

Curriculum vitae et studiorum

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021- Professor of Computer Science, University of Pisa.

2010- Research associate, Institute of Informatics and Telematics of the Italian National Research Council (CNR).

2006-2021 Professor of Computer Science, University of Eastern Piedmont.

2000-2006 Associate professor of Computer Science, University of Eastern Piedmont.

1995-2000 Assistant professor of Numerical Analysis, University of Torino branch of Alessandria (since 1998 University of Eastern Piedmont).

1995 PhD in Mathematics with honors, Scuola Normale Superiore.

1988 Degree in Mathematics with honors, University of Pisa, and “Diploma” Scuola Normale Superiore.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests are algorithms and data structures for data compression and indexing, with applications to Bioinformatics, Data Science, and Web Information Retrieval. My main contribution to this field is the theoretical and practical development of the so-called FM-index, which was the first data structure to support efficient substring searches in a compressed, indexed text. This result has started the new field of compressed text indexing which has flourished and found many applications and whose concepts have been recently extended to other domains (e.g., representation of trees and graphs). My most recent contributions to this topic are in the area of bioinformatics where I have contributed to the development of an index for efficiently searching within collections of thousand of genomes of the same species (the so called pan-genomics read alignment problem).

Recently I have been working on the use of data compression to speed-up machine learning algorithms. The rationale is that the implementation of many machine learning

algorithms often boils down to repeated matrix vector multiplications involving very large matrices with strong regularities that makes them highly compressible. The aim of the research is to exploit compressibility to reduce not only the storage but also the number of arithmetic operations.

MAIN SCIENTIFIC ACTIVITIES

Member of the Program Committee (also Chair) for the Conferences ALENEX, DCC, SPIRE, CPM, IWOCA, WABI, AICoB, LATIN, ICTCS and FUN. Co-organizer of the DIMACS Workshop *The Burrows-Wheeler Transform: Ten Years Later* (2004), and Guest Editor of two special issues of *Theoretical Computer Science*. Co-organizer of the Dagstuhl Seminar *25 Years of the Burrows-Wheeler Transform* (2019). Invited Professor at the John Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD) and at the University of Melbourne. Invited speaker at the conferences DCC, CPM, WCTA, IWOCA and MFCS.

Member of the editorial board of the journals *Algorithms* and *Information* (MDPI). Referee for the journals: Journal of the ACM, SIAM Journal on Computing, Algorithmica, ACM Journal on Experimental Algorithmics, ACM Computing Surveys, ACM Transactions on Information Systems, ACM Transactions on Algorithms, IEEE Transactions on Computers, IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems, IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering, Artificial Intelligence, and others.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Site leader for the PRIN project *Multicriteria Data Structures and Algorithms: from compressed to learned indexes, and beyond* 2019-2021 funded by MIUR (Italian Ministry of University and Research). Participant to the PRIN project *The role of tandem repeats in neurodegenerative diseases: a genomic and proteomic approach* 2017-2019 funded by MIUR. Participant in the project *RepeatALS* founded by AriSLA (Italian Research Association on Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis) on the study of Tandem Repeats Polymorphism in ALS patients (2014–2015). Site leader for the Italy-Israel FIRB Project *Pattern Matching and Discovery Algorithms in Discrete Structures with Applications to Bioinformatics* (2006–2009).

AWARDS AND PATENTS

2019 Recipient of a NVIDIA Data Science GPU Grant.

2007 US Patent 8156156 B2 “Method of structuring and compressing labeled trees of arbitrary degree and shape” (with P. Ferragina, F. Luccio; S. Muthukrishnan).

2004 The software library **Deep-Shallow Suffix Sorter** [31] licensed for use in the commercial package LEDA by Algorithmic Solutions GMBH.

2002 Research Capital Award from the University of Pisa.

TEACHING

Since becoming an Associate Professor, I have taught at least 120 hours every year corresponding to 15 university credits. I have taught basic and advanced courses on Algebra, Algorithms and Data Structures, Bioinformatics, Calculus, Concurrent Programming, Cryptography, Discrete Mathematics, Information Retrieval, Laboratory of Operating Systems, Mobile Applications Development, Numerical Analysis, and Object Oriented Programming. I have taught in both the Computer Science and the Mathematics curriculum at the Universities of Eastern Piedmont and Pisa. I have lectured at the Lipari PhD School on *Algorithms: Science and Engineering*.

I have supervised many students in their Master Thesis, both in Mathematics and Computer Science. Unfortunately the University of Eastern Piedmont does not have a PhD curriculum in Computer Science. I co-supervised Travis Gagie (now at Dalhousie University, Halifax) in his PhD Thesis on Data Compression at the University of Bielefeld.

PUBLICATIONS

According to Google Scholar, as of August 2022 my publications got 6852 citations and my H-index is 35. My Scopus H-index is 28.

International Journals

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- [2] Paolo Ferragina, Travis Gagie, Dominik Köppl, Giovanni Manzini, Gonzalo Navarro, Manuel Striani, Francesco Tosoni
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- [3] A. Fariña, T. Gagie, S. Grabowski, G. Manzini, G. Navarro, A. Ordóñez
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EZcount: An all-in-one software for microRNA expression quantification from NGS sequencing data.
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Journal of Computational Biology, 27(4), 524–518 (2020).
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BMC Bioinformatics, 19-S, 127–137 (2018)
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A census of tandemly repeated polymorphic loci in genic regions through the comparative integration of human genome assemblies.
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- [15] F. A. Louza, W. F. Smyth, G. Manzini, G. P. Telles:
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Proc. Workshop on Algorithms in Bioinformatics (WABI '21), 2021.
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