Yichen Han

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Research Interests

Interpretable Deep Learning - Adversarial Robustness - Causal Inference - Genomics

Education

Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich, Munich, Germany

10/2022 - 09/2025 (expected)

B.Sc. Statistics and Data Science (150 ECTS) Average grade: 1.1 (German system; $1 = \text{best} \sim \text{GPA } 4.0/4.0$) Minor in Biology (30 ECTS)

Thesis: Interpretable Sequence-based Deep Learning Models for Biomarker Discovery in Genomics (in progress)

Research Experience

Helmholtz Centre for Infection Research (HZI), Brunswick, Germany

10/2024 – Present

Research Assistant, Computational Biology for Infection Research

- Member of the GenomeNet project (PI: Prof. Dr. Alice McHardy; Team lead: Dr. Philipp Münch).
- Extend DeepG (R package) with model-agnostic interpretability modules.
- Design adversarial stability tests for sequence-based classifiers

Statistical Consulting Unit (StaBLab), LMU Munich

04/2024 - Present

Research Assistant and Statistical Consultant

- Delivered methodological support to 11 graduate projects (6 MSc, 5 PhD) in biology, medicine and psychology.
- Participate in research projects and ongoing consulting projects.

Teaching Experience

Department of Statistics, LMU Munich

10/2023 - 10/2024

Teaching Assistant

- Descriptive Statistics and Exploratory Data Analysis (Winter 23/24): led tutorials for ~120 freshmen; authored 10 Particify Quiz sessions; course evaluation rating: "very satisfactory".
- Probability Theory and Statistics for Computer Science (Summer 24): grading and technical support.
- Descriptive Statistics & Probability Theory (Summer 24): designated tutor for the department-sponsored exam-preparation course; authored the first half of tutorial materials and exercise sets (45 pages).

Selected Projects

MicrobeLLM & microbe.cards

08/2024 - 10/2024

 $Co-author,\ HZI$

• Built random-forest ensemble for LLM-derived phenotype prediction, co-author of the manuscript.

Wildlife Abundance in German National Parks

02/2025 - 05/2025

Deputy lead (5 members), LMU

• Applied N-mixture models to camera-trap data from 10 parks; reviewed model robustness; produced abundance maps presented to the Bavarian National Park management team.

Publications

In review

Münch P.C., Safaei N., Mreches R., Binder M., **Han Y.** et al. (2024) Assessing the power of large language models for creating high-quality microbial metadata resources. *Under review*.

In preparation

Two co-authorship (statistical advisor) manuscripts and one co-first-authorship manuscript planned in 2025.

Yichen Han April 2025

Leadership & Service

Appointment Commissions for two W2 Endowed Professorships (Machine Learning in the Life Sciences; Statistical & ML in Official Statistics)

03/2025 - Present

Primary student representative: review research and teaching dossiers, question candidates during hearings, and vote in short-list selection.

Statistics Student Council, LMU Munich

04/2023 - Present

Leader, Teaching Working Group; organiser of "Round Table for Teaching" events; website administrator.

Skills

Programming R (advanced) \cdot Python (intermediate) \cdot SAS (intermediate)

Tools Git, SLURM, Linux, LaTeX, Inkscape

Languages Chinese (native), German (fluent), English (fluent), Norwegian (beginner)