Samuele Marro

DPhil Student

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Education

- Oct '24 Today DPhil in Autonomous and Intelligent Machine Systems, Oxford University.
 - o 4-year DPhil at the Oxford AIMS CDT under Prof. Philip Torr.
 - Funded by a 250k USD Microsoft studentship.
- Sep '22 Jul '24 MSc in Artificial Intelligence, University of Bologna.
 - o GPA: 29.73/30, top of the class (170 students). Graduation grade: 110 cum laude.
- Oct '19 Jul '24 Excellency Degree, Institute of Superior Studies, Bologna, Italy.
 - 7 STEM students are admitted each year and are provided with a personal tutor, exemption from tuition fees and free accommodation. Requires taking 5 additional courses/year and maintaining a 28/30 GPA.
 - GPA: 29.75/30. Equivalent to a second-level Master's Degree (EQF8).
- Oct '19 Jul '22 BSc in Computer Science, University of Bologna.
 - o GPA: 29.77/30, top of the class (150 students). Graduation grade: 110 cum laude.

Publications

- Jun '24 Emanuele La Malfa, Christoph Weinhuber, Orazio Torre, Fangru Lin, Samuele Marro, Anthony Cohn, Nigel Shadbolt, Michael Wooldridge, Code Simulation Challenges for Large Language Models, arXiv:2401.09074.
- Jul '23 **Samuele Marro**, Michele Lombardi. Computational Asymmetries in Robust Classification, *40th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML 2023)*.
- Dec '22 Andrea Asperti, Davide Evangelista, **Samuele Marro**, Fabio Merizzi. Image Embedding for Denoising Generative Models, *Springer Artificial Intelligence Review*.
- Jul '22 Samuele Marro, Luca Donno. ERC-5375, Ethereum Foundation.
- May '21 **Samuele Marro**, Luca Donno. Green NFTs: A Study on the Environmental Impact of Cryptoart Technologies, *arXiv:2202.00003*.

Research and Teaching Experience

- Nov '23 Today Predoctoral Research Fellow, University of Bologna, Bologna, Italy.
 - o Department fellowship on adversarial robustness under Prof. Michele Lombardi.
- Mar '24 May '24 **Visitor**, *University of Oxford*, Oxford, United Kingdom.
 - Research visit to the Department of Computer Science to conduct research on the Theory of Mind of LLMs under Dr. Emanuele La Malfa and Prof. Michael Wooldridge.
- Dec '19 Oct '23 **Student Researcher**, *University of Bologna*, Bologna, Italy.
 - Developed, under Profs. Michele Lombardi and Michela Milano, an adversarial defense (implemented in Python + PyTorch) with certified robustness.
 - \circ Proved that training a robust ReLU model is Σ_2^P -hard, with implications for adversarial defense design.
- Sep '22 Jan '23 **Teaching Assistant**, *University of Bologna*, Bologna, Italy.
 - Taught the Applied ML module of "Introduction to Machine Learning" for the Fall '22 semester.
- Nov '21 Mar '22 **Machine Learning Intern**, *Mindlt Srl* + *Kantar*, Bologna, Italy.
 - Developed a Tensorflow LSTM implementation compatible with IBM CPLEX optimization algorithms.
 - Rewrote Meta's FBProphet time series model in **Tensorflow**.

Research Awards

- Mar '24 Microsoft Studentship, 250k USD.
 - Studentship to cover fees & salary for my DPhil at Oxford University.
- Nov '23 AlxIA "Leonardo Lesmo" Award.
 - o Award for the best Italian AI thesis, granted by the Italian Association for Artificial Intelligence.
- May '21 GreenNFT Award, 3k USD.
 - Award for research contributions on understanding the environmental impact of blockchains.
- Jan '21 CINECA HPC Grant, 170k core-hours.
 - o Grant for the Galileo100 HPC cluster for research on the computational complexity of adversarial attacks.