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Alignment issues in parallel multilingual treebanks: a case study

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The usefulness of parallel corpora in translation studies and machine translation is strictly related to the availability of aligned data. We discuss the issues related to the design of a tool for the alignment of data from a parallel treebank, which takes into account syntactic knowledge as annotated in this kind of resource. A preliminary analysis is presented which is based on a case study, a parallel treebank for Italian, English and French, i.e. ParTUT. We will focus, in particular, on the study of translational divergences and their implications for the development of an alignment tool of parallel parse trees that, benefitting from the linguistic information provided in ParTUT, could properly deal with such divergences.

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Seminar held by Manuela Sanguinetti, PhD Student.

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Mathematicians have studied algorithms and computation since ancient times, but the study of computability has not been systematically handled until the last century. A computing theory is a meta-mathematical description of the pervasive notion of calculus, i.e. of the notion of "mechanical manipulation of symbols".

The more successfully notion of computation is the classical one that borrows its main ingredients from the classical mechanics. However, physics has developed alternative models of mechanics (sometimes with limited aims) including probabilistic, reversible and quantum mechanics. All them suggest alternative models of computation.

Probabilistic computing is a non-deterministic model of computing. In it, computations evolve randomly and produce stochastic (according to some probability distribution) results. This kind of models is profitable when we look to problems looking for approximated solutions.

Reversible computing, in a general sense, means computing using reversible operations, that is, operations that can be easily and exactly reversed, or undone. When this kind of reversibility is maintained at the lowest level, in the physical mechanisms of operation of our bit-devices (such as transistors), it avoids dissipating the energy that is associated with the bits of information that are being manipulated. This can help to reduce the overall energy dissipation of computations, which can in turn increase battery life or processing speed in heat-limited systems.

Quantum computing is frontier research. The successful construction of a large-scale quantum computer may be some years away but, secure communication involving quantum cryptography has already been implemented. The amount of theoretical research and experimental developments in quantum computing grows rapidly. At the same time, interest grows within the science and technology community, especially in physics and theoretical computing.

MODALITÀ DI VERIFICA DELL'APPRENDIMENTO

Seminario su argomento a scelta dello studente.

PROGRAMMA

- Classical Turing Machines and boolean circuits: revival and main results.
- Reversible Turing Machines and reversible circuits: introduction and main properties.
- Probabilistic Turing Machines and probabilistic circuits: introduction and main properties.
- Complex numbers and Hilbert's spaces: introduction to quantum computing.
Quantum Turing Machines and quantum circuits: quantum registers, no-cloning theorem, observation, teleportation.

TESTI CONSIGLIATI E BIBLIOGRAFIA


BOOKS:

- Introduction to Reversible Computing, Kalyan S. Perumalla
- Quantum Computing for Computer Scientists, Noson S. Yanofsky and Mirco A. Mannucci
- Computing with cells and atoms, Cristian S. Calude, Gheorghe Paun

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Analysis of mobility data to study and optimise public transports

As the world becomes more urbanized, cities have evolved into one of our most consummate and complex artifacts. As a result, urban transportation is facing a grand challenge that is often called sustainable mobility: devising more efficient and adaptive urban transportation systems necessary to accommodate urban dynamics while preserving and restoring the environment. The general consensus is that congestion reduction is instead better addressed through Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) that leverage sensor networks, communications and computing technologies to manage existing infrastructure and transportation systems more efficiently. More recently, our growing reliance on smartphones and other pervasive technologies is producing a wealth of digital information extremely valuable to ITS systems because of its unprecedented level of spatio-temporal details about many aspects of our daily lives and in particular our travelling patterns. It also provides a medium through which it is possible to reach-out to the travellers and engage them in adopting the most efficient means of transport. In particular, in this seminar we present the analysis of mobile phone traces to optimise the public transports in developing countries.

NOTA

The seminar will be held by

Dr. Fabio Pinelli, IBM Researcher - Ireland  SHORT BIO: Fabio Pinelli is currently a research scientist at Smarter City Technology Center at IBM research -- Ireland where he investigates new methods to extract useful knowledge from urban related data with special focus on Intelligent Transportation systems. He earned his PhD in Information Engineering from the University of Pisa where he studied new approaches for the analysis of trajectories of moving objects. During this period, he was also visiting student at Senseable City Lab -- M.I.T. His main research interests include spatio-temporal data mining, pervasive computing, intelligent transportation systems and urban dynamics.

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Il progetto ATLAS si prefigge lo scopo di costruire un sistema computazionale per la traduzione automatica dall'Italiano verso la Lingua Italiana dei Segni (LIS). Alcuni fattori rendono l'obiettivo del progetto estremamente ambizioso. In primo luogo, solo a partire dagli anni '60 la comunità scientifica ha riconosciuto che le lingue dei segni sono delle lingue naturali, dotate di un proprio lessico e di una propria morfologia e sintassi. Di conseguenza, esistono pochissimi studi linguistici sulla LIS. In seconda istanza, a differenza dalle lingue vocali, le lingue dei segni usano in maniera funzionale lo spazio, così come una serie di fattori non manuali (sguardo, posizione del torso, sopracciglia). Infine, non esiste una maniera universalmente riconosciuta per "scrivere" una frase LIS. Nel seminario si presenteranno i risultati ottenuti da alcuni gruppi di ricerca partecipanti al progetto ATLAS. In particolare gli interventi si focalizzeranno su tre aspetti chiave del progetto, ovvero l'ideazione e la realizzazione di un lessico computazionale, di un sistema di traduzione basato su regole, di un attore virtuale per la sintesi finale dei segni.

NOTA
13 Giugno 2012 Palazzo Nuovo Lab MM G. Quazza - Auditorium h. 10 - 13

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Given a document, what are the author's traits? Is it possible to predict an author's demographics from her writing? May an author's style reveal her age and gender? Her personality? Her native language? Author profiling is the task that distinguishes between classes of authors studying their sociolect aspect, that is, how language is shared by people. This helps in identifying profiling aspects such as gender, age, native language, or personality type. In this talk I will also address the impact of emotions on author profiling. For instance, modelling the way people use emotions could help in tasks such as detection on online pedophiles. At the end, I will give an overview of the author profiling state-of-the-art systems that participated in shared tasks such as the one organised at PAN: http://pan.webis.de/

NOTA

The seminar will be held by
Prof. Paolo Rosso
http://users.dsic.upv.es/~prosso/
Universitat Politècnica de València, Spain

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L'efficacia dei motori di ricerca e il ri-uso di oggetti mediali (come file di testo, audio, video, applicazioni interattive, ...) dipende da un processo di annotazione (o tagging), mediante parole chiave libere o strutturate. I media "drammatici", che presentano personaggi in azione, non vengono annotati tipicamente con le qualità narrative o drammatiche. Esiste quindi un "divario semantico" (semantic gap) tra gli aspetti rappresentati e le informazioni associate.

Il seminario illustrerà gli scopi e i metodi del progetto CADMOS (Character-centred Annotation of Dramatic Media ObjectS, http://www.cadmos-project.org), che ha come obiettivo l'annotazione semantica delle caratteristiche "drammatiche" di un oggetto mediale (tipicamente un audiovisivo) e l'utilizzo dell'annotazione in contesti produttivi.

Il seminario farà seguito alla conferenza "Creatività digitale, un motore per l'innovazione" presso il Digital Experience Festival, h. 9.30, in cui CADMOS è discusso come caso di successo.

**NOTA**
30 Maggio 2012
Digital Experience Festival 2012
Officine Grandi Riparazioni ->>>> Sala Cavour<<<<
h. 11.30-13.00

a seguito di:

“Creatività digitale, un motore per l'innovazione”

Officine Grandi Riparazioni - Sala Duomo

h. 9.30-11.30

http://digitalfestival.net/creativita-digitale-un-motore-per-l'innovazione

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Complexity of the Mints hierarchy in first-order intuitionistic logic

Complexity of the Mints hierarchy in first-order intuitionistic logic

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PROGRAMMA

In classical logic, every first-order formula is equivalent to one in prenex normal form. Intuitionistic logic does not have this property but it can be stratified on the basis of the quantifier prefix a formula _would have_ if classically normalized. In the minimal (universally-implicational) fragment, this corresponds to alternation of positive and negative occurrences of the universal quantifier. This idea is implicit in a 1968 paper of G. Mints.

