Ellen Su

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Education

New York University

New York, NY

Doctor of Philosophy in Cognitive Science

Fall 2024 - present

• Relevant coursework: mathematical statistics, computational linguistics

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

2019 - 2023

- Certificate in Applied Math
- Thesis: Revealing the Priors of Deep Learning Models Through Iterated Learning

Research Experience

Robust Intelligence

San Francisco, CA

Research Intern, PI: Amin Karbasi

Summer 2024

- Developed a decomposition jailbreak to extract training data from production LLMs
- Wrote and published a first author preprint by the end of internship (August 2024)

Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard

Cambridge, MA

ML Research Associate, PIs: Anne Carpenter, Shantanu Singh

2023 - 2024

- Used graph neural networks to advance drug target interaction (DTI) discovery
- Produced a co-first author spotlight publication in NeurIPS (June 2024) and second author publication in Nature Communications (March 2024)

Princeton University

Princeton, NJ

Senior Thesis, PI: Tom Griffiths

2022 - 2023

- Used convolutional neural networks (CNNs) as learning agents in an iterated learning chain to identify potential inductive biases in the models
- Observed how machine priors manifested in their sequential decision making behavior
- Presented results at the Program in Applied and Computational Mathematics Symposium

Junior Paper, PI: Ben Raphael

2021 - 2022

 Contributed to a machine learning algorithm that predicts copy number variation mutations from spatial transcriptomics data

Publications

Su, E., Vellore, A., Chang, A., Mura, R., Nelson, B., Kassianik, P., & Karbasi, A. (2024). Extracting Memorized Training Data via Decomposition. *ArXiv*, *abs/2409.12367*

Su, E., Arevalo, J., Carpenter, A., & Singh, S. (2024). MOTIVE: A Drug-Target Interaction Graph For Inductive Link Prediction. *Neural Information Processing Systems. (spotlight)*

Arevalo, J., Su, E., Ewald, J.D., van Dijk, R., Carpenter, A., & Singh, S. (2024). Evaluating batch correction methods for image-based cell profiling. *Nature Communications*, 15.

Fellowships and Awards

2023	Outstanding 8	Student	Teaching	Award.	Princeton	Computer	Science
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- 2022 Grace Hopper Celebration Grant, Princeton Computer Science
- 2021 Undergraduate Research Summer Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2020 International Internship Program Research Grant, Princeton University

Work Experience

Robust Intelligence

San Francisco, CA

Machine Learning Engineer Intern

Summer 2024

- Researched and proposed implementation plan for multilingual support in AI firewalls
- Built a multilingual dataset of prompt injections; benchmarked and evaluated multilingual language models in terms of performance and latency

J.P. Morgan Chase & Co

Chicago, IL

AI & Data Science Analyst

Summer 2022

- Created a decision-making tool (with Python, SQL, Alteryx, and Tableau) for the email marketing team to optimize their campaigns
- Picked up manager's responsibilities during an unexpected transition of leadership and trained the incoming associate

Teaching Experience

Princeton Tutoring

Princeton, NJ

Tutor

2021 - 2024

• Teaching math, physics, and computer science to middle and high school students

Princeton Computer Science

Princeton, NJ

COS495 Undergraduate Course Assistant

Spring 2023

• Assisted course staff, graded homework assignments, and answered student questions on course structure, assignments, and deliverables for Web3 and Blockchain course

Service

Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad

Princeton, NJ

Emergency Medical Technician

2021 - 2023

- Served as a first responder; stabilized, medicated, and transported patients
- Certified by National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians (NREMT)

Skills and Languages

Analytical	Machine learning, cognitive science, artificial intelligence			
Software	MS Office, Teradata, Alteryx, Tableau, AutoCAD			
Languages (program)	Python (Pytorch, Tensorflow), Java, C, SQL, CSS/HTML			
Languages	English (native), Mandarin (native), Spanish (advanced)			
Interests	Reading, running, cooking, and crosswords			