of Abomey-Calavi, Faculty of Sciences and Technologies Benin Republic DUES II (2 years university degree) in Mathematics-Physics 2010-2013

TALKS AND POSTERS

9th Annual International Scholar Showcase, OISS

"Learning Progression-Guided AI Evaluation of Scientific Models to Support Diverse Multi-Modal Understanding in NGSS Classroom "

LBC Speaker Series Event

"Is AI Helping or Hurting Your College Education?"

Department of Mathematics (Cluster Algebra Seminar)

"Classical prime nearring modules"

66 the Annual SAMS Congress

"Combinatorics of subgroups of near-vector spaces"

EPIC (Probability, Information Theory and Computing)

"On seed number of near-vector space"

Workshop in Discrete Mathematics

"On distributive set of a nearfield"

CIMPA UNESCO Chair

"On the R-subgroup"

Michigan State University, USA

April 2025

2015

USA

Michigan State University, USA

February 2025

Michigan State University, USA

September 2024

University of Johannesburg, South Africa

December 2023

TU Dortmund, Germany

April 2023

AIMS Rwanda

July 2022

University of Abomey-Calavi, Benin

Febuary 2020

Institute for Algebra Johannes Kepler University, Austria "On EGE's algorithm" July 2019 AAA 98 on General algebra University of Dresden, Germany. "The R-subgroup of the finite dimensional Beidleman near-vector spaces" July 2019 SU, South Africa Post-graduate seminar "Classification of R-subgroups of the finite dimensional Beidleman near-vector spaces" October 2018 **CIMPA Research School** AIMS South Africa "Linear mappings of Beidleman near-vector spaces" July 2018 **CIMPA Research School** University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa "Introduction to the Theory of Beidleman Near Vector Space" January 2018 Post-graduate seminar SU, South Africa "Presentation of the multiplicative group of finite Dickson nearfield" October 2017 WORKSHPS AND SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES University of Johannesburg, South Africa 66th Annual SAMS Congress (South African Mathematical Society) December 2019 Jean Edwards Consulting Johannesburg, South Africa Quantitative analyst July-September 2023 **EPIC: Probability, Information Theory and Computing** TU Dortmund, Germany Host: Prof Amin Coja-Oghlan April 2023 African Early Career Researchers meeting University of Pretoria, South Africa November-December 2022 Workshop in Discrete Mathematics AIMS, Rwanda Host: Research German chair Dr Jan Hazla July 2022 International Mathematical Union (IMU) AIMS. South Africa February 2020 62nd Annual SAMS Congress University of Cape town, South Africa (South African Mathematical Society) December 2019 Department of Logic University of Freiburg, Germany. Research visit April 2019- August 2019 AAA 98 on General algebra University of Dresden, Germany. (Arbeitstagung Allgemeine Algebra) July 2019 Institut for Algebra Johannes Kepler University, Austria Research visit June 2019 Research school in number theory University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa January 2018 Research schools on "Topics in ring theory" **AIMS South Africa CIMPA** July 2018 PUBLICATION IN PEER REVIEWED JOURNAL P. Djagba, K-T Howell "The subspace of the finite-dimensional Beidleman near-vector spaces", 2020 Journal of Linear and Multi linear algebra, Volume 68, Pages 2316-2336, 2020, doi.org/10.1080/03081087.2019.1582610. P. Djagba "On the generalized distributive set of a finite nearfield", 2020 Journal of Algebra, Volume 542, Pages 130-161, 2020, doi.org/10.1016/j.jalgebra.2019.09.020. P. Djagba "Construction of a finite nearfield". 2023 IJNAA, Volume 14, Issue 10, Pages 155-161, 2023, doi.10.22075/ijnaa.2023.30795.4495. P. Djagba, J. Hazla "Combinatorics of subgroups of Beidleman near-vector spaces", 2024 Journal of Mathematical Sciences, 2024, doi.org/10.1007/s10958-024-07405-5. P. Djagba, A. Prins "On Linear Maps and Seed Sets of Beidleman Near-Vector Spaces", 2024