We investigate the decidability and complexity of the decision problems for classes of this hierarchy. The talk will be based on joint work with A. Schubert, D. Walukiewicz-Chrzaszcz, and K. Zdanowski.

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The seminar will be held by Prof. Pawel Urzyczyn, Varsavia University.

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Composition Synthesis based on Combinatory Logic with Intersection Types

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Composition synthesis is the problem of constructing a functional composition satisfying a goal specification from a given collection (library, repository) of functions or components. Combinatory logic synthesis is an approach to composition synthesis based on systems of combinatory logic with intersection types. The synthesis problem is formalized as the question of inhabitation in a combinatory logic. Intersection types play a central role in the combinatory synthesis paradigm, because they can be used to specify interesting semantic properties. In the talk we will give an overview of the theory and practice of combinatory logic synthesis and point out directions for future work.

NOTA

The course will be held by

Boris Düdder, Moritz Martens e Jakob Rehof

Technical University of Dortmund

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Confluence in sequent setting

We consider an untyped intuitionistic sequent term calculus which is non-confluent. The confluence is regained by imposing restrictions on the reduction rules, which eliminate the critical pair. In this way two subcalculi, the call-by-name and the call-by-value variant are obtained. We prove the confluence of the two proposed subcalculi by adapting Takahashi’s parallel reductions technique for proving confluence of lambda calculus.

This is a refinement of the standard Tait and Martin-Lof’s proof of the confluence of beta-eta reduction in the lambda calculus. We analyse the granularity of reduction rules and then define a new notion of parallel reductions in this framework. We then prove the diamond property, which yields the proof of confluence for type free call-by-value sequent calculus. Finally, we show that the diamond property of the new parallel reduction is also applicable to the call-by-name case. Confluence of a sequent lambda calculus is usually proved by embedding it in a calculus already known to be confluent. We have developed a direct proof of confluence of two sequent subcalculi.

NOTA

The seminar will be held by

Silvia Ghilezan (University of Novi Sad, Serbia)

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Lezioni: dal 09/12/2014 al 09/12/2014

Pagina web del corso: http://dott-informatica.campusnet.unito.it/do/corsi.pl/Show?id=66ar
Connector Synthesis in Combinatory Logic

Programma
Combinatory Logic Synthesis is a new type-based approach towards automatic synthesis of software from components in a repository. The method is based on inhabitation in combinatory logic with intersection types. In this talk it is shown how the type-based approach can naturally be used to exploit taxonomic conceptual structures in architectures and repositories to enable automatic composition, configuration and code generation, by associating taxonomic concepts to architectural building blocks such as, e.g., connectors. A central optimization strategy for solving the inhabitation problem, which has been implemented in our composition framework, will also be discussed.

Nota
The seminar will be held by Dr. Boris Duedder, University of Dortmund.

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ABSTRACT:

To encourage data providers to publish a maximum of data on the Web, we propose SHI3LD, a mechanism to define lightweight access control policies for graph stores. Influenced by the steep growth of the mobile web, our Linked Data access control framework features context-aware control policies. SHI3LD is exclusively grounded on standard Semantic Web languages. The framework architecture is designed as a pluggable filter for generic SPARQL endpoints, and it has been evaluated on a test dataset.

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Lezioni: dal 22/06/2012 al 22/06/2012

OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

In this seminar I will present the work that I am doing at IBM Research Ireland lab 1, and give an overview of the major research topics in the lab.

In the first part of the seminar, I will present Queriocity, a platform for querying integrated representations of heterogeneous city data. Queriocity supports cataloging, exploring, integrating, processing, and transforming urban information. Such information comes from the Web, government authorities, social networks, data streams and Linked Data sources. The ultimate goal of Queriocity is to simplify access to the huge data spaces originating from urban environments, and to make it easier to find and extract (aggregated) datasets to feed complex analytics and machine learning tasks. We are experimenting Queriocity with public and restricted data provided by Dublin (Ireland).

In the second part of the seminar, I will present our automated traffic diagnoser. Based on data extracted from Queriocity, our system produces quasi real-time automated explanations of traffic congestions. We combine reasoning over semantic representations of historical data (such as traffic congestions data) with an AI diagnosis approach. We are testing an initial implementation of the system with real data, and we are planning a trial with Dublin city.

ATTIVITÀ DI SUPPORTO

The seminar will be held by
SHORT BIO:

I am a Research Software Engineer 3 working at IBM Ireland Research Lab. I am part of the City Fabric team in the Smarter Cities Technology Centre.

I work on automatic techniques for integrating massive semi-structured data and for recovering their semantics. I am interested in data fusion and management, and in making sense of the large amount of data available on the Web. A major goal in my work is to unlock unstructured and semi-structured data to enable querying, extraction, and complex analytics tasks.

My interests include Software Engineering, Artificial Intelligence (automated planning), Intelligent Agents, Linked Data, Semantic Web and Privacy.

Prior to joining IBM Research I worked for Hewlett-Packard for 11 years. I have a PhD in Computer Science from Politecnico di Torino (Italy) and Universite de Technologie de Compiégne (France).

1 www.ibm.com/ie/research/
2 http://www.dublinked.ie/datastore/datastore.php
3 http://researcher.ibm.com/person/ie-marco.sbodio

PROGRAMMA

The seminar will be held at:

Dipartimento di Automatica e Informatica
Sala riunioni 3 (4 piano)
13 Novembre 2012, ore 11.45
Politecnico di Torino
Corso Duca degli Abruzzi, 24

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# Denotational Semantics

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**Codice attività didattica:** SD2012  
**Docente:** Prof. Luca Luigi Paolini (Titolare del corso)  
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**Anno:** 1° anno  
**Tipologia:** A scelta dello studente  
**Crediti/Valenza:** 2  
**SSD attività didattica:** INF/01 - informatica  
**Erogazione:** Tradizionale  
**Lingua:** Italiano  
**Frequenza:** Obbligatoria  
**Tipologia esame:** Orale

**OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI**

La semantica denotazionale formalizza il significato dei linguaggi di programmazione e delle logiche costruttive individuando opportune entità matematiche adatte a descriverne i significati. L'obiettivo primario del corso è presentare le caratteristiche essenziali di tali strutture matematiche, precisamente nella via indicata dai lavori di Christopher Strachey e Dana Scott, ma non solo.

**PROGRAMMA**

In linea di massima gli argomenti principali saranno:

- PCF come modello per la programmazione funzionale tipata.
- Il problema della "full abstraction": estensioni non sequenziali del linguaggio.
- Cenni ai modelli alla Heyting-Kolmogorov di una logica costruttiva.

**NOTA**

**ORARIO DELLE LEZIONI**

Lezioni: dal 23/10/2012 al 15/11/2012
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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

Italiano

L'insegnamento è finalizzato a introdurre la standardizzazione dei processi di Sviluppo Software e della Architettura Software nell'elettronica di bordo dei veicoli, enfatizzando l'importanza del contesto del business cui i Sistemi Software sono destinati.

Il corso, della durata di 20 ore, si articolera in tre parti.

PRIMA PARTE: Standardizzazione dei processi di sviluppo software nell'elettronica di bordo dei veicoli (14 ore)

La prima parte fornisce una dettagliata descrizione del Software Engineering (S.E.) in ambito automotive:

- concetti essenziali
- International Standards Tailoring
- Obiettivi dei processi di S.E.
- Modelli di software Life-cycle e standard ISO/IEC 12207
- Tematica della sicurezza nell'attuale contesto automotive e conseguente impatto sulle tematiche di S.E.
- Approccio Model-based e identificazione dell'Automotive Sw Life Cycle

SECONDA PARTE: Descrizione dello scenario applicativo (4 ore)

Sessione demo con dimostrazione di Best Pratices, tramite l'utilizzo del software Mathworks.

TERZA PARTE: Standardizzazione dell'Architettura Software nelle centraline elettroniche sui veicoli - Introduzione ad AUTOSAR (2 ore)

Presentazione dell'architettura software AUTOSAR, piattaforma per lo sviluppo di applicazioni veicolari.
The course is designed to introduce You to the important International Standards applicable to embedded Software development; familiarize You with the basic content of these standards providing their specific tailoring for the automotive domain.

