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WORK EXPERIENCE

UCLA Linguistics

Undergraduate Researcher

Los Angeles
Jul 2017 - Oct 2018

- Conducted research on the relationship between surprisal and entropy reduction as measures of complexity for natural language.
- Developed software in OCaml for calculating the complexity of grammar in natural language sentences using concepts based in information-theory.
- Contributed code for calculating the entropy of a probabilistic formal grammar.

PROJECTS

Analysis of Uyghur Vowel Harmony

PRAAT, Python, Excel

- Measured phonetic qualities of consultant-provided audio data using PRAAT.
- Performed corpus study of written Uyghur analyzing properties of backness harmony.

Web Scraper for Corpus Work

Python, Scrapy, Tkinter

- Built web scraper using Python's Scrapy module to generate a corpus of written Uyghur.
- Implemented corpus data processing tools including regex search tool and Arabic/Latin transliterator.

Part of Speech Tagger

Python, NLTK

- Developed a part of speech tagger for untagged corpora using Python Natural Language Tool-Kit.
- Model training was done using the open-source maximum entropy algorithm MegaM.

Text Based / Rogue-Like RPG

C++, NCurses

- Designed and implemented a game-engine for a terminal-based RPG using C++ and nCurses library.

SKILLS

Tools / Environments:	PRAAT, Audacity, Git, UNIX, L ^A T _E X, Excel, Google Docs
Programming Languages:	C, C++, Python, Bash, OCaml, Haskell
Natural Languages:	English (fluent, native)
	German (working proficiency)
	Japanese (elementary proficiency)
	Swedish (elementary proficiency)

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles

M.A. Linguistics *GPA: 4.00*

Los Angeles, CA
Sep 2018 - Jun 2019

B.A. Linguistics and Computer Science *GPA: 3.69*

Sep 2015 - Jun 2019

Crafton Hills College

A.A. Japanese Language and Culture *GPA: 3.91*

Yucaipa, CA
Sep 2013 - Jun 2015

COURSEWORK

Phonetics · Phonology · Syntax · Semantics · Computational Linguistics · Programming Languages ·
Formal Languages & Automata Theory · Algorithms · Mathematical Structures in Language

HONORS AND AWARDS

UCLA Linguistics Departmental Scholar

Selected by UCLA Linguistics Faculty to complete 1-year masters program.

Spring 2018

UCLA Honors Summer Research Stipend

Summer 2018

UCLA College Honors Program

Fall 2015 - Present

Crafton Hills College - Honors College Graduate

Spring 2015