0	Palestine Journal of Mathematics, Vol 14(1)(2025), 195–212, arXiv:2310.05948. P. Djagba, S. Juglal "On Classical prime near-ring modules", accepted to appear in Communication in Algebra, arXiv:2407.15853, 2024.	2024
0	P. Djagba, J. Buwa "Deep Transfer Learning Methods for the Detection and Classification of Diabetic Retinopathy Disease", IJRSI, Pages. 255-271, Artificial Intelligence, https://doi.org/10.51244/IJRSI.2025.12010023	2024
0	P. Djagba, A. Prins and M. Tounkara "Character Table of the Multiplicative Group of Finite Nearfield", accepted to appear in Journal of Mathematics and Statistics.	2024
0	L. Kaldaras, T. Li, P. Djagba, K. Haudek, J. Krajcik "Learning Progression-Guided AI Evaluation of Scientific Models Integrating Writing and Drawing to Support Multi-Knowledge In Use", Accepted and presented at the AERA Annual Conference in Denver, CO. April 23-27, 2025, https://doi.org/10.3102/2188306	Modal 2025
0	L. Kaldaras, T. Li, P. Djagba, K. Haudek, J. Krajcik "Learning Progression-Guided AI Evaluation of Scientific Models To Support Diverse Multi-Modal Understanding in Classroom ", Accepted and presented at NARST 2025 Conference (March.23-26, 2025) Washington DC, arxiv:2509.18157	NGSS 2025
0	P. Djagba, C. Ndizihime "Pricing American Options using Machine Learning Algorthms", accepted and presented at APEF (December 11-12, Singapore, arXiv:2409.03204, 2025	2025), 2025
0	P. Djagba, A. Zeleke and V. Rakotonarivo "Hybrid Deep Learning Models for the Prediction of Some Experimental Quantities of Molecules"	2025
	accepted and presented at ICMLA (December 3-5,2025) Florida.	
F	PREPRINT MANUSCRIPTS M. Anwar, M. A. Morsy, P. Djagba and A. Zeleke "A new family of Diophantine 3-Tuples", to be submitted.	2025
	 P. Djagba, A. Younoussi Saley and A. Zeleke "Parameter-Efficient Fine-Tuning of Meta-Llama-3-8B-Instruct with QLoRA for Financial NLP on the FLARE Benchmark: A Comparative Analysis", to be submitted. 	2025
	 P. Djaba, K. Haudek, C. Carlson, L. Kaldaras " Optimizing Al Scoring of Scientific Explanations: Exploring Augmentation Strategies with Fine-Tuned Transform submitted at NARST 2026 	ners ", 2025
	 L. Kaldaras, C. Carlson, W. Tang, T. Li, P. Djaba, J. Krajcik, K, Haudek "Learning Progression-Guided Al Evaluation to Support Feedback on Multimodal Scientific Modeling Tasks", submitted at AERA 2026 	2025
	P. Djagba, C. A. Odinakachukwu "Assessing the Capabilities and Limitations of FinGPT Model in Financial NLP Applications", arXiv:2507.08015	2025
	P. Djagba, A. Zeleke "On the Root Behavior and Representations of Generalized Fibonacci-Like Polynomials", under review	2025
	P. Djagba, A. Zeleke "On Galois Groups of Some Recursive Polynomials", under review in Miskolc Mathematical Notes.	2024
	A. K. Adzika, P. Djagba "Inference with K-means", submitted, arXiv:2410.17256.	
		2024
	P. Djagba, A. Sow "SVM-Kernel Based Method for Satellite Image Classification", submitted.	2024 2024
	P. Djagba, A. Sow	

SUPERVISION

African Institute for Mathematical Science (South Africa)

MSc, South Africa

- "G-Learner and GIRL: Goal Based Wealth Management with Reinforcement Learning", Fermat Leukam, Co-supervised with Dr. Rock Stephane Koffi (Jean Edwards Consulting).