The course, of the duration of 20 hours, will be articulated in three parts.

First Part: Software Development Processes Standardization for the automotive domain (14 hours)

The first part provides a detailed description of the Software Engineering (S.E.) in automotive domain:

- S.E. general principles
- International Standards Tailoring
- Software Engineering processes Objectives.
- Life-cycle software Development Models and ISO/IEC Standard 12207
- Functional Safety Concept (ISO 26262 "Road Vehicles – Functional Safety") in the current context automotive and consequent impact in the S.E. Processes.
- Model-based Approach Application and Efficient Automotive Sw Life Cycle Identification

Second part: Application Scenario Description (4 hours)

Demo Session for the Best Practices thorough the use of MathWorks Tools Chain.

Third Part: On-board Vehicle Software Architectural Standardization in the ECUs on board vehicle – AUTOSAR Introduction (two hours)

Note:

The course will be held indicatively in March 2013

Instructor:
Demetrio Cortese
IVECO
Product Engineering / Electrical, Electronic Systems
Embedded Software Manager

**ATTIVITÀ DI SUPPORTO**

The course will be held by:

Demetrio Cortese
Product Engineering / Electrical, Electronic Systems
Embedded Software manager

**PROGRAMMA**
Pre Work

§ Introduzione a MATLAB (ita, eng)
§ Introduzione a Simulink (ita, eng)
§ Introduzione a Stateflow (eng)


Webinars


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The course schedule follows:

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The schedule for the introduction to Mathworks will be:

$ 10:00 – 11:00 $ Model-Based Design workflow

$ 11:00 – 11:30 $ Break

$ 11:30 – 12:45 $ Going in production with automatic code generation

$ 12:45 – 14:00 $ Lunch

$ 14:00 – 15:00 $ Formal methods for design and code verification

$ 15:00 – 16:00 $ Wrap up and questions

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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

ore 12-13: Elisa Marengo


Abstract: Commitment protocols have been deeply investigated in the context
of multiagent systems (MAS) as a valuable way for specifying interaction
and communication protocols. Commitments capture social relations among
the interacting parties, expressing the engagement of a debtor towards a
creditor agent, to do something or to achieve some condition of interest.
By specifying only what agents are expected to do, rather than how they
are expected to satisfy their commitments, this kind of specification is highly
appreciated because it leaves great freedom of behaviour to agents.
However, in many practical contexts there is the need of capturing some
patterns that the interaction is desired to respect and that improve coordination.
The contribution of this thesis goes in this direction, by presenting an extension
of commitment protocols which allows one to express a set of desired patterns
given as constraints among facts and commitments. Being the approach
declarative, it still provide a high flexibility to agents. More in detail, the proposal
is to explicitly account for a regulative component of the specification, capturing
the set of constraints on the interaction, and a separate and decoupled constitutive
specification defining the set of actions that can be performed. The advantages
of this decoupling is a greater modularity in the specification which entails an
easier protocol design, re-use and extension. An operational semantics is also
provided. It is obtained as extension of the commitment machine
in such a way to consider the role of constraints in deciding which of the possible
interactions can be considered as legal for the protocol.
The proposal is validated by modelling some real case studies and by
showing the advantages of its adoption with respect to other proposals from
the literature. In order to support the design and the analysis of protocol
specifications, a tool offering different kinds of functionalities is presented.
Among these, a prolog program allows for the generation of the labelled
graph of the possible interactions, where labels are used to represent constraints
or commitments violations.

ore 13-14: Victor Pomponiu

Titolo: The Use of Singular Value Decomposition in Information Hiding

Abstract: In recent years, the necessity to protect multimedia content from
illegal copying has been made more critical by the advent of digital technology.
A common and well-discussed solution to counter the unauthorized distribution
of copyrighted contents is applied by means of digital watermarking. This term
refers to specific information hiding techniques whose purpose is to embed secret
information inside multimedia contents, such as images, video or audio streams.
The watermark, i.e., the signal added to digital media, can be detected and retrieved
when necessary. In the specific field of content protection, the objective is to identify
the media's owner by means of a specific user-related watermark.

In the last years the well-known numerical tool called Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)
received much attention from the watermarking community. However, few of these
schemes take into consideration another crucial constraint, the security, which
 guarantees the usability of the watermarking technology. This dissertation focuses on
the security of digital watermarking applications that make use of SVD transform to
convey the watermark information.

First, we analyze and quantify the security of the watermarking schemes based on SVD
that embed the watermark additively through quantization. These schemes are insecure and cannot be used for applications that require ownership protection and authentication. This is due to the fact that the space where the watermark resides, i.e., the embedding space, can be estimated and the watermark removed or overwritten. To motivate our findings we devise two novel attacks that remove the watermark while minimizing the perceptual distortion.

To cope with these attacks we explore the use of the singular vectors for information hiding. In particular, the proposed watermarking algorithm, that outperforms previously proposed image watermarking methods, inserts the watermark by modifying the angles formed by the singular vectors.

**NOTA**

La commissione sarà formata da:

Prof.ssa Carla Simone (Università degli Studi di Milano-Bicocca)

Prof. Enrico Magli (Politecnico di Torino)

Dr. Paolo Torroni (Università di Bologna)

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Disruptive Innovation

Anno accademico: 2015/2016
Codice attività didattica: DISINN1415
Docente: Paola Maria Pisano (Titolare del corso)
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Anno: 1° anno 2° anno 3° anno
Tipologia: A scelta dello studente
Crediti/Valenza:
SSD attività didattica: INF/01 - informatica
Erogazione: Tradizionale
Lingua: Inglese
Frequenza: Facoltativa
Tipologia esame: Non prevista

PROGRAMMA
Disruptive innovation 20 ORE: PHD COURSE-

"Non dobbiamo pensare a soluzioni prevedibili, ma a provocazioni irragionevoli"

DESCRIZIONE DEL CORSO

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All'interno del corso verranno inoltre fornite soft skill riguardanti la leadership, il teamworking e la comunicazione e metodologie alternative quali "il pensiero distruttivo", "il modello canvas", "la lean methodology" "l'utilizzo del design nella comunicazione e soluzione dei problemi", "il pensiero trasversale".

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**Definizione dell'innovazione e differenti tipologie di innovazione (2 ORE)**
- Perché l'innovazione è importante
- Cos'è l'innovazione
- Aspetti chiave dell'innovazione

**Il pensiero distruttivo (4 ORE)**
- Creazione di innovazioni radicali e incrementali
- Dall'idea all'implementazione: Lean methodology

**La cultura all'interno dell'impresa (2 ORE)**
- La cultura innovativa
- L'innovation leader
- La gestione del team

**I business model dell'innovazione (4 ORE)**
- il modello Canvas
- Long tail model/open organization

**Business plan dell'innovazione (4 ORE)**
- Strutturare il business plan di un'innovazione

**Comunicazione dell'innovazione (4 ORE)**
- Il cliente al centro dell'innovazione: il lead user - definizione del mercato cliente e relazione con il cliente
- il disegno e la comunicazione
- Presentare un'innovazione

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The course will be held in March.

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Il pensiero distruttivo (4ORE)

- Creazione di innovazioni radicali e incrementali
- Dall'idea all'implementazione : Lean methodology

La cultura all'interno dell'impresa (2 ORE)

- La cultura innovativa
- L'innovation leader
- La gestione del team

I business model dell'innovazione (4 ORE)

- il modello Canvas
- Long tail model/open organization

Business plan dell'innovazione (4ORE)

- Strutturare il business plan di un'innovazione

Comunicazione dell'innovazione (4ORE)

- Il cliente al centro dell'innovazione: Il lead user - definizione del mercato cliente e relazione con il cliente
- il disegno e la comunicazione
- Presentare un'innovazione

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Emotion-oriented systems

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PROGRAMMA

- Introduction to the course: overview on emotion oriented systems (2h)
- Emotions: concepts, definitions and models: from psychological theories to computational models (4 h)
- Linguistic and semantic resources: datasets, sentiment lexicons (multilingualism), ontologies; collecting and labelling methodologies; available benchmarks and standards. (6h)
- Application I: Emotions in interaction: emotions in virtual agents; practical architectures for emotion generation and expression (4h)
- Application II: Emotion detection and sentiment analysis in social media: state-of-the-art methodologies, application domains (4h)

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Lezioni: dal 04/02/2016 al 10/03/2016

Nota: Contattare i docenti per informazioni più precise su luoghi, orari e seminari collegati.

