Marco Cognetta

Education

2022-Present PhD Computer Science, Tokyo Institute of Technology, Tokyo, Japan

- Advisor: Dr. Naoaki Okazaki
- MEXT Scholar (文部科学省奨学金)
- 2016-2018 MS Computer Science, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea
 - Advisor: Dr. Yo-Sub Han
 - Thesis: Efficient Algorithms for Two Parsing Problems on Probabilistic Finite Automata
- 2011-2015 BS Discrete Mathematics, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA
 - Minor in Korean
 - Advisor: Dr. Anton Leykin
 - Thesis: Straight Line Programs and Automatic Differentiation in Python

Work Experience

05/22-Present **PhD Student Researcher**, *Google*, Tokyo, Japan

- Researcher focusing on language modeling and federated analytics on the Gboard team.

08/19-04/22 **Software Engineer**, *Google*, Mountain View, CA

- Software engineer on the Gboard team.
- Developed compressed statistical language models for mobile keyboard input.
- Developed TensorFlow Federated infrastructure and compressed sketching models for privacy-preserving federated analytics.
- TA for Google Tech Exchange Applied Data Structures and Algorithms (2020 and 2021).

02/19-05/19 **Software Engineering Intern**, *Google*, New York City, NY

- Software engineering intern in the Speech and Language Algorithms research group.
- Developed a compression scheme for finite-state transducers used in keyboard language models which led to a first-author publication.
- Compression algorithm reduced the space requirements of the Gboard keyboard lexicon data structure by 90% compared to the uncompressed version and 58% compared to the previous production compression scheme.
- 09/16-12/18 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea
 - TA for CSI2103 Data Structures, CSI 3108 Algorithm Analysis, CSI3109 Automata and Formal Languages, and CSI6512 Graduate Analysis of Algorithms.
- 01/16-05/16 Upper School Computer Science Teacher, Maclay School, Tallahassee, FL
 - Faculty sponsor of the Computer Science Club.
- 05/15-08/15 Data Science Intern, AirSage Inc., Atlanta, GA
 - Used Python and QGIS to track, analyze, and display population movement patterns.
- 05/12-08/12 **Software Development Intern**, AirSage Inc., Atlanta, GA
 - Used Python and psycopg2 to construct and store geometric representations of cell towers' effective areas in a spatial database.

Publications (* denotes primary authorship)

- 1. Parameter-Efficient Korean Character-Level Language Modeling
 - Marco Cognetta*, Sangwhan Moon, Lawrence Wolf-Sonkin, Naoaki Okazaki. EACL 2023
- 2. SoftRegex: Generating Regex from Natural Language Descriptions using Softened Regex Equivalence
 - Jun-U Park, Sang-Ki Ko, Marco Cognetta, Yo-Sub Han. EMNLP 2019
- 3. On the Compression of Lexicon Transducers.
 - Marco Cognetta*, Cyril Allauzen, Michael Riley. FSMNLP 2019
- 4. Online Infix Probability Computation for Probabilistic Finite Automata
 - Marco Cognetta*, Yo-Sub Han, Soon Chan Kwon. ACL 2019
- 5. Incremental Computation of Infix Probabilities for Probabilistic Finite Automata
 - Marco Cognetta*, Yo-Sub Han, Soon Chan Kwon. EMNLP 2018
- 6. Online Stochastic Pattern Matching
 - Marco Cognetta*, Yo-Sub Han. CIAA 2018

Skills

Human Languages: English, Korean, Esperanto

Awards/Service

Yonsei University - Outstanding International Student Scholarship

ACM International Collegiate Programming Contest - Question Writer (Korea Regional - 2017, 2018)

FSU ACM Programming Contest - Question Writer (2020, 2021) **Hackbright Academy** - Volunteer Mentor (2020, 2021)