July-October 2024

African Institute for Mathematical Science (Rwanda) "Pricing American Options using Machine Learning Algorithms",	MSc, Rwanda
Callixte Ndizihiwe.	April-July 2024
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Rwanda) "Computation of delta risk charge for market risk under FRTB",	MSc, Rwanda
Doricas Adonias Nyasomba, Co-supervised with Dr. Rock Stephane Koffi (Jean Edwards Consulting).	April-July 2024
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Senegal) "Rademacher Complexities",	MSc, Senegal
Marie Diop, completed.	April-July 2024
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Senegal) "A Comparative Study on Multi-class SVM and Kernel Function for Satellite image Classification",	MSc, Senegal
Arame Sow, completed.	April-July 2024
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Senegal) "Representation Theory of the Multiplicative Group of Finite Nearfield",	MSc, Senegal
Mamadou Tounkara, completed with Distinction.	April-July 2024
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Ghana) "Deep Transfer Learning Methods for the Detection and Classification of Diabetic Retinopathy Disease",	MSc, Ghana
Jordan Buwa, completed with Distinction.	April-July 2023
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Ghana) "Application of Deep Transfer Learning Methods On the Automatic Detection and Classification	MSc, Ghana
of Skin Cancer", Samuel Komlan Zanou	April-July 2023
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Rwanda)	MSc, Rwanda
"The distributive elements of nearfield", Julien Bahimuzi, completed with Distinction.	April-June 2023
African Institute for Mathematical Science (Ghana) "Learning and inference in k-means factor graphs",	MSc, Ghana
Alfred Kofi ADZIKA completed with Distinction, Co-supervised with Dr Alexander Nedergaard	
(ETH Zurich)	April-July 2023

LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION

-	Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning The College Classroom The Instructors for this course are: Beth Fleener (University of Texas at Arlington), Amanda No Tiffany Shoop (Virginia Tech). Explore inclusive, learner-centered teaching theories and practices. Read and discuss literature on effective teaching and learning. Apply evidence-based strategies to your teaching practice. Create connections between learning objectives, assessments, and learning activities in order lesson plan. Reflect on personal teaching values and decision making.	, <u> </u>
-	Google Data Analytics	Coursera September 2025
-	Fractal Analytics Generative AI for Business Consultants	Coursera July 2025
-	IBM Generative AI for Product Managers	Coursera July 2025
-	Vanderbilt University Generative Al Data Analyst	Coursera June 2025
-	Vanderbilt University Al Agent Developer	Coursera May 2025
-	New York Institute of Finance Introduction to Risk Management	Coursera November 2023
-	IBM Exploratory Data Analysis for Machine Learning	Coursera November 2023
-	Google Foundations of Cybersecurity	Coursera December 2023

New York University Coursera Guided Tour of Machine Learning in Finance December 2023 University of Michigan Coursera

Gen AI in Business: Discover the Possibilities November 2024 Coursera Generative AI for Business Intelligence (BI) Analysts November 2024

PEER REVIEWING MANUSCRIPTS AND THESIS EXAMINATION

Journal of Mathematics and Statistics Horizon Research Publishing, USA Peer reviewed journal August 2023 International Journal of Nonlinear Analysis and Applications Semnan University Peer reviewed journal August 2023 Conference proceedings FSDM 2023 Chongqing, China The 9th International Conference on Fuzzy Systems and Data Mining (FSDM 2023) November 10-13, 2023 Conference proceedings MMBD2023 Seoul, South Korea The 4th International Conference on Modern Management based on Big Data (MMBD2023)

AIMS Rwanda MSc. Rwanda "Some Remarks on Recursive Polynomials and Their Generalizations"