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For many decades we have ignored the energy costs of the development of information technology, and now we realise that this field consumes close to 5% of Europe's electrical energy. Thus this talk will discuss how energy and computer and network quality of service (QoS) are intertwined. We will show how trade-offs can be effected to attain minima of cost functions that combine these two factors.

Brief Bio: Erol Gelenbe FACM FIEEE studied at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara, Turkey, and has worked on the performance evaluation of computer systems and networks as well as on bio-networks. He holds "honoris causa" doctorates from the Universities of Roma II, Liege (Belgium) and Bogazici (Istanbul), and was elected to the French National Academy of Engineering, and the Academy of Sciences of Hungary, Poland and Turkey. His awards include the "In Memoriam Dennis Gabor Award" of the Hungarian Academy, the Institution for Engineering and Technology (UK) Oliver Lodge Medal, the ACM SIGMETRICS Life-Time Achievement Award, and the Grand Prix France Telecom of the French Science Academy (1996). He was appointed a Grande Ufficiale of the Star of Italy (2007), a Commendatore in the Order of Merit of Italy (2005), an Officer of Merit of France (2001), and a Chevalier des Palmes Academiques.

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Exact-Approximate Bayesian Inference for Gaussian Processes

Hierarchical models are commonly employed to model complex phenomena. The importance of achieving a sound quantification of uncertainty in predictions by characterizing the posterior distribution over all parameters exactly has been demonstrated in several applications. In this talk, I will focus on the Bayesian treatment of a class of hierarchical models involving Gaussian Processes (GP) using Markov chain Monte Carlo (MCMC) methods. After discussing why MCMC is the only way to infer all parameters exactly in GP models and pointing out the challenges in doing so, I will present the so called Exact-Approximate MCMC approach that offers a practical solution to this problem by overcoming the huge challenges associated with the exact computation of the intractable marginal likelihood of such models. In particular, the Exact-Approximate MCMC approach yields samples from the correct posterior distribution over model parameters, but only requires an unbiased estimate of the intractable marginal likelihood. I will finally present ways to construct unbiased estimates of the marginal likelihood in GP models, and conclude the talk by presenting results on several benchmark data sets and on a multi-class multiple-kernel classification problem on neuroimaging data.

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The seminar will be held by

Maurizio Filippone
School of Computing Science - University of Glasgow

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Nota: Sala seminari, Dipartimento di "Economia e Statistica", Campus Luigi Einaudi, Lungo Dora Siena 100A, 3 piano.

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Foundational principles of reversible and quantum computing

OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

Mathematicians have studied algorithms and computation since ancient times, but the study of computability has not been systematically handled until the last century. A computing theory is a meta-mathematical description of the pervasive notion of calculus, i.e. of the notion of "mechanical manipulation of symbols".

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Probabilistic computing is a non-deterministic model of computing. In it, computations evolve randomly and produce stochastic (according to some probability distribution) results. This kind of models is profitable when we look to problems looking for approximated solutions.

Reversible computing, in a general sense, means computing using reversible operations, that is, operations that can be easily and exactly reversed, or undone. When this kind of reversibility is maintained at the lowest level, in the physical mechanisms of operation of our bit-devices (such as transistors), it avoids dissipating the energy that is associated with the bits of information that are being manipulated. This can help to reduce the overall energy dissipation of computations, which can in turn increase battery life or processing speed in heat-limited systems.

Quantum computing is frontier research. The successful construction of a large-scale quantum computer may be some years away but, secure communication involving quantum cryptography has already been implemented. The amount of theoretical research and experimental developments in quantum computing grows rapidly. At the same time, interest grows within the science and technology community, especially in physics and theoretical computing.

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BOOKS:
- Introduction to Reversible Computing, Kalyan S. Perumalla
- Quantum Computing for Computer Scientists, Noson S. Yanofsky and Mirco A. Mannucci

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- Reversible Computing, Alexis De Vos.
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- Reversible Computing, Tommaso Toffoli.
- A Syntax for Linear Logic, Philip Wadler.
- NREVERSAL of Fortune --- The Thermodynamics of Garbage Collection, Henry G. Baker.
- From Reversible to Irreversible Computations, Alexander S. Green and Thorsten Altenkirch.
- Using Forth in an Investigation into Reversible Computation, Bill Stoddart.
- Quantum Theory, the Church-Turing Principle, and the Universal Quantum Computer, David Deutsch.
- Quantum Lambda Calculus, Peter Selinger and Benoit Valiron.
- Reversible Communicating Concurrent Systems, Vincent Danos and Jean Krivine.
- General Reversibility, Vincent Danos, Jean Krivine, and Pawel Sobocinski.
- Reversible Combinatory Logic, Alessandra Di Pierro, Chris Hankin, and Herbert Wiklicky.

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The course will be held in October/November.

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- ven 25/10 (ore 10-12), sala seminari

- mar 29/10 (ore 16-18), sala seminari
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Foundations of communication-centred programming

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TESTI CONSIGLIATI E BIBLIOGRAFIA

Davide Sangiorgi The pi-calculus: A Theory of Mobile Processes


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**ABSTRACT**

Can computers bring peace? Not yet perhaps, but today computers are increasingly mediating the way people make decisions, including those that can have an effect on conflict and peace. Human-Computer Interaction researchers have more opportunities than ever to contribute to this ambitious goal.

In this talk, I briefly introduce a new community of researchers, part of the Special Interest Group of the Association of Computing Machinery on HCI, called HCI for Peace [Hourcade et al., 2013]. The main goal is to provide an international forum in which to discuss ideas on how the HCI community can play a role in preventing, de-escalating and recovering from conflict.

I then present a specific case of a collaborative system designed to support reconciliation of narratives of a conflict by means of a technology-enabled process aimed at encouraging the users to reconsider hostile attitudes towards another [Zancanaro et al., 2012]. The system is a tabletop interface that provides a setting for face-to-face shared narration and support for the management of disagreements. The interface supports escalation and de-escalation of the conflict emerging in the shared narration and requires that participants perform joint actions when a contribution to the story is to be removed from the overall narration. A between-subjects experiment compared the tabletop interface and a desktop multimedia interface with mixed pairs of Israeli-Jewish and Palestinian-Arab teenagers. The results demonstrated that the experience with the tabletop interface appears to be motivating and, most important, produce at least a short term shift of attitude toward the other.

**PROGRAMMA**

The course will be held by

Massimo Zancanaro

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A domain-specific language (DSL) is a programming language whose goal is to ease the expression of solutions to problems within a particular domain of application. A DSL thus provides a high-level of abstraction and expressiveness within that particular domain. However, since a DSL is tied to a particular domain, it might not be as expressive (in the sense of "Turing-completeness") as a general purpose programming language (GPL).

In this talk, we will first present some examples of DSL along with some of their key characteristics. Then, we will briefly present the Ruby programming language, a highly expressive dynamic GPL with features that can ease the implementation of internal DSL, a type of DSL that does not require building an independent language parser.

Finally, we will show different ways in which Ruby can be used to implement an internal DSL, using as example the building of XML descriptions for documents.

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Bio

Guy Tremblay est professeur à l'UQAM depuis juin 1985. Il a obtenu son baccalauréat de l'UQAM, sa maîtrise de l'Université de Waterloo, puis, tout en enseignant à l'UQAM, il a complété son doctorat en informatique à l'Université McGill. Sa thèse (1994) portait sur la mise en œuvre de langages fonctionnels paresseux sur des architectures parallèles à flux de données.

Ses activités de recherche portent sur la programmation parallèle, les méthodes formelles de spécification et vérification ainsi que leurs applications aux services web et aux composants logiciels. Il s’intéresse aussi au développement d’outils d’aide à l’enseignement et à la correction.

En 2000, il a publié un manuel sur les méthodes formelles de spécification. Il a participé au projet du Guide to the SWEBOK en tant que Knowledge Area Specialist et Associate Editor pour la conception logicielle.


En 2010, il a obtenu le "Prix d’excellence en enseignement de la Faculté des sciences de l’UQAM", puis l’année suivante il a obtenu le "Prix d’excellence en enseignement de l’UQAM".

