# **Andrew Cropper**

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### **Education**

PhD Computer Science, Imperial College London

Oct 2013 -

Supervisor: Professor Stephen Muggleton Thesis: Efficient induction of efficient programs

MSc Computer Science, University of Oxford

Oct 2010 - Oct 2011

Supervisor: Dr Brian Harrington

Thesis: Modelling stock volume using Twitter

**BSc Computer Science**, Nottingham Trent University

Oct 2005 - Jul 2009

Graduated with first-class honours Supervisor: Dr Caroline Langensiepen

Dissertation: Identifying and inferring objects from natural language text

# **Experience**

Research Assistant, University of Cambridge

Jul 2013 - Oct 2013

Worked with Dr Eiko Yonkei on distributed asynchronous graph algorithms

Research Engineer, MFG Labs, Paris, France Jan 2012 - Jul 2013

Designed and developed large-scale machine learning algorithms

Software Engineer, Esendex, Nottingham

Jan 2010 - Oct 2010

Developed analytical tools to monitor business SMS traffic

Software Engineer, Counter Solutions, Derbyshire

Jun 2007 - Oct 2008

Developed analytical tools to monitor database and web servers

## Research visits

Visiting Professor Josh Tenenbaum, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Visiting Professor Katsumi Inoue, National Institute of Informatics, Tokyo, Japan

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Oct 2014 - Dec 2014

### **Publications**

#### Conferences

- 1. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Learning higher-order logic programs through abstraction and invention. In *Proceedings* of the 25th International Joint Conference Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2016), pages 1418-1424. IJCAI, 2016.
- 2. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. In *Proceedings* of the 24th International Joint Conference Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2015), pages 3423-3429. IJCAI, 2015.
- 3. A. Cropper, A. Tamaddoni-Nezhad, and S.H. Muggleton. Meta-interpretive learning of data transformation programs. In *Proceedings of the 25th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming (ILP2015)*, pages 46-59. Springer-Verlag, 2015. LNAI 9046.
- 4. C. Farquhar, G. Grov, A. Cropper, S.H. Muggleton, and A. Bundy. Typed meta-interpretive learning for proof strategies. In *Late Breaking Papers of the 25th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming*, pages 17-32, 2015.
- 5. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Can predicate invention compensate for incomplete background knowledge? In *Thirteenth Scandinavian Conference on Artificial Intelligence -* SCAI 2015, Halmstad, Sweden, November 5-6, 2015, pp. 27-36.

6. A. Cropper and S.H. Muggleton. Logical minimisation of meta-rules within meta-interpretive learning. In *Proceedings* of the 24th International Conference on Inductive Logic Programming (ILP2014), pages 62-75. Springer-Verlag, 2015. LNAI 9046.

Workshops

1. A. Cropper. Identifying and inferring objects from textual descriptions of scenes from books. In *2014 Imperial College Computing Student Workshop*, ICCSW 2014, September 25-26, 2014, London, United Kingdom, pp. 19-26.

Extended abstracts

- 1. A. Cropper. Logic-based inductive synthesis of efficient programs. In *Proceedings of the 25th International Joint Conference Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2016)*, pages 3980-3981. IJCAI, 2016.
- 2. A. Cropper. Learning efficient logic programs. In *Proceedings of the 24th International Joint Conference Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI 2015)*, pages 4359-4360. IJCAI, 2015.

# Awards and grants

• *Machine Learning Journal* best student paper

ILP 2014

· National Institute of Informatics international internship program

Oct 2014 - Dec 2014

Syngenta fellowship

Oct 2013 - Oct 2017

· Full BBSRC PhD case studentship

Oct 2013 - Oct 2017

### **Professional services**

Reviewing

· 2014 Imperial College Computing Student Workshop

Other

· IJCAI 2015, 2016 student volunteer

#### Talks

- · Learning higher-order logic programs through abstraction and invention, ILP16, London, Sep 2016.
- · Logic-based inductive synthesis of efficient programs, IJCAI16 doctoral consortium, New York, Jul 2016.
- · Logic-based learning of programs from input/output examples, UC Berkeley, Jun 2016.
- · Can predicate invention compensate for incomplete background knowledge? SCAI15, Halmstad, Sweden, Nov 2015.
- Meta-interpretive learning of data transformation programs, ILP15, Kyoto, Aug 2015.
- · Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. ILP15, Kyoto, Aug 2015.
- · Learning efficient logical robot strategies involving composable objects. IJCAI15, Buenos Aires, Jul 2015.
- · Learning efficient logic programs, IJCAI15 doctoral consortium, Buenos Aires, Jul 2015.
- Meta-interpretive learning normal logic programs, Meeting on meta-interpretive learning, Imperial College London, Jan 2015.
- Predicate invention in meta-interpretive learning, Meeting on abductive and inductive reasoning, Wakayama University, Japan, Dec 2014.
- · Logical minimisation of meta-rules within meta-interpretive learning, ILP14, Nancy, Sep 2014.
- Can predicate invention in meta-interpretive learning compensate for incomplete background knowledge? ILP14, Nancy, Sep 2014.
- Identifying and inferring objects from textual descriptions of scenes from books, Imperial College Computing Student Workshop, London, UK, Sep 2014.