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I am interested in developing machine learning methods to meet the needs of practitioners.

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Education	<b>Cornell University</b>	Ithaca, NY
	Ph.D. in Computer Science Advisor: Chris De Sa	2019 - 2024 (expected)
	<b>University of Chicago</b>	Chicago, IL
	B.S. in Computational and Applied Mathematics Advisor: Panos Toulis	2013 - 2017
Publications	<b>J. Chee</b> , H. Kim, P. Toulis. <i>“Plus/minus the learning rate”: Easy and Scalable Statistical Inference with SGD</i> . In <i>AI and Statistics 2023</i>	
	<b>J. Chee</b> , M. Renz, A. Damle, C. De Sa. <i>Model Preserving Compression for Neural Networks</i> . In <i>NeurIPS 2022</i>	
	<b>J. Chee</b> , S. Braun, V. Gopal, R. Cutler. <i>Performance Optimizations on U-Net Speech Enhancement Models</i> . In <i>IEEE Multimedia Signal Processing 2022</i>	
	C. Yang, Z. Wu, <b>J. Chee</b> , C. De Sa, M. Udell. <i>How Low Can We Go: Trading Memory for Error in Low-Precision Training</i> . In <i>ICLR 2022</i>	
	<b>J. Chee</b> , P. Li. <i>Understanding and Detecting Convergence for Stochastic Gradient Descent</i> . In <i>IEEE Big Data 2020</i>	
	<b>J. Chee</b> , P. Toulis. <i>Convergence Diagnostics for Stochastic Gradient Descent</i> . In <i>AI and Statistics 2018 (Oral)</i>	
Talks	<b>Statistical Properties of Stochastic Gradient Descent</b>	Denver, CO
	<i>Joint Statistics Meeting</i> , with Panos Toulis.	Jul 2019
	<b>Convergence Diagnostics for Stochastic Gradient Descent</b>	Canary I.
	<i>AISTATS 2018</i> , with Panos Toulis.	Apr 2018
Projects	<b>Harm-Mitigation in Recommender Systems</b> (In submission) – with S. Ernala, S. Kalayanaraman, S. Ioannidis, S. Dean, U. Weinsberg We study recommendation policies which mitigate user interactions with harmful content.	
	<b>Predicting lincRNA functionality in short and long ORF</b> (In preparation) – with C. Railey, C. De Sa, A. Nelson Predict coding functionality among RNA sequences using LSTM models, and conduct post-prediction analysis to identify short sequences of biological significance.	

Industry Experience	<b>Meta</b> , Core Data Science <i>Research Engineer Intern</i>	Menlo Park, CA Jun–Sept 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prototyped deep learning-based metric to estimate the likelihood a user would interact with borderline harmful content based on previous interaction history.</li> <li>• Compiled requisite datasets using SQL, performed data analysis and visualization in notebooks, and trained distributed DNNs at scale.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Amazon</b> , Supply Chain Optimization Technologies <i>Applied Scientist Intern</i>	Seattle, WA Dec 2021–May 2022
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Estimated <math>12\times</math> training speedup for a causal inference model used to estimate the value of in-stock items on Amazon.com.</li> <li>• Saved and reused repeated computation via repeated linear regressions with common set of controls.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Microsoft</b> , IC3-AI <i>Intern</i>	Redmond, WA Jun–Sept 2021
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <math>7\times</math> inference speedup of deep background noise suppression models used real-time in Teams.</li> <li>• Identified and implemented model compression methods supported by the neural network inference engines ONNX Runtime, CoreML, and TFLite.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Baidu</b> , Cognitive Computing Lab <i>Research Intern</i>	Bellevue, WA Mar–Jul 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developed statistical convergence tests for variants of stochastic gradient descent with momentum and gradient compression.</li> <li>• Utilized multi-task learning to increase the available training data in order to improve the predictive performance of graph neural networks.</li> </ul>	
	<b>McKinsey &amp; Company</b> <i>Senior Analytics Fellow</i>	Boston, MA Oct 2017 - Feb 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implemented data science solutions at client organizations, working closely with business leaders and domain experts.</li> <li>• Led several data science initiatives in predictive maintenance for the network technology division of a top telecommunications company. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Utilized a cost (of true positive, false positive, etc.) analysis for selecting the prediction target and implementation strategy which maximized business impact and modeling feasibility.</li> <li>– Built classification models for network and customer service use cases.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
	Teaching	TA, CS 4780/5780: Machine Learning for Intelligent Systems      Fall 2019 TA, CS 4787: Principles of Large-Scale Machine Learning      Spring 2020 TA, CS 6787: Advanced Machine Learning Systems      Fall 2020
Outreach	<b>Skype A Scientist Volunteer</b> Video call with classrooms across the country to help educate students about research in computer science and career options as a quantitative scientist.	Apr 2020-May 2021
Other Information	Programming: Python (PyTorch), SQL, R (Rcpp), C (MPI) Languages: Chinese (Limited oral proficiency)	