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**Intelligent agents: modeling and reasoning techniques**

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**OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI**

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Interaction and communication are fundamental abstractions of any distributed system, especially when cross-business and business-to-business systems are to be developed. Multi-agent systems are the tools that currently better meet the needs emerging in this context because they offer proper abstractions. Interaction protocols represent a key issue for simplifying the coordination problems and the notion of social agency is emerging as a foundation for giving a verifiable semantics to them.

The course will show how the above models can be implemented by using computational fragments of the logic formalisms presented, and how they can be used to prove properties of agent systems and agent interaction.

**PROGRAMMA**

Introduction to intelligent agents  
The belief-desire-intention model  
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- Agent Communication Languages and communication protocols

- Multiagent interactions: cooperation and negotiation Logic based specification and implementation of intelligent agents

Verification of multi-agent systems: model checking  
Multiagent Decision Making: game theory, negotiation

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Lezioni: dal 22/03/2012 al 10/05/2012

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Intelligent Decision Support Systems

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General overview knowledge about CBR and PGM, and proof of an in-depth analysis of one specific topic.

**MODALITÀ DI VERIFICA DELL'APPRENDIMENTO**
Oral examination

Oral examination - seminar

**PROGRAMMA**
- Introduction to intelligent decision support (S. Montani)
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  - Fundamentals,
  - Case Representation,
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  - Advanced Techniques (CBR for time-series management, fuzzy-CBR)
- Bayesian Networks: (L. Portinale)
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• Sensitivity Analysis
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Lezioni: dal 05/05/2014 al 09/05/2014

Nota: The course will be held in May 2014 in Alessandria, viale Michel 11, room 191:

- May 5: 9-18
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- May 8: 9-13
- May 9: 9-13

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Learning representations for complex relational data has emerged at the crossroad between different research topics in machine learning. The motivation of this work is often driven by the applications themselves and by the nature of the data which are often complex (multimodal, heterogeneous, dynamic), and multi-relational (e.g. biology, social networks). One possible approach is to map these data onto one or more continuous latent spaces in order to obtain representations on which it is possible to use classical machine learning methods. In recent years, several lines of research have developed these ideas, sometimes independently, and they are now represented in the "Learning Representations" community. The tools deployed rely on statistical modeling, on linear algebra with matrix or tensor factorization, or more recently on neural networks. The presentation will give a brief presentation of some of these methods and show applications in the field of semantic data analysis and social networks.

NOTA

Short Bio:

Patrick Gallinari is professor in Computer Science at Université Pierre et Marie Curie (UPMC), Paris. His research domain is primarily statistical machine learning with applications to domains involving semantic data like information retrieval. His recent work has focused on statistical modeling of complex relational data described by sequences, trees or graphs. Before that, he has been a pioneer of neural networks in France, participating to the development of this domain in Europe. He has also been director of the computer science lab. at UPMC for about 10 years.
Abstract: The Web offers a vast amount of unstructured content from which to discover or better understand entities, while also serving as the largest knowledge graph on which to ground content. Moreover, it offers a broad range of relationships that already exist among entities. Most of the knowledge available on the Web is present as natural language text enclosed in Web documents aimed at human consumption. A common approach for obtaining programmatic access to such a knowledge uses information extraction techniques; it reduces texts written in natural languages to machine readable structures, from which it is possible to retrieve entities and relations, for instance obtaining answers to database-style queries.

In the first part of my talk, I will explain the theoretical foundations of the Named Entity Recognition and Disambiguation (NERD) initiative [1], detailing the challenges of the named entity recognition and named entity linking tasks. I will show the results NERD achieved in shared tasks such as ETAPE 2012, #MSM’13 and the results in benchmark such as CoNLL-2003 and TAC KBP 2011. In the second part of the talk, I will present the research we conducted for topic generation from annotated streams of heterogeneous data coming from social platforms such as Dailymotion, Youtube, Twitter, Facebook, and G+.

NOTA

The seminar will be held by Giuseppe Rizzo.

Short Bio: Giuseppe Rizzo is an Associate Research Fellow at the Multimedia Communications Department of EURECOM since July 2013. Currently Giuseppe is involved in the LinkedTV project and in the recent past has collaborated in the OpenSem and EventMedia projects. His main research interests include Information Extraction, Linked Data and Web Science. He is a devoted Web evangelist, fascinated by smart web applications and knowledge extraction techniques; he likes to consider the Web as a mine of real world entities. He obtained his Master in Computer Science at the Politecnico di Torino, Turin, Italy after defending his thesis with the subject of Semantic Classification and Clustering of Emails. Mixing Web techniques and intelligent agents became a love and he decided to pursue these studies in a PhD. He benefited from a PhD fellowship from Politecnico di Torino at the Department of Control and Computer Engineering, supervised by the legendary prof. Raffaele Meo. During this period, he was visiting PhD student at EURECOM, Sophia Antipolis, France, supervised by prof. Raphael Troncy.
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Abstract:

Ultra low-latency networking is critical in many domains, such as high frequency trading and high performance computing (HPC), and highly desirable in many others such as VoIP and on-line gaming. In closed systems - such as those found in HPC - Infiniband, iWARP or RoCE are common choices as system architects have the opportunity to choose the best host configurations and networking fabric. However, the vast majority of networks are built upon Ethernet with nodes exchanging data using the standard TCP/IP stack. On such networks, achieving ultra low-latency while maintaining compatibility with a standard TCP/IP stack is crucial.

To date, most efforts for low-latency packet transfers have focused on three main areas: (i) avoiding context switches, (ii) avoiding buffer copies, and (iii) off-loading protocol processing. We describes IBM PowerEN and its networking stack, showing that an integrated system design which treats Ethernet adapters as first class citizens that share the system bus with CPUs and memory, rather than as peripheral PCI Express attached devices, is a winning solution for achieving minimal latency. The presented work results in outstanding performance figures, including 1.30 μs from wire to wire for UDP, usually the chosen protocol for latency sensitive applications, and excellent latency and bandwidth figures for the more complex TCP.

NOTA

The seminar will be held by (short bio):

Massimiliano Meneghin is a research engineer at IBM Dublin Lab. He got his PhD in computer science from the University of Pisa in 2010 with a study on a new optimisation theory for data parallel applications with stencils. During his PhD, Massimiliano worked also on a communications library for the IBM Cell BE architecture and he started collaborating with the FastFlow project on lock free queue algorithms.

In 2010, Massimiliano joined the IBM Research Dublin Lab, where he worked at the software stack for the IBM PowerEN architecture. He took part of the designed and developed an XML linux driver for the PowerEN XML accelerator and a TCP/IP software stack for the PowerEN ethernet adapter. During the same period, Massimiliano
also worked on new lock free queue algorithms and the impact of a new PowerEN instruction on synchronisation mechanisms for multithreading applications.

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Markovian Stochastic Models

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Tipologia: A scelta dello studente
Crediti/Valenza: 2
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Erogazione: Tradizionale
Lingua: Italiano
Frequenza: Obbligatoria
Tipologia esame: Scritto

OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI
The course provides an introduction to Markovian stochastic processes and related problems. The outline is:
- basic definitions, basic tools,
- discrete time Markov chains,
- continuous time Markov chains,
- brief intro to parameter estimation,
- hidden Markov models,
- model checking continuous time Markov chains.

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class 1: 23/05/2012, 10-11
class 2: 25/5/2012, 14-17
class 3: 30/5/2012, 16-18
class 4: 1/6/2012, 14-16
class 5: 4/6/2012, 14-16

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Meta-programming

Meta-programming is a higher-level programming paradigm with the goal of constructing programs automatically. From this point of view, meta-programming is then just a special sub-field of programming. Meta-programming is interesting because it can be considered as a higher-level thinking paradigm in programming, much needed as the complexity of software environments and applications keeps on with its fast growth.

There are too many forms and applications of meta-programming for hoping to cover all of them in one course: from higher-order functions to template-based programming, from DSLs (Domain Specific Languages) to various forms of reflection.

In our lessons we will cover in some detail macros, introduced in Lisp as a means to "make Lisp a programmable programming language" [1], and Meta-Object Protocols, also introduced in Lisp, as a way to define an extensible, and yet efficient, OO system on top of Lisp [2].

