Academic statement PUCP

Marcelo Gallardo

August 2, 2025

Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

marcelo.gallardo@pucp.edu.pe

Below is a list of relevant courses taken during my undergraduate mathematics program at PUCP (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú). Some courses are from the Master in Economics or the Master in Mathematics (PUCP). Key information regarding this is as follows. At PUCP, a grade above 15 is considered very high. Grades of 17 or above are uncommon. The passing grade is 11, and the maximum grade is 20. The mathematics program (2024) has approximately 50 students in total. Classes usually do not exceed 10 students and it is considered a selective program at entry, which explains the small number of students. A significant portion of the mathematics faculty are PhDs from IMPA, and while the others have their doctorates from the United States or Europe.

Regarding the PUCP Economics program, considered the best in the country according to the QS ranking (see here) it has the same grading scale and standards. That is, a grade above 15 is considered top. The QLab is the first laboratory for Artificial Intelligence and Quantitative Methods for the social sciences in Peru, and is associated to the Economics Department. The program's courses are taught by visiting PhDs in Economics, such as Josue Cox, Jorge Tovar, Cristina Tello-Trillo, and Tomas Rau Binder.

In some courses, I have linked my class notes and problem sets in LaTeX (which certainly may have several typos, errors and do no represent necessarily the full content of the course). Syllabi are also available in the folders to which the links lead. I have also included the basic bibliography for each course in the description.

During my undergraduate studies, I served as a Teaching Assistant for various courses. These included Mathematics for Economists III, which covered a basic introduction to continuous and discrete dynamical systems, Mathematics for Economists IV, which focused on nonlinear optimization and an introduction to dynamic optimization, Convex Optimization (for undergraduate mathematicians), Functional Analysis (for undergraduate mathematicians), Microeconomics 2, which explored General Equilibrium, Market Failures, and Asymmetric Information, and Financial Microeconomics (very similar to Microeconomics 2, but exploring more deeply the issues of choice under uncertainty and presenting static and dynamic games with complete and incomplete information). As a TA, I developed lecture notes, problem sets, their solutions, and assessments for the courses. You can access the material I developed for each course by clicking here.

Finally, this document does not cover the courses from the General Studies Science cycle (corresponding to the first 2 years of university studies). It should be noted that my GPA was 17/20. Also, I have not included my coursework as a student at EPFL, where I attended for one semester as a regular student in the Physics program and the following year, virtually and not as a regular student due to Covid, courses in Computational Physics and Philosophy of Science. I successfully passed the first semester at EPFL (according to 2019 statistics only 5% of students managed to do so directly) and in the virtual courses I obtain a GPA of 5.9/6.

Cumulative GPA in Mathematics and Economics courses at PUCP (third to fifth year): +19/20.

1 Academic Record

1.1 Master of Economics (PUCP)

Course	Grade	Book	Teacher(s)
Advanced Microeconomics	19	Microeconomic Theory	Alejandro Lugón, José C. Aguilar
General Equilibrium		by Mas-Colell et al.	Juan C. Carbajal, Mario Bergara
Asymmetric Information			
Auction Theory			
Contract Theory			
Intermediate Macroeconomics		Advanced Macroeconomics	Hugo Vega, Paul Castillo
		by David Romer	Roberto Duncan, Zenon Quispe
		Monetary Policy, Inflation	
		and the Business Cycle	
		by Jordi Galí	

1.2 Master of Mathematics (PUCP)

Course	Grade	Book	Teacher
Introduction to Optimal Transport	20	Optimal Transport Old and New	Johel Beltran
		by Cédric Villani	

1.3 Advanced Courses

Course	Grade	Book(s) or papers	Professor
Thesis Seminar I	20	Stable Matching as Transportation	Jorge Chávez
		by F. Echenique et al.	
		Optimal Transport Methods in Economics	
		by Alfred Galichon	
		Convex Optimization	
		by S. Boyd and L. Vandenberghe	
Thesis Seminar II	20		Jorge Chávez
Advanced Topics in Geometry	20	Aspectos Geométricos del Análisis Complejo	Alfredo Poirier
Bidimensional Riemann surfaces		by Alfredo Poirier	
complex dynamics and hyperbolic geometry			
Advanced Topics in Algebra	19	Ideals, Varieties, and Algorithms	Percy Fernandez
Ideals, varieties and Gröbner basis		by David Cox et al.	
		Algebraic Geometry	
		by William Fulton	

