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Employment History

August 2022 – 📌 **Qatar University**, Professor of Statistics, Department of Mathematics, Statistics and Physics, College of Arts and Sciences.

July 2021 – July 2022 📌 **The American University in Cairo**, Professor of Statistics, Department of Mathematics and Actuarial Science, School of Sciences and Engineering.

Teaching: Statistical Inference, Data Science with Python

04/2021 – 📌 **Pan-African Scientific Research Council**, Fellow member.

10/2020 – 📌 **Covidradar24.org** and **Rosettahub.com**, Data analyst master contributor in a real time COVID-19 tracking data science platform.

05/2020 - 05/2021 📌 **World Health Organization, Tunisia** Senior data analyst consultant, Measuring the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on psychiatric needs of the general population in Tunisia, data collected from a hot line accessible throughout the country, including those without access to Internet.

05/2020 – 01/2021 📌 **WARC, Africa, Sierra Leone** Data analyst consultant, Setting up an online daily data monitoring platform for a survey implemented in Sierra Lean.

2003 – 📌 **University of Carthage**, Ecole Supérieure de la Statistique et de l'Analyse de l'Information, Tunis, Tunisia

- **Positions:** Professor (from 2018), Associate Professor (2011-2018), Assistant Professor (2003-2011).

- **Teaching:** Data Analysis: Principal Component Analysis, Correspondence Analysis, and Multiple Correspondence Analysis, Theory and Practice with R, Mathematical Statistics: Statistical Inference, Hypothesis Testing, Regression Analysis, Theory and Practice with R, Data Mining and Practice with R, Bayesian Statistics with OpenBugs/Winbugs/RStan/Jags, Time Series: ARMA and SARIMA Processes, Theory and Practice with R/Python, Big Data: Large Data with R/Python, SQL, Spark, H2O, Advanced R/Python: Data Management, Data Visualization, Dashboards, Shiny Apps, Heroku Apps, Bokeh.

- **Research:**







- Supervising 5 Ph.D.: Detection and classification of swallowing sound, Sensory Analysis, Genetics, Zoonotic cutaneous leishmaniasis incidence, Cardiovascular risk factor.
- Papers and collaborations: I had published and coauthored more than 40 scholar papers.
- Supervising Master and Engineering Thesis on several topics related to applied statistics and data science.

- **Administration:** Director of the Department of Statistics (2004-2007)




Employment History (continued)

- 2014 – 2019  **Yale University**, Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies and the Department of Statistics and Data Science, New Haven, USA.
- **Positions:** Visiting Associate Professor (2014), Consulting on several projects with Yale Scholars (2015-2018), Associate Research Scholar (2019).
 - **Missions:** Democratic Transition in Tunisia, Governance and Local Development: Implementing two face-o-face Surveys in Tunisia, G-econ team on building local GDP data, Teaching Time Series with R/Python Course.
- 2016 – 2017  **University of Michigan**, Center for Political Studies of the Institute for Social Research, Ann Arbor, USA.
- **Position:** Visiting Fulbright Scholar.
 - **Role:** Research: Working on Data Quality, Survey Methodology, Interviewer Effect, Teaching: 4 Lectures on Applied graphical Models, 1 Lecture on Data visualization with R, 1 Lecture on Sensory Analysis.
- 2011 (May to July)  **Stanford University**, Department of Statistics, Palo alto, USA.
- **Position:** Visiting Fulbright Scholar.
 - **Role:** Research on Graphical Models, Faithfulness assumption, and Covariance graphs.
- 2002 – 2003  **York University**, Department of Statistics, Toronto, Canada.
- **Position:** Visiting Assistant Professor,
 - **Teaching:** Applied Regression Models with SAS, Introduction to the theory of probability, Introduction to Statistics with Minitab,
 - **Research:** Monte Carlo Methods and Bayesian Estimation of the Graphical Models.
- 1998 – 2002  **University of Sousse** , Institut Préparatoire aux Ecoles d'Ingénieurs, Sousse, Tunis.
- **Teaching:** Analysis, Calculus, Algebra
 - **Research:** Natural Exponential Families, Pick functions, Markov Chains
 - **Administration:** Director of the Department of Mathematics

Education

- Sept 2009  **Habilitation (Tenure), Statistics, Université de Tunis El Manar** Ecole National d'Ingénieurs de Tunis, Tunisia.
Thesis title: *Problèmes autour de la probabilité et de la statistique: Méthodes et Applications.*
Dissertation: <https://malouche.github.io/myCV/reports.html> 
- October 1997  **Doctorate, (Ph.D.), Statistics, Paul Sabatier University**, Toulouse, France.
Thesis title: *Classification des familles exponentielles associées à des fonctions Pick.*
Dissertation: <https://malouche.github.io/myCV/reports.html> 
- 1993–1994  **Master's Degree (D.E.A), Paul Sabatier University, Applied Mathematics, Statistics**
- 1989 – 1993  **Bachelor (Maîtrise)**, Ecole Normale Supérieure de Bizerte, Tunisia.

Skills

- Languages  Strong reading, writing and speaking competencies for English, French, and Arabic.
- Coding  Python, R, TABLEAU, SPARK, H2O, Shiny, \LaTeX , ...
- Misc.  Quantitative research, Project management, Qualitative research, Data Mining, Machine Learning, Big Data, Academic research, Teaching, training, consultation, \LaTeX typesetting and publishing.

Papers

Research interests: Graphical models, Public health, COVID-19, Research and development, Well being, Survey methodology, Data quality, Consumer preferences, Genetics.

Research papers

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