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EDUCATION Johns Hopkins University Spring 2019 (Expected)

Ph.D. in Computer Science

Advisors: Jason Eisner and David Yarowsky

Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München 2014-2016

Visiting Ph.D. Student Advisor: Hinrich Schütze

Johns Hopkins University Spring 2017

M.S.E. in Computer Science Advisor: Chris Callison-Burch

GPA: 4.0

Johns Hopkins University Spring 2013

B.A. in Cognitive Science Minor: Linguistics

Advisor: Colin Wilson GPA: 3.87 (General Honors)

Major GPA: 4.0 (Departmental Honors)

Faculty of Liberal Arts and Sciences of St. Petersburg State University Fall 2009

Study Abroad, St. Petersburg, Russia

Friends School Spring 2007

Baltimore, Maryland

EMPLOYMENT Google Research, New York, NY June-September 2017

Software Engineering Intern

Hosts: Brian Roark and Vlad Schogol

Human Language Technology Center of Excellence, Baltimore, MD June-August 2012

Participant in the Summer Camp for Applied Language Exploration (SCALE)

Supervisor: Benjamin Van Durme

TEACHING Teaching Assistant
Johns Hopkins University Fall 2016

Course: Machine Learning (600.475)

Professor: Mark Dredze

I held discussion sessions with students to prepare them for homework problem sets.

Teaching Assistant

Johns Hopkins University Spring 2014

Course: Automata and Computation Theory (600.271)

Professor: Stephen Checkoway

I managed three course assistants and held weekly office hours.

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Teaching Assistant

Johns Hopkins University Fall 2013

Course: Natural Language Processing (600.465)

Professor: Jason Eisner

I led weekly discussion sections to cement concepts and improve problem solving skills. I supervised

three course assistants in grading the assignments.

Grants

PURA (Provost Undergraduate Research Award)

Awarding body: Johns Hopkins University

Amount: \$1,000

Awarded to investigate phonological opacity in Portuguese and Turkish in an optimality-theoretic framework.

AWARDS

Fredrick Jelinek Fellowship	2017
Best Paper at ACL	2017
Outstanding Paper at EACL	2017
Runner-up for Best Short Paper at NAACL	2016
Honorable Mention for Best Short Paper at EMNLP	2015
National Defense Science and Engineering Fellowship (NDSEG)	2016-2018
DAAD Long-term Research Grant, Germany	2015-2016
Fulbright Research Grant, Germany	2014-2015
George M. L. Sommerman Engineering Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Finalist	2014
Computer Science Department Outstanding Teaching Assistant	2014
Cognitive Science Undergraduate Research Award	2013

Publications

Refereed Journal Papers

- 1. Ryan Cotterell and Hinrich Schütze. 2017. Joint semantic synthesis and morphological analysis of the derived word. Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics (TACL), 5.
- 2. Ryan Cotterell, Nanyun Peng, and Jason Eisner. 2015b. Modeling word forms using latent underlying morphs and phonology. *Transactions of the Association for Computational Linguistics* (TACL), 3:433–447.

Refereed Conference Papers

- 3. Ryan Cotterell and Kevin Duh. 2017. Low-resource named entity recognition with cross-lingual, character-level neural conditional random fields. In *Proceedings of 8th International Joint Conference on Natural Language Processing*, Taipei, Taiwan. Asian Federation of Natural Language Processing.
- 4. Ryan Cotterell and Georg Heigold. 2017. Cross-lingual, character-level neural morphological tagging. In *Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, Copenhagen, Denmark. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- Ryan Cotterell, Katerina Vylomova, Huda Khayrallah, Christo Kirov, and David Yarowsky. 2017d. Paradigm completion for derivational morphology. In Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), Copenhagen, Denmark. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 6. Francis Ferraro, Adam Poliak, Ryan Cotterell, and Benjamin Van Durme. 2017. Frame-based continuous lexical semantics through exponential family tensor factorization and semantic protoroles. In *Proceedings of the Sixth Joint Conference on Lexical and Computational Semantics* (*SEM), Vancouver, Canada. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 7. Ryan Cotterell and Jason Eisner. 2017. Probabilistic typology: Deep generative models of vowel inventories. In *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational*