1.4 Mathematics Courses at the Faculty of Science and Engineering (PUCP)

Course	Grade	Book(s) or papers	$\operatorname{Professor}$	
Abstract Algebra	20	Abstract Algebra	Alfredo Poirier	
		by Israel N. Herstein		
General Topology	19	Topology; a first course	Rudy Rosas	
		by James Munkres		
Optimization 1	20	Optimization	Jorge Chávez	
		by Emilio Cerdá		
Optimization 2	20	Dynamic Optimization	Jorge Chávez	
		by Emilio Cerdá		
Measure Theory	19	Real Analysis	Johel Beltrán	
		by Gerald Folland		
Advanced Linear	19	Advanced Linear Algebra	Christian Figueroa	
and Multilinear Algebra		by Steven Roman		
Galois Theory	20	Galois Theory Through Exercises	Alfredo Poirier	
		by Juliusz Brzeziński		
Functional Analysis	19	Fundamentos de análise funcional	Percy Fernandez	
		by Geraldo Botelho		
Analysis over Surfaces	17	Curso de Análise Vol. 2	Jesus Zapata	
		by Elon Lages		
Complex Analysis 20		Complex Analysis	Alfredo Poirier	
		by Serge Lang		
Differential Geometry	20	Elementary Differential Geometry	Jaime Cuadros	
		by Andrew Pressley		
Stochastic Processes	18	Measure Theory, Probability	Johel Beltran	
		and Stochastic Processes		
		Brownian Motion, Martingales		
		and Stochastic Calculus		
		by J.F. Le Gall (both)		
Probability Theory	18	Probability	Jonathan Farfan	
		by A. N. Shiryaev		
Discrete Mathematics	20	A walk through combinatorics	Ricardo Ramos	
		by Milkos Bona		
Applied Differential Equations	20	Differential Equations BVP	Fidel Jimenez	
		by Richard Boyce and William di Prima		
Numerical Analysis	20	An Introduction to Numerical Analysis	Juan Casavilca	
		by Endre Suli		
Partial Differential Equations 20		EDP - Um Curso de Graduacao	Marcelo Flamarion	
		by Valéria Iório		
		Partial Differential Equations		
		by Lawrence Evans		

1.5 Economics Courses at the Faculty of Social Sciences (PUCP)

Course	Grade	Book	Teacher
Microeconomics 1	19	Microeconomic Analysis	José Gallardo
		by Hal Varian	
Microeconomics 2	20	Microeconomic Theory	Pavel Coronado
		by Mas-Colell et al.	
Macroeconomics 1	17	Intermediate Macroeconomics for Latam	Waldo Mendoza
		by Waldo Mendoza	
Statistical Inference	19	Statistical Inference	Luis Valdivieso
		by George Casella and Roger Berger	
Introduction to Econometrics	20	Econometrics	Juan León Jara
		by Damodar Gujarati and Dawn Porter	
Game Theory	20	A Course in Game Theory	César Martinelli
		by Osborne and Rubinstein	
		Game Theory	
		Analysis of Conflict	
		by Roger Myerson	
Repeated Games and Reputations			
		by George J. Mailath and Larry Samuelson	

1.6 Economics Courses at the QLab

Course	Grade	Books	Teacher
Machine Learning for Social Sciences	19	An Introduction to Statistical Learning	Pavel Coronado
		by Gareth James et al.	
Time Series for Macroeconomics	20	New Introduction to Multiple	Josué Cox
and Finance		Time Series Analysis	
		by Helmut Lütkepohl	
Empirical Industrial Organization	20	Empirical IO	Jorge Tovar
		by Victor Aguirregabiria	
Introduction to Asset Pricing	19	Asset Pricing	Josué Cox
		by John Cochrane	
Machine Learning y Causal Inference	Seminar Assistance		Tomás Rau
Advanced Topics in IO	Seminar Assistance		Carlos Noton