Toni Kukurin

Education

2017–2020 **MSc in Computer Science**, FER Zagreb.

Structured Deep Learning With Graph Neural Networks. Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Distributed Systems, Heuristic Optimization, Advanced Algorithms, Text Analysis and Retrieval.

2014–2017 **BSc in Computer Science**, FER Zagreb.

Claim and Stance Classification in Online Discussions Using Machine Learning. Artificial Intelligence, Database Systems, Discrete Math, Statistical Data Analysis, Advanced Linux, Software Design.

Recent Experience

from 07/2019 Google, Lens, Software Engineering Intern, Zürich.

to 10/2019 • Implemented a user-friendly image labeling front-end (JavaScript)

- Researched and implemented a font style detection **autoencoder ML model** (*TensorFlow*)
- Implemented an accessibility contrast adjustment algorithm (C++)
- Enhanced a synthetic data generation tool in cross-team collaboration (C++)

from 04/2019 Microsoft, Natural Language Understanding, Applied Science Intern, Redmond.

to 07/2019 • Adapted BERT for joint intent classification and slot filling in conversational NLU (PvTorch)

Collected, analyzed, and cleaned a large conversational multi-turn dataset (SpaCy, NLTK)

Devised and implemented weakly supervised transfer learning experiments in Snorkel (Python)

from 10/2018 TakeLab, Research Intern, Zagreb.

to 04/2019 • Implemented ML domain adaptation methods focused on active learning (SKLearn)

• Analyzed & vastly improved the quality and performance of a large legacy codebase (Python)

• Maintained a production-grade ML model: serving, collection & storage (SQL, Django, React)

from 07/2018 Microsoft, Office 365, Software Engineering Intern, Redmond.

to 10/2018 • Architected & implemented back-end logic for a network topology builder service (C#, Azure)

• Implemented bugfixes for an internal microservice framework (*C*#)

from 02/2018 Freelance, Software Engineer, Remote.

to 07/2018 Devised software solutions for a broad clientele in parallel with my university work, e.g.

Maintained a payment processing back-end (NodeJS),

• Devised efficient data transformation algorithms for an ETL service (*Django*)

from 07/2017 **Google**, *Play*, Software Engineering Intern, London.

to 02/2018 • Implemented new features on the Google Play back-end and Android client (Java)

Collaborated across teams to translate the business needs of an open-ended WebAPK project

Architected a web service PoC under constraints of Google's existing infrastructure (Java, Go)

Select projects

MSc Devised a **graph neural network** model for self-supervised language grounded representation learning and applied it to a downstream **reinforcement learning** task. (*PyTorch*)

BSc Research in **argumentation mining**; analyzed an online debate corpus, devised and evaluated an ML system for automated claim and stance classification. (*SKLearn, NLTK*)

ETL Devised core **data extraction and transformation algorithms**, and integrated them into a large existing codebase. (*Python, Docker*)

QA Implemented NN and traditional ML classifiers for question-answering. Co-authored a paper **published in proceedings of SemEval 2017**. (*Python, SKLearn*)

ML/DL Implemented foundational ML and DL algorithms from scratch in the SciPy stack.

Analyzed behavior and pitfalls of various techniques. (*NumPy, SciPy, PyTorch*)

- **RL** Reimplementation of *Plannable Approximations to MDP Homomorphisms*. Combines representation learning and value iteration in latent space. (*PyTorch*)
- **Fake News** Researched and implemented existing **deep learning based** approaches for fake news detection. Implemented a custom Twitter crawler. (*SpaCy, Keras, ScraPy*)
- **3D to Lego** Devised and implemented an algorithm which parses 3D models from .obj files and converts them to Lego figures. (*Python*)
 - **2D LinAl** Came up with and implemented auto-generating assignments testing foundational linear algebra knowledge for the *Interactive Computer Graphics* course. (*JavaScript, WebGL*)
 - **Bioinf** Researched and implemented a **MinHash-based method** for approximate mapping of long DNA strands to large reference databases. (*Java*)

Skills

Languages Python, Java, JavaScript, C#, C++

Tools & Misc Git, Linux, Vim; NumPy, SKLearn, PyTorch, Django, NodeJS, Spring