- Linguistics (ACL), Vancouver, Canada. Association for Computational Linguistics. Best Paper Award.
- 8. Katharina Kann, Ryan Cotterell, and Hinrich Schütze. 2017b. One-shot neural cross-lingual transfer for paradigm completion. In *Proceedings of the 55th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, Vancouver, Canada. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 9. Ryan Cotterell, Adam Poliak, Benjamin Van Durme, and Jason Eisner. 2017b. Explaining and generalizing skip-gram through exponential family principal component analysis. In *Proceedings* of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), pages 175–181, Valencia, Spain. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 10. Ryan Cotterell, John Sylak-Glassman, and Christo Kirov. 2017c. Neural graphical models over strings for principal parts morphological paradigm completion. In Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL), pages 759–765, Valencia, Spain. Association for Computational Linguistics. Outstanding Paper Award.
- 11. Arun Kumar, Ryan Cotterell, Lluís Padró, and Antoni Oliver. 2017. Morphological analysis of the Dravidian language family. In *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 217–222, Valencia, Spain. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 12. Christo Kirov, John Sylak-Glassman, Rebecca Knowles, Ryan Cotterell, and Matt Post. 2017. A rich morphological tagger for english: Exploring the cross-linguistic tradeoff between morphology and syntax. In *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 112–117, Valencia, Spain. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 13. Ekaterina Vylomova, Ryan Cotterell, Timothy Baldwin, and Trevor Cohn. 2017. Context-aware prediction of derivational word-forms. In *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 118–124, Valencia, Spain. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 14. Katharina Kann, Ryan Cotterell, and Hinrich Schütze. 2017a. Neural multi-source morphological reinflection. In *Proceedings of the 15th Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (EACL)*, pages 514–524, Valencia, Spain. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 15. Ryan Cotterell, Arun Kumar, and Hinrich Schütze. 2016b. Morphological segmentation insideout. In *Proceedings of the 2016 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* (EMNLP), pages 2325–2330, Austin, Texas. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 16. Katharina Kann, Ryan Cotterell, and Hinrich Schütze. 2016. Neural morphological analysis: Encoding-decoding canonical segments. In *Proceedings of the 2016 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, pages 961–967, Austin, Texas. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 17. Tim Vieira*, Ryan Cotterell*, and Jason Eisner. 2016. Speed-accuracy tradeoffs in tagging with variable-order CRFs and structured sparsity. In *Proceedings of the 2016 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, pages 1973–1978, Austin, Texas. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 18. Ryan Cotterell, Hinrich Schütze, and Jason Eisner. 2016c. Morphological smoothing and extrapolation of word embeddings. In *Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 1651–1660, Berlin, Germany. Association for Computational Linguistics.

- 19. Ryan Cotterell, Tim Vieira, and Hinrich Schütze. 2016d. A joint model of orthography and morphological segmentation. In Proceedings of the 2016 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT), pages 664–669, San Diego, California. Association for Computational Linguistics. Runner-up for Best Paper.
- 20. Pushpendre Rastogi, Ryan Cotterell, and Jason Eisner. 2016. Weighting finite-state transductions with neural context. In Proceedings of the 2016 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT), pages 623–633, San Diego, California. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 21. John Sylak-Glassman and Ryan Cotterell. 2015. Contrastive morphological typology and logical hierarchies. In Jessica Kantarovich, Tran Truong, and Orest Xherija, editors, *Proceedings of the 52nd Meeting of the Chicago Linguistic Society (CLS52)*. Chicago Linguistic Society.
- 22. Nanyun Peng, Ryan Cotterell, and Jason Eisner. 2015. Dual decomposition inference for graphical models over strings. In *Proceedings of the 2015 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, pages 917–927, Lisbon, Portugal. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 23. Thomas Müller, Ryan Cotterell, Alexander Fraser, and Hinrich Schütze. 2015. Joint lemmatization and morphological tagging with LEMMING. In *Proceedings of the 2015 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP)*, pages 2268–2274, Lisbon, Portugal. Association for Computational Linguistics. Honorable Mention for Best Paper.
- 24. Ryan Cotterell, Thomas Müller, Alexander Fraser, and Hinrich Schütze. 2015a. Labeled morphological segmentation with semi-Markov models. In Proceedings of the Nineteenth Conference on Computational Natural Language Learning (CoNLL), pages 164–174, Beijing, China. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 25. Ryan Cotterell and Jason Eisner. 2015. Penalized expectation propagation for graphical models over strings. In *Proceedings of the 2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT)*, pages 932–942, Denver, Colorado. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 26. Ryan Cotterell and Hinrich Schütze. 2015. Morphological word embeddings. In Proceedings of the 2015 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies (NAACL-HLT), pages 1287–1292, Denver, Colorado. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 27. Ryan Cotterell, Nanyun Peng, and Jason Eisner. 2014a. Stochastic contextual edit distance and probabilistic FSTs. In *Proceedings of the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL)*, pages 625–630, Baltimore, Maryland. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 28. Ryan Cotterell and Chris Callison-Burch. 2014. A multi-dialect, multi-genre corpus of informal written Arabic. In *Proceedings of the Ninth International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC)*, Reykjavik, Iceland. European Language Resources Association (ELRA).

Refereed Workshop Papers

- 29. Gaurav Kumar, Yuan Cao, Ryan Cotterell, Chris Callison-Burch, Daniel Povey, and Sanjeev Khudanpur. 2014. Translations of the CALLHOME Egyptian Arabic corpus for conversational speech translation. In *Proceedings of the International Workshop on Spoken Language Translation (IWSLT)*, Lake Tahoe, USA. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 30. Ryan Cotterell, Adithya Renduchintala, Naomi Saphra, and Chris Callison-Burch. 2014b. An Algerian Arabic-French code-switched corpus. In Workshop on Free/Open-Source Arabic Corpora and Corpora Processing Tools (OSACT), Reykjavik, Iceland. European Language Resources Association.