Macros and MOPs are used in today popular languages such as Clojure (a Lisp derivative that runs on the JVM [3]) and Perl [4,5], and we will look at some of their applications in these languages.

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   3.3 MOPs in Perl
   3.4 Applications of MOPs in Perl

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The course will be held in February, 2015.

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Mining Moving Objects: Challenges and Directions

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Nowadays, the use of many electronic devices in real world applications has led to an increasingly large amount of data containing moving object information. One of the objectives of spatiotemporal data mining is to analyze such datasets to understand the object movement behavior. In this context, many recent studies have been defined to mine moving object clusters including flocks, moving clusters, convoy queries, closed swarms, group patterns, etc. Although these patterns are interesting and useful, mining and analyzing them is still challenging. There are several key questions, to answer, such as: 1) How can we extract and compare them efficiently? 2) Are they good enough to represent the complex object movement behavior? 3) Among the thousands of patterns, which ones are the most important to summarize a moving object dataset? In this talk, we introduce, analyze and address these three challenges and propose future research directions.

Teacher: Dino Ienco (Chargé de Recherche @ IRSTEA, Montpellier, France)

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Hundreds of millions of individuals now subscribe to online social networking services which function as a medium for the exchange of personal as well as public information. Advances in natural language processing now allow us to tap into that reservoir of psycho-social data, and perform computational social science in realtime. In this presentation I will provide an overview of existing text analysis approaches that have been used to extract indicators of social opinion and sentiment from social media data. Researchers have used these techniques to gauge "national happiness" as well as consumer sentiment towards particular brands and products. Perhaps most tantalizing, evidence has been found that social media feeds may contain predictive information with regards to a variety of socio-economic phenomena, such as movie box office receipts, product adoption rates, elections, and even stock market fluctuations. With respect to the latter, I will outline our own research on the subject of stock market prediction. My team and I have analyzed large-scale Twitter data to assess daily fluctuations of the public's mood state. We found that these fluctuations contain predictive information with regards to up and down movements of broad market indices, such as the Dow Jones Industrial Average. In other research, we have demonstrated the assortative nature of online sentiment by comparing the mood states of individual users over time to their social network neighbors. My presentation will conclude with an overview of a research project that we are presently involved in to predict adverse societal events from social networking markers.

NOTA

BIO: Johan Bollen is an associate professor at the Indiana University School of Informatics and Computing.

He was formerly a staff scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (2005-2009) and an Assistant Professor at the Department of Computer Science of Old Dominion University (2002 to 2005). He obtained his PhD in Psychology from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in 2001. He has published approximately 70 peer-reviewed papers on problems in web science, social media analytics, sentiment tracking, digital libraries, informetrics, and computational social science. His research has been funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, National Science Foundation, Library of Congress, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, IARPA, and the Los Alamos National Laboratory. He has taught courses on informatics, web and data mining, information retrieval and digital libraries, and supervised numerous graduate and PhD students.
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# Network Analysis and Social Media

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## Obiettivi Formativi

Il corso ha lo scopo di presentare alcune delle domande aperte e oggetto attuale di ricerca, sia teorica che applicativa, legate all'uso dei modelli a Reti Complesse, con particolare riferimento all'ambito dei Social Media.

Il modulo è quindi in un certo senso complementare al corso che già è offerto agli studenti della nostra laurea magistrale, nel senso che è più focalizzato sulle domande aperte interessanti per gli informatici e sugli strumenti di analisi esistenti essenziali agli aspetti di indagine empirica su reti reali di grandi dimensioni.

Una lista (provvisoria) di argomenti è la seguente:

- Richiami di teoria dei grafi e uso nell'ambito delle reti sociali, biologiche, tecnologiche e di informazione;
- Matematica a supporto dell'analisi di reti complesse
- Misure di centralità e similarità
- Leggi di potenza ed invarianza di scala
- Analisi strutturale di grafi di grandi dimensioni
- Analisi di processi dinamici nelle reti
- Analisi di Social Media e Applicazioni
- Community Detection (strutturale e dinamica)
- Modelli a grafi random (Erdos&Reyni, Watts&Strogatz, Barabasi)
- Strumenti di analisi e visualizzazione: Gephi, igraph

## Nota

The course will be held on June 2012

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On raising the level of abstraction in the simulation of the microthreaded many-cores architecture

The Computer Systems Architecture (CSA) group at the University of Amsterdam (UvA) has designed a general-purpose many-cores architecture called the Microgrid. It is based on the microthreading model with dataflow scheduling and asynchronous completion in the execution of the instructions to achieve fine-grained latency tolerance. It has many simple and energy efficient cores on a single chip. Through hardware concurrency management it is possible to partition the chip and dynamically allocate different software components to different parts of the chip. Ideally computer architects want a design to be quickly realized in silicon. However, the realization in silicon is expensive and require a lot of engineering work therefore the design must be fully evaluated. An alternative approach is to built an FPGA prototype, but again because of the complexity and development time it is not always the preferred approach at the beginning stage of the design. The most commonly used approach is to develop cycle-accurate simulator soon after the design is proposed.

Evaluating the architecture parameters and mapping software components to different parts of the chip to achieve efficiency are both complex simulation problems. A cycle-accurate simulator is less complex and require little development time compared to an FPGA prototype and it can simulate all the components in detail to achieve the same accuracy. However, when exploring
large design spaces, as found in the Microgrid, the simulation time becomes a
limiting factor. The alternative is to trade off some accuracy with the
simulation time for a typical simulation experiment. At University of Amsterdam
we have investigated high-level simulation techniques using a co-simulation
approach. Although this approach is not restricted to the Microgrid, it is
evaluated in this context. We have added the system-level simulation framework
to the designer’s toolbox which complements the cycle-accurate simulator with
some simulation technique that are fast, reasonably accurate and useful for
design space exploration.

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The lecture will be held by

Irfan Uddin, Dipartimento di Informatica, Università di Torino

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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

venerdì 5 ottobre, dalle ore 9 alle ore 11, ci sarà un incontro in Sala Riunioni, avente come tema le ontologie informatiche.

L'incontro si configura come una breve presentazione delle ontologie in uso (ribadisco 'in uso') nei vari progetti in cui è coinvolto il Gruppo di ricerca "Interaction Models". Dopo una prima riunione preliminare, abbiamo deciso che questa seconda riunione fosse aperta a tutti gli interessati.

L'obiettivo di questa serie di incontri è quello di verificare la possibilità di definire infrastrutture e connessioni tra ontologie che consentano di ridurre duplicazioni e ridondanze e favorire la condivisione e l'interscambio di conoscenza.

Nel caso vi sia un interesse diffuso, si può pensare ad una successiva riunione per presentazioni di altri colleghi.

Il programma di venerdì prevede 6 interventi, della durata di 12 minuti ciascuno. Come è noto a tutti, in ambienti di convegni e riunioni 6x12='circa 85', per cui è prevista una discussione finale di 30-40 minuti per capire come procedere.

Ciao a tutti

Leonardo
PROGRAMMA:

- Leonardo Lesmo: Introduzione e ontologie per progetti NLP
- Vincenzo Lombardo: Ontologie e drammaturgia (CADMOS)
- Rossana Damiano: Ontologie in ambito Cultural Heritage (Labyrinth)
- Daniele Radicioni: WordNet e MultiWordNet per applicazioni giuridiche
- Livio Robaldo: Ontologie giuridiche: MensLegis
- Luigi Di Caro: Estrazione automatica di ontologie

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The goal of this talk is to provide empirical (and logical) arguments in favor of a derivational view of the grammar in which structure building occurs, incrementally, top-down (Chesi 2004a, 2007) and from left to right (Phillips 1996, 2003).

Following the Minimalist research spirit (Chomsky 1995-2008), I will show that the bottom-to-top orientation of phrase structure building (that is the standard mainstream assumption) is not a "virtual conceptual necessity" and that we can gain in descriptive adequacy if we move away from the idea that the basic recursive operation is a set formation operation like Merge.

Here I would also propose a parsing algorithm that, similarly to Early 1980, provide a constituent (complete) analysis of the input sentence, directly using phrase structure building operations that are part of the Phase-based Minimalist Grammar.

