

# Róbert Csordás

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## EDUCATION

**IDSIA** <http://idsia.ch>, Lugano, Switzerland

PhD student

2018-present

Supervised by Prof. Jürgen Schmidhuber. Working on systematic generalization.

**Budapest University of Technology and Economics**, Budapest, Hungary

Electrical Engineering. MSc (grad. 2015) and BSc (grad. 2012). Grade: excellent.

## WORK

### EXPERIENCE

**AIMotive (formerly AdasWorks)** - <https://aimotive.com>

2015-2018

AI Research Scientist

Budapest, Hungary

Worked on deep neural networks for self driving cars.

- Monocular depth prediction using neural networks.
- Neural stereo matching - predicting robust depth map with neural network.
- Recurrent network research - Convolutional LSTMs for stabilizing detections, free space detection, etc.
- Object detection, semantic segmentation

**Hungarian Academy of Sciences - Institute for Computer Science and Control** - <https://www.sztaki.hu>

2015

Software Engineer

Budapest, Hungary

Worked on classical computer vision projects. For example:

- Detecting objects thrown over the fence; detecting human leaving a car.
- Autonomous forklift control system.

**Innomed Medical Inc.** - <http://innomed.hu>

2007 - 2015

Embedded Software/Hardware Engineer

Budapest, Hungary

- Designed the software architecture of Linux based patient monitor (C++, QT).
- Maintained the software of the InnoCare-S patient monitor (C++).
- Wrote low level hardware drivers for InnoCare-T12.

## PUBLICATIONS

Róbert Csordás, Kazuki Irie, Jürgen Schmidhuber: **The Devil is in the Detail: Simple Tricks Improve Systematic Generalization of Transformers** - We significantly improve the systematic generalization of Transformers on a variety of systematic generalization datasets using simple tricks.

*EMNLP 2021*

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2108.12284>

Kazuki Irie, Imanol Schlag, Róbert Csordás, Jürgen Schmidhuber: **Going Beyond Linear Transformers with Recurrent Fast Weight Programmers** - We explore the recurrent Fast Weight Programmers (FWPs), which exhibit advantageous properties of both Transformers and RNNs.

*arXiv preprint*

<https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.06295>

Róbert Csordás, Sjoerd van Steenkiste, Jürgen Schmidhuber: **Are Neural Nets Modular? Inspecting Functional Modularity Through Differentiable Weight Masks** - We develop a method for analyzing emerging functional modularity in neural networks based on differentiable weight masks and use it to point out important

issues in current-day neural networks.

*ICLR 2021*

<https://openreview.net/forum?id=7uVcpu-gMD>

Róbert Csordás, Jürgen Schmidhuber: **Improving Differentiable Neural Computers Through Memory Masking, De-allocation, and Link Distribution Sharpness Control** - Addresses 3 different issues with the original DNC architecture. Also proposes a new, better content-based lookup mechanism.

*ICLR 2019*

<https://openreview.net/forum?id=HyGEM3C9KQ>

Róbert Csordás, László Havasi, and Tamás Szirányi: **Detecting objects thrown over fence in outdoor scenes** - A new technique for detecting objects thrown over a critical area of interest in a video sequence made by a monocular camera.

*VISAPP 2015*

<http://goo.gl/ZDkk4g>

**HIGH SCHOOL PUBLICATIONS** **CallTheTux** - Development of CallTheTux, a universal GSM stack for Linux.  
*Petnica Papers, 2007* <https://goo.gl/QTCy5U>  
**RealVM** - Development of a new type of virtual machine which would allow parallel execution and fast switching between different operating systems.  
*Petnica Papers, 2006* <https://goo.gl/8TNHf5>  
**PrologAPI** - Enabling the usage of Prolog constructs from C++.  
*Petnica Papers, 2005* <https://goo.gl/KpV3sF>

**PATENTS** Róbert Csordás, Ágnes Kis-Benedek, Balázs Szalkai: **Method and Apparatus for Generating a Displacement Map of an Input Dataset Pair** - A neural network based method for fast and robust stereo matching for depth map generation.  
*US10380753* <https://patent.uspto.gov/fdd/53/807/103/0.pdf>

**TECHNICAL STRENGTHS** Python, TensorFlow, PyTorch, Torch, C, C++, OpenCV, Algorithms, Linux, JavaScript, Bash, Matlab, Assembly

**OTHER SKILLS** **Machine learning frameworks:** PyTorch, TensorFlow, Torch  
**Embedded architectures:** PIC, PIC32, AVR, AVR32, ARM, XMOS, Xilinx  
**Databases:** MySQL, MongoDB, Sphinx search  
**JavaScript technologies:** NodeJS, jQuery  
**Mobile development:** Android, iOS (Swift)  
**Electronic design tools:** KiCAD, Eagle  
**Operating systems:** Linux, OS X, Windows  
**Markup languages:** L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X, XML, Markdown  
**Parallel programming:** CUDA, numba

**HOBBY PROJECTS** **MobileECG II** - <https://github.com/robertcsordas/MobileECG-II> 2014 - 2016  
Open source Holter ECG. Designed the schematic diagram and the firmware.

**engineerjs.com** - <http://engineerjs.com> 2013 - 2015  
Extendable online computing environment for engineers, with physical quantity, complex numbers and linear algebra support.

**LANGUAGES** Hungarian (native); English, Serbian (fluent); German, Italian (beginner)