August 1-4, 2023

by Richarlotte Valera RAZAFINDRAVOLA June 2023 **AIMS Rwanda** MSc. Rwanda

"Congruent Numbers" by ONoe Muhindo Muyalo June 2023

AIMS Senegal MSc, Senegal "Beta Regression, Multicollinearity, and Outliers: A Robust Estimation Approach with Application to Chemical Data" by Olalekan Taofeek Olaluwoye March 2024

AIMS Senegal MSc, Senegal

"Robust Assisted Negative Binomial Regression Modelling: Dealing with Multicollinearity and Outliers" by Wycliffe Nzoli Nzomo March 2024

AIMS Rwanda MSc. Rwanda

"Ecological niche modelling for risk prediction of swine fever deseases" by Marcy Audrey Demafo Nangmo June 2022

AIMS Rwanda MSc, Rwanda "Modeling the Levels of Deprivation Across Small Geographical Areas of Covid-19 Pandemic:

A Geographically Weighted Random Forest Approach" by Hassan Kehinde Ajulo June 2022 MSc, Rwanda AIMS Rwanda

"Machine Learning Global Risk Prediction Models for the Effect of Climate on Bovine Respiratory Diseases" by Joseph Kyelu Gwaka June 2022

AIMS Rwanda QLA, Rwanda

Reviewing PhD applications for the AIMS DTP in Data Science and its Applications June 2022 Fourth Celebration of Mathematics Pi-Day University of Rwanda

Supervising the Mathematics Competition for secondary school students. May 2022

AMS MEMBERSHIP

Affiliate membership to American Mathematical Society (AMS) AMS, USA Member ID: DJPRXA January-December 2023

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Programming skills: C, Python, Sagemath, Singular, R-programming, SQL, MAGMA and Matlab to solve mathematical problems.
- Use of Sagemath for the implementations of algorithms (discovered by me): EGE, AEGE and DSS.
- Conception of webpages with **Php-5**, **html**, **css3**.
- Anaylical skills: Statistical modeling, Machine learning models, Data analysis.

LANGUAGES

- Fon: Mother tongue.
- French: Very good written and oral skills.
- English: Speak and write fluently.

AWARDS

- 2023 Award of two years Council-funded postdoctoral fellowship at Nelson Mandela University
- 2022 Award of German research grant by Alexender von Humboldt at AIMS Rwanda.
- 2022 Award of excellence at African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Rwanda.
- 2020 Faculty of Science PhD Incentive Bursary, Stellenbosch University, South Africa.
- 2017-2019 DAAD scholarship for Doctoral studies at Stellenbosch University.
- 2016-2017 AIMS Structured Master scholarship by African Institute for Mathematical Sciences, South Africa.
- 2015 Admission to the ASECNA-EAMAC Competition in May 2015 for the meteorology engineer cycle (second order of merit of 5), Niger (Declined).
- 2010-2014 Scholarship in Mathematics at University of Abomey-Calavi, Department of Mathematics, Benin.
- 2010-2015 Half Scholarship at Polytechnic school of Abomey-Calavi, Benin.
- 2008 Award of best student in mathematics at the Association of Benin senior high school mathematic's teachers, Bohicon, Benin Republic.

OTHER TRAINING

Michigan Driving license

Lansing, USA

2025

2016

D 900 001 610 959 Benin Driving license

Cotonou, Benin

Category B

Cotonou, Benin Republic

Leadership Certificate Course, Winner chapel (Lead Agency world wide)

2016

Word of Faith Bible Institute

Word of Faith Bible Institute

Cotonou, Benin Republic

Basic Certificate Course, Winner chapel (Lead Agency world wide)

AJEDD (Association des Jeunes Environnementalistes pour un Développement Durable)

Benin Republic

Training in Animal Production "Poultry" and Crop Production "Agriculture"

2015

REFERENCES

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Prof. Dr. Gerhard Pfister

Technical University of Kaiserslautern

Professor of mathematics

Institute for Algebra

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