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The seminar will be held by:

dott. Cristiano Chesi, Università di Pavia

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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

Nei giorni 17,18,19 ottobre, dalle 13 e 14 in sala seminari, i dottorandi dei ciclo XXVI esporranno le loro proposte di tesi.

Di seguito il calendario dettagliato: partecipate numerosi!

17/10, ore 13-14.30
- Francesco Osborne
"A framework for mining, revising and exploiting semantic relationships"
- Riccardo Loti
"Modeling and analysis of techniques to increase robustness in distributed systems"
- Alan Perotti
"Neural-Symbolic Rule-based Monitoring"

18/10, ore 13-14
- Rosaria Rossini
"Leveraging salient features for understanding time series data sets"
- Renato Accornero
"Accountable Identity Management in Federated Environments"

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Privacy for Linked Data

Web of Linked Data aims at the introduction of common format and principles for publishing data on the Web, such that they can be easily interconnected and exploited. The current recommendation is to use URIs as names and RDF directed graph data, which can be consumed by use of a query language such as SPARQL. The lack of privacy mechanisms often discourages people from publishing data in the Web of Linked Data. We propose a formal model which ensures privacy protection of a single RDF triple. In our calculus, processes are those from calculus for Linked Data of Horne and Sassone, associated with parallel composition of RDF triples. These triples describe the web-profile of the user that aims at performing an action. An administrator of a data graph in the observed system defines a privacy protection policy for each triple of the data in RDF format. A process running on behalf of a user is allowed to access a triple if the privacy protection policy gives the positive answer applied to the user's profile. The introduced type system verifies policy conformance, assuring that in a well-typed network:

- the privacy protection policy of each stored triple agrees with the privacy administration policy of the graph it belongs to. This induces the property that if a process has a privilege to administrate policies in a data graph, it can access each triple in the graph,

- a process can administrate the privacy protection policy of a stored triple in a data graph only if its profile contains a property that is in the administration policy of the data graph and

- a process can read a stored triple only if its profile contains a property that is in the privacy policy of the stored triple.

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University of Novi Sad

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CORSO SUL FINANZIAMENTO PUBBLICI DELLA RICERCA

1) Il finanziamento della ricerca, le politiche Europee e gli strumenti attualmente in uso per la ricerca comunitaria

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Siti di riferimento

I Poli tecnologici e i progetti POR

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Siti di riferimento

I finanziamenti europei

Le politiche di finanziamento europeo per la ricerca

Struttura delle DG

Le piattaforme tecnologiche

La definizione dei contenuti dei workprogram

Il 7° Programma Quadro per la ricerca e lo sviluppo tecnologico

Struttura e contenuti del settimo programma quadro Dettagli sul contenuto ICT

Lettura di un Workprogram

Temi, Challanges, objectives and target outcomes

I principali strumenti di finanziamento e il loro funzionamento IL CIP

Cenni su Horizon 2020

2) La presentazione di una proposta Finanziamento diretto e indiretto Chi può accedere ai finanziamenti Schemi di finanziamento

Il ciclo di vita di una proposta Il partecipant portal Preparazione di una proposta

Scelta del bando
Analisi delle call
I documenti di riferimento Scelta del consorzio

3) Preparazione della parte B (allegato tecnico della proposta) e elementi di successo Strutturazione della proposta nei suoi 3 capitoli principali
Obiettivi e stato dell'arte
Preparazione di un piano di progetto

Workpackages, Milestones e Deliverables L'analisi dei rischi
Il Management
La struttura del consorzio

L'impatto
Dissemination ed exploitation Analisi di un esempio

4) Aspetti Amministrativi e preparazione della parte A (allegato finanziario) Modalità di finanziamento
Costi diretti e indiretti
I form A e relativi contenuti

Il gantt, i mesi uomo, il budget
Analisi di un foglio excel di esempio per la configurazione del budget

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Il corso sarà tenuto dall'Ing. Marialuisa Sanseverino.

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**Programming using Automata and Transducers**

Finite automata have proven to be an effective tool to reason about programs operating over strings. Finite state transducers extend finite automata with outputs and can model functions from strings to strings such as natural language transformations. Due to their closure and decidability properties, these models are widely used in practice, and many extensions/improvements have been proposed. Here we mainly focus on bridging the gap between the theory of automata and transducers and practical applications. Our goal is to identify applications that can be modeled using automata and transducers, and design frontend languages that allow the user to reason about his or her program. While pursuing these general goal we also end up facing new theoretical problems such as the following. Can existing models be extended to infinite alphabets? Can we extend classical finite automata minimization algorithms to work with infinite alphabets? What is the complexity of checking equivalence for a particular class of transducers? We introduce novel minimization algorithms for symbolic automata over infinite alphabets that enable to efficiently generate secure passwords at random; and Fast a domain specific language for programs that manipulate trees over complex alphabets and show how Fast can be used to optimize functional programs that operate over trees by removing intermediate computation results. We also briefly present practical extension of symbolic automata and transducers in which transitions are allowed to read multiple symbols at a time, and show how this can be used to prove the correctness of complex string encoders; and symbolic visibly pushdown automata as an executable and programmable model to specify monitors for structured programs over arbitrary domains.

**NOTA**

The seminar will be held by

Loris D'Antoni

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Qualitative and probabilistic system verification

Qualitative and probabilistic verification of systems

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Rare Event Handling in Statistical Model Checking

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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

Statistical model-checking is an alternative verification technique applied on stochastic systems whose size is beyond numerical analysis ability. Given a model (most often a Markov chain) and a formula, it provides a confidence interval for the probability that the model satisfies the formula. One of the main limitations of the statistical approach is the computation time explosion triggered by the evaluation of very small probabilities. In order to solve this problem we develop a new approach based on importance sampling, coupling and uniformization which apply in the discrete and continuous setting of time bounded or unbounded property. The corresponding algorithms have been implemented in our tool Cosmos.

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NOTA

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Cachan Benoit Barbot

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Research Public Funding

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      - Innovation clusters and structural funds

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   DG structure

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NOTA

The course will be held in January, 2015.

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Cybernetic Serendipity è il nome di quella che a buon titolo può essere considerata la prima grande retrospettiva dedicata all'uso del calcolatore nelle arti. L'evento londinese del 1968 comprendeva personalità di spicco tra quelle che hanno contaminato le pratiche artistiche (musica, arti visive, animazione, poesia) con le procedure computazionali. Proprio la poesia figura tra i contributi italiani nel catalogo della mostra con Tape Mark I di Nanni Balestrini. In questo lavoro del 1962, Balestrini - esponente di punta della neoavanguardia e del Gruppo 63 - si confronta pionieristicamente con le possibilità generative offerte dal calcolatore.

Il seminario si propone di introdurre Cybernetic Serendipity per poi analizzare nel dettaglio Tape Mark I, in quanto esempio particolarmente significativo, nell'espressione di di Funkhouser, di "poesia digitale preistorica".

NOTA

Il seminario sarà tenuto da Nanni Balestrini
presso l'Auditorium Laboratorio Multimediale G. Quazza Palazzo Nuovo Via S. Ottavio 2

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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

Abstract:

The study of space measure in Proof Complexity has a gained in the last years more and more importance: first it is clearly of theoretical importance in the study of complexity of proofs; second it is connected with SAT solving, since it might provide theoretical explanations of efficiency or inefficiency of specific Theorem Provers or SAT-solvers; finally in certain cases (like the calculus of Resolution) it is connected with important characterizations studied in Finite Model Theory, thus providing a solid link between the two research fields.

In the talk I will present a recent work, where we devise a new general combinatorial framework for proving space lower bounds in algebraic proof systems like Polynomial Calculus (PC) and Polynomial Calculus with Resolution (PCR). A simple case of our method allows us to obtain all the currently known space lower bounds for PC and PCR.

Our method can be view as a Spoiler-Duplicator game, which is capturing boolean reasoning on polynomials. Hence, for the first time, we move the problem of studying the space complexity for algebraic proof systems in the range of 2-players games, as is the case for Resolution. This can be seen as a first step towards a precise characterization of the space for algebraic systems in terms of combinatorial games, like Ehrenfeucht-Frassè , which are used in Finite Model Theory.
More importantly, using our approach in its full potentiality, we answer to
the open problem of proving space lower bounds in Polynomial Calculus and Polynomials Calculus with Resolution
for the polynomial encoding of randomly chosen $k$-CNF formulas. Our result holds for $k \geq 4$. Then in PC and in
PCR refuting a random $k$-CNF over $n$ variables requires high space measure of the order of $\Omega(n)$. Our method
also applies to the Expander Graph PigeonHole Principle, which is a PigeonHole Principle defined over a constant
(left) degree bipartite expander graph.