Refereed Presentations

31. Ryan Cotterell, Christo Kirov, Mans Hulden, and Jason Eisner. 2018. On the bounded complexity of inflectional systems: A black-box approach to paradigm entropy and morphological typology. In *Society for Computation in Linguistics*, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Unrefereed Publications

- 32. Ryan Cotterell, Christo Kirov, John Sylak-Glassman, Géraldine Walther, Ekaterina Vylomova, Patrick Xia, Manaal Faruqui, Sandra Kübler, David Yarowsky, Jason Eisner, and Mans Hulden. 2017a. The CoNLL-SIGMORPHON 2017 shared task: Universal morphological reinflection in 52 languages. In Proceedings of the CoNLL-SIGMORPHON 2017 Shared Task: Universal Morphological Reinflection, Vancouver, Canada. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 33. Ryan Cotterell, Christo Kirov, John Sylak-Glassman, David Yarowsky, Jason Eisner, and Mans Hulden. 2016a. The SIGMORPHON 2016 shared task—morphological reinflection. In Proceedings of the 14th SIGMORPHON Workshop on Computational Research in Phonetics, Phonology, and Morphology, pages 10–22, Berlin, Germany. Association for Computational Linguistics.
- 34. Chandler May, Ryan Cotterell, and Benjamin Van Durme. 2016. Analysis of morphology in topic modeling. *CoRR*, abs/1608.03995

Technical Reports

35. David Etter, Francis Ferraro, Ryan Cotterell, Olivia Buzek, and Benjamin Van Durme. 2013. Nerit: Named entity recognition for informal text. Technical Report 11, Human Language Technology Center of Excellence, Johns Hopkins University.

INVITED TALKS

- Neural Weighted Finite-State Machines Location: First Workshop on Subword and Character Level Models in NLP, held at EMNLP 2017 Tutorial Talk
- 2. Probabilistic Typology: Deep Generative Models of Vowel Inventories August, 2017 Location: New York University Host: Kyunghyun Cho
- 3. Neural Graphical Models over Strings Location: Universität Heidelberg Host: Stefan Riezler

4. Neural String-Valued Graphical Models
Location: Schloss Dagstuhl

January, 2017

From Characters to Understanding Natural Language (Dagstuhl Seminar 17042)

5. Graphical Models over Strings

October, 2016

Location: University of Alberta Host: Greg Kondrak

6. Graphical Models over Strings

Location: Johns Hopkins University

CLSP Seminar

7. Modeling Word Forms Using Latent Underlying Morphs and Phonology
Location: Universität Tübingen
Host: Gerhard Jäger

8. Modeling Word Forms Using Latent Underlying Morphs and Phonology
Location: Xerox Research Centre Europe
Host: Xavier Carreras

May, 2017

9. Modeling Word Forms Using Latent Underlying Morphs and Phonology September, 2015 Location: Priberam Labs

Host: André Martins

10. A Probabilistic Approach to Synchronic Phonology
Institut für Phonetik und Sprachverarbeitung, LMU München

Host: Jonathan Harrington

SHARED TASK ORGANIZER

- 1. CoNLL-SIGMORPHON 2018 Shared Task: Cross-lingual Morphological Reinflection.
- 2. CoNLL-SIGMORPHON 2017 Shared Task: Universal Morphological Reinflection.
- 3. SIGMORPHON 2016 Shared Task: Morphological Reinflection.

SERVICE

Journal Reviewer: Computational Linguistics (2017, 2015), Computer Speech and Language (2017) Conference Reviewer: ACL (2017, 2016), EMNLP (2017, 2016), NAACL (2016), EACL (2017), COLING (2016), AAAI (2016 secondary)

Workshop Reviewer: ICML Workshop on Deep Structured Prediction (2017), Subword and character level models in NLP (2017), Ethics in NLP (2017), SIGMORPHON (2016), Multilingual and Cross-lingual Methods in NLP (2016)

Poster Chair: EMNLP (2017)

Other: SIGMORPHON Officer At-Large, CLSP Happy Hour Coordinator

References

Jason Eisner (jason@cs.jhu.edu), Johns Hopkins University David Yarowsky (yarowsky@jhu.edu), Johns Hopkins University Colin Wilson (wilson@cogsci.jhu.edu), Johns Hopkins University

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, Cython, Java, Perl, Ocaml, Lisp, C, C++, R, Scala, LATEX

Deep Learning Frameworks: PyTorch, Theano, TensorFlow

Natural Languages: English, German, Spanish, Russian, Portuguese

Graduate Coursework in Computer Science: Natural Language Processing, Speech Processing, Graphical Models, Artificial Intelligence, Programming Language Theory, Software Engineering, Representation Learning, Big Data, Causality (audit)

Graduate Coursework in Mathematics and Statistics: Nonlinear Optimization I, Stochastic Optimization, Convex Optimization, Neural Networks, Real Analysis I, Real Analysis II (Measure Theory), Bayesian Statistics

Graduate Coursework in Linguistics: Syntax I, Semantics I, Event Semantics (audit), Phonology I, Phonology II, Morpho-Phonology, Psycholinguistics