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## Education

- present **Charles University in Prague**, PhD.  
2022 **Czech technical university in Prague**, Ing, with honors.  
2020 **Czech technical university in Prague**, Bc.

## Experience

- Apr 2021–Oct 2022 **Research Assistant**, THE BIGCODE PROJECT.  
2022
  - Proposed, implemented and evaluated two architectures for processing sequential inputs with  $\mathcal{O}(n)$  complexity w.r.t. a sequence length.

May 2021–Oct 2021 **Data Science Intern**, RECOMBEE S.R.O.  
2021
  - Proposed and developed a new model for the next basket prediction task, which improved the IoU score by 5%.
  - Used a LSTM which incorporated a suitable "last matters more" inductive bias.
  - 8M interactions dataset; Tensorflow implementation.

Mar 2021–May 2021 **Research Assistant**, INFERENCE TECHNOLOGIES.  
2021
  - Proposed and implemented an unsupervised classification algorithm of wafer bin map defects
  - Improved the existing system performance from 0.76 to 0.81 kappa score.
  - Used an autoencoder to embed WBMs into a latent space, a denoising variant to make a more robust embedding for classes with defects looking similar to noise.
  - Additionally experimented with several variational and adversarial autoencoder variants.

## Publications

- ICANN 2022 **Linear Self-Attention Approximation via Trainable Feedforward Kernel.**  
  - Proposed and implemented a new attention mechanism with a linear complexity w.r.t. an input sequence length.
  - Evaluated the model on the LRA benchmark and beaten most of the baseline models.

ITAT 2022 **Text-to-Ontology Mapping via Natural Language Processing Models.**  
  - Explored the possibilities of an automatic assignment of an ontology to a text document.

## Other Projects

- Aug 2021–Feb 2022 **SimpleTRON: Simple Transformer with  $\mathcal{O}(N)$  Complexity.**  
2022
  - Proposed and implemented a new attention mechanism with a linear complexity w.r.t. an input sequence length.
  - Evaluated the model on the LRA subset and outperformed all other models on the considered tasks at the moment of publication.

Feb 2023–present **Shared Task on Automatic Minuting.**  
  - Working on adopting one of the sub-quadratic Transformer variants for summarization of long texts.

## Skills

- Languages Python, C, C++, Scala, Java, JavaScript, R  
Domains Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Signal Processing, Natural Language Processing, Data Preprocessing, Theoretical Informatics, Statistics  
Technologies PyTorch, Tensorflow, Keras, JAX, MATLAB, SQL, Docker, Apache Cassandra, Elasticsearch, MongoDB, Hadoop, SPARK, git, REST  
Communication English (B2), Czech (B2), Russian (native)

## Research Interests

Handling long sequences, which contain tens and potentially hundreds of thousands of tokens, is a challenging machine learning task I tackle. The goal is to make the models to be able to work with text chapters or even whole articles, in contrary to the current state-of-the-art limitation of few paragraphs. As this task is highly hardware demanding, I am also keen on developing parameter-efficient models that are able to reach state-of-the-art performance using less amount of compute, and put an additional effort into backing my findings up with theoretical explanations.