In the talk I will discuss a number of open problems which arise from our works which might be
solved generalizing our approach.

It is a joint work with Ilario Bonacina, appeared in the Proceedings of Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science
2013.

NOTA
The seminar will be held by
Nicola Galesi
Sapienza University - Rome

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OBIETTIVI FORMATIVI

Abstract: Having stateful specifications to track the states of processes, such as the balance of a customer for online shopping or the booking number of a transaction, is needed to verify real-life interacting systems. For safety assurance of distributed IT infrastructures, specifications need to capture states in the presence of asynchronous interactions. We demonstrate that not all specifications are suitable for asynchronous observations because they implicitly rely on an order-preservation assumption. To establish a theory of asynchronous specifications, we use the interplay between synchronous and asynchronous semantics, through which we characterise the class of specifications suitable for verifications through asynchronous interactions. The resulting theory offers a general semantic setting as well as concrete methods to analyse and determine semantic well-formedness (healthiness) of specifications with respect to asynchronous observations, for both static and dynamic verifications. In particular, our theory offers a key criterion for suitability of specifications for distributed dynamic verifications.

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TEACHER:

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Temporal Data Bases

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Methodology for the development of a temporal database model: from the semantics to the representation/implementation

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TESTI CONSIGLIATI E BIBLIOGRAFIA

MAIN REFERENCE BOOK:

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The treatment of temporal aspects plays an important role in Databases. Since the 80’, researchers have shown that, in order to properly cope with time, new techniques and extensions to the standard DB approaches are needed, motivating the birth of a new area of research: “Temporal Databases”. After a brief motivating introduction, the course will survey some of the main results of the area, with a specific focus on relational temporal DBs and their semantics.

RISULTATI DELL’APPRENDIMENTO ATTESI

Knowledge of the main problems involved in the treatment of time in the area of databases, of the main solutions, and of the currently open issues.

Methodology for the development of a temporal database model: from the semantics to the representation/implementation

PROGRAMMA

(1) Introduction. A motivating introduction to Temporal Databases. In particular, the limitation of classical approaches (e.g., SQL) to cope with time will be discussed.
(2) Description of the TSQL2 approach, a “reference” and “consensus” approach in the area of Temporal Databases.
(3) Description of BCDM, a uniform model to cope with the semantics of Temporal Databases
(4) Main issues in the development of semantic-based approaches to Temporal Databases. Formal analysis of the most relevant properties of Temporal Database approaches
(5) Advanced temporal issues (e.g., multiple granularities, telic/atelic data, temporal indeterminacy, temporal constraints and temporal reasoning)

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The Ramifications of Sharing in Data Structures

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Programs manipulating mutable data structures with intrinsic sharing present a challenge for modular verification. Deep aliasing inside data structures dramatically complicates reasoning in isolation over parts of these objects because changes to one part of the structure (say, the left child of a dag node) can affect other parts (the right child or some of its descendants) that may point into it. The result is that finding intuitive and compositional proofs of correctness is usually a struggle. We propose a compositional proof system that enables local reasoning in the presence of sharing.

While the AI "frame problem" elegantly captures the reasoning required to verify programs without sharing, we contend that natural reasoning about programs with sharing instead requires an answer to a different and more challenging AI problem, the "ramification problem": reasoning about the indirect consequences of actions. Accordingly, we present a Ramify proof rule that attacks the ramification problem head-on and show how to reason with it. Our framework is valid in any separation logic and permits sound compositional and local reasoning in the context of both specified and unspecified sharing. This talk will be illustrated by proofs of examples manipulating dags, graphs, and overlaid data structures.

**RISULTATI DELL’APPRENDIMENTO ATTESI**

The seminar will be held

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Labeled transition systems are typically used as behavioral models of concurrent processes. Their labeled transitions define a one-step state-to-state reachability relation. This model can be generalized by modifying the transition relation to associate a state reachability distribution with any pair consisting of a source state and a transition label. The state reachability distribution is a function mapping each possible target state to a value that expresses the degree of one-step reachability of that state. Values are taken from a preordered set equipped with a minimum that denotes unreachability. By selecting suitable preordered sets, the resulting model, called ULTraS from Uniform Labeled TRAnsition System, can be specialized to capture well-known models of fully nondeterministic processes (LTS), fully probabilistic processes (ADTMC), fully stochastic processes (ACTMC), and nondeterministic and probabilistic (MDP) or nondeterministic and stochastic (CTMDP) mixed processes. This uniform treatment of different behavioral models extends to behavioral equivalences. They can be defined on ULTraS by relying on appropriate measure functions that express the degree of reachability of a set of states when performing multi-step computations. It is shown that the specializations of bisimulation, trace, and testing equivalences for the different classes of ULTraS coincide with the behavioral equivalences defined in the literature over traditional models except when nondeterminism and probability/stochasticity coexist; then new equivalences pop up.

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Trust modeling and user modeling to address social network overload through message recommendation

Abstract

In this talk I present two projects that develop artificial intelligence approaches for assisting users to derive positive experiences in today’s current online communities. In particular, our online social networks increasingly have massive numbers of peers and hence very large numbers of potential messages to view. We demonstrate how it is possible to present to users those messages with highest predicted benefit. This is achieved through a combination of techniques from the artificial intelligence subfields of trust modeling and user modeling. The first project focuses on using an approach motivated by POMDPs to learn, in a principled manner, those messages that bring the highest utility to a user, in environments where peers offer ratings of those messages. This is achieved through observations of a message’s rating, the similarity of the message rater to the user and the credibility of the message rater. We validate our approach both through simulations and against realworld datasets from Reddit and Epinions. The second project was a hands-on study of a set of existing social networks (Coursera, Reddit and Health Forums) which led to the development of a generalized recommendation algorithm that can operate regardless of social network. This is achieved by careful modeling of the message, the author, the recipient and the network. Our conclusion is that user modeling and trust modeling are both important for effective management of social network information and that artificial intelligence approaches show some promise in assisting users in these online environments.

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This talk proposes bimorphic recursion, which is restricted polymorphic recursion such that every recursive call in the body of a function definition has the same type. Bimorphic recursion allows us to assign two different types to a recursively defined function: one is for its recursive calls and the other is for its calls outside its definition. Bimorphic recursion in this talk can be nested. This talk shows bimorphic recursion has principal types and decidable type inference. Hence bimorphic recursion gives us flexible typing for recursion with decidable type inference. This talk also shows that its typability becomes undecidable because of nesting of recursions when one removes the instantiation property from the bimorphic recursion. This is a joint work with Ferruccio Damiani and was presented at Second International Symposium on Games, Automata, Logics, and Formal Verification (GandALF 2011).

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Understanding cascades in complex networks with MANCaLog

Social networks have become ubiquitous in modern life and offer unique opportunities for data mining. In this talk, we look at challenges in mining information from social networks with multiple attributes and where geospatial information must be taken into account.

First, we introduce MANCaLog, a logic-programming framework for understanding cascades in complex networks. We developed this framework by setting up several characteristics we believed such a language should achieve. We then show how our framework meets these requirements yet still determine the outcome of a social network cascade in polynomial time. This work was originally presented at AAMAS-13 and a follow-up paper will appear at ICLP-13.

Next, we look at the problem of finding geospatially disperse communities in a social network. Previous work has shown that most community finding algorithms identify clusters of individuals that are geographically proximate. This is often due to certain biases inherent in a social network. In this work, we show how geospatial information can be discounted in order to find communities that are tightly-knit socially yet geographically disperse. This work will be presented at KDD-13.

Finally, we present the Organizational, Relationship, and Contact Analyzer (ORCA) which uses many social network analysis and mining techniques to aide in police intelligence analysis for combating gang violence. We describe this piece of software and the challenges in integrating various algorithms in a single package as well as some preliminary results obtained working with our law enforcement partners.

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