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Education

University of Colorado Boulder, USA August 2016 - Present
Advisor: Michael J. Paul, Jordan Boyd-Graber; 2nd year Computer Science PhD student

University of Tokyo, Japan Sep. 2014
M.S. in Information Science and Technology
Advisor: Akiko Aizawa; Thesis: Detecting Upsurge of Emotion Using Characteristic Expressions in Tweets

International Christian University, Japan March 2012
B.A. in Computer Science and Mathematics
Advisor: Grant Pogosyan; Thesis: Fault-Tolerant Packet Routing Algorithms on Hypercube Networks

Experience

Research Assistant, University of Colorado Boulder, USA Aug. 2016 - Present

- Co-PI: Jordan Boyd-Graber
- Created cross-lingual embeddings using character-level LSTM to exploit orthographically similar words across different language pairs and to transfer resources in high-resource languages into low-resource languages.
- Diagnosing various cross-lingual embeddings trained by different methods (e.g., mean squared error, CCA).
- Cross-lingual analysis of tweets using Polylingual LDA on translated tweets and incremental addition of non-translated tweets after few iterations of Gibbs sampling.

Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon.com, USA May 2018 - Present

- Ongoing.

Software Engineer, Amazon/A9.com, Japan Oct. 2014 - Aug. 2016

- Built JA/ZH language detector for search queries with recall > 0.8 .
- Built a semi-supervised CRF-based Japanese query label tagger with $F1 = 0.91$.

Software Engineer Intern, Amazon/A9.com, Japan Nov. 2013 - Feb. 2014

- The first search engineer to intern at Amazon Japan.
- Detected Japanese-English transliteration pairs with $F1 > 0.9$ using EM algorithm.

Part-time Engineer, Atilika, Japan Aug.- Nov. 2013, Apr.- Sep. 2014

- Built a dictionary with over 8000 product names for Japanese named entity extractor.
- Built transliteration generator from English to Japanese. Achieved around 60% in accuracy@1.

Software Engineer Intern, Cookpad, Japan July 2013 (one month)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built a recommendation system for related topics on the community site. Accomplished approximately 1.5% of the whole user click rate. Ruby on Rails. 	
Publications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yoshinari Fujinuma, Alvin Grissom II: “Substring Frequency Features for Segmentation of Japanese Katakana Words with Unlabeled Corpora”, International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing, Nov. 2017 (short paper) • Yoshinari Fujinuma, Hikaru Yokono, Pascual Martínez-Gómez, Akiko Aizawa: “Distant-supervised Language Model for Detecting Emotional Upsurge on Twitter”, The 29th Pacific Asia Conference on Language, Information and Computation, Nov. 2015 • Yoshinari Fujinuma: “Detecting Japanese-English Transliteration Pairs in Search Query and Clickthrough Logs”, Amazon Machine Learning Conference, May 2015 (Internal) 	
Current Projects	<p>Diagnosing Cross-lingual Embeddings 2017 - present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developing an intrinsic measure to evaluate the quality of cross-lingual embeddings. <p>Multilingual Topic Model on Zika tweets 2017 - present</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigating whether Polylingual LDA (PolyLDA) outputs both monolingually and cross-lingually coherent outputs given small number of aligned tweets across multiple languages. • We translated around 1% of whole tweets and run Poly LDA to capture and summarize tweets in English, Spanish, and Portuguese. 	
Past Class/Personal Projects	<p>Word Segmentation on Katakana Words 2015 - 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed a simple frequency-based feature to segment katakana words. • In terms token level precision and recall, achieved comparable results to supervised methods. <p>Extending multiview embeddings for Twitter users 2016</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We extend the WGCCA-based user embeddings (https://github.com/abenton/wgcca) by incorporating additional user features. • Revealed that users who follow many users tend to follow more users. <p>Finite State Transducer (FST) for Kuromoji 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Replaced a double-array trie to an FST to build a dictionary for Kuromoji, a java-based Japanese tokenizer used in Lucene, Solr, and Elastic Search. • Github link: https://github.com/atilika/fst 	
Academic Honors	<p>Dean’s Fellowship (CU Boulder) 2016</p> <p>Best Bachelor thesis in CS and Math (Gödel Foundation Prize) 2012</p>	
Computer and Language Skills	<p><u>Languages:</u> Proficient: Python, Java; Intermediate: C++, Pig, Go</p> <p><u>Software:</u> PyTorch, DyNet, Git, Vim, L^AT_EX, MySQL</p> <p><u>English:</u> TOEFL iBT 101 (2015)</p>	