## Jerry Chee

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Education Cornell University

Ithaca, NY

Ph.D. in Computer Science

2019 - 2024 (expected)

Advisor: Chris De Sa

University of Chicago

Chicago, IL

B.S. in Computational and Applied Mathematics

2013 - 2017

Advisor: Panos Toulis

**Publications** 

Jerry Chee, Panos Toulis. Convergence Diagnostics for Stochastic Gradient

Descent. In AISTATS 2018 (oral presentation)

Jerry Chee, Ping Li. Understanding and Detecting Convergence for Stochas-

tic Gradient Descent. In IEEE Big Data 2020

Talks

Convergence Diagnostics for Stochastic Gradient Descent Canary I.

AISTATS 2018, with Panos Toulis.

Apr 2018

Statistical Properties of Stochastic Gradient Descent

Joint Statistics Meeting, with Panos Toulis.

Denver, CO Jul 2019

Projects In Progress

#### Pruning Neural Networks via Interpolative Decompositions

– with Chris De Sa, in submission

A principled approach to pruning by low-rank matrix approximation, using a novel application of the interpolative decomposition to approximate the activation output of a layer.

#### Compress Neural Networks via Sampling Methods

- with Chris De Sa, in preparation

A generic approach to quantization which utilizes the power of sampling methods to operate directly over the discrete problem space.

#### Scalable Inference with Stochastic Gradient Descent (SGD)

- with Panos Toulis, in preparation

Developed a large scale statistical inference procedure with SGD, with application to an outpatient care analysis with collaborators at UPenn hospital.

### Parallel Learning with Sublinear Communication

– with Chris De Sa, in preparation

Building parallel learning algorithms which have distributed learning theoretic guarantees under sublinear communication.

Industry Experience

# $\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Microsoft}, \, \text{IC3-AI} \\ Intern \end{array}$

Redmond, WA Jun-Sept 2021

 Sped up inference of deep background noise suppression models used real-time in Teams.

 Identified and implemented model compression methods supported by the neural network inference engines ONNX Runtime, CoreML, and TFLite.

# **Baidu**, Cognitive Computing Lab Research Intern

Bellevue, WA Mar–Jul 2019

• Developed statistical convergence tests for variants of stochastic gradient descent with momentum and gradient compression. Published in IEEE Big Data 2020.

• Utilized multi-task learning to increase the available training data in order to improve the predictive performance of graph neural networks.

### McKinsey & Company

Boston, MA

Senior Analytics Fellow

Oct 2017 - Feb 2019

- Implemented data science solutions at client organizations, working closely with business leaders and domain experts.
- Led several data science initiatives in predictive maintenance for the network technology division of a top telecommunications company.
  - 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.
  - Built classification models for network and customer service use cases.

Teaching

TA, CS 4780/5780: Machine Learning for Intelligent Systems
TA, CS 4787: Principles of Large-Scale Machine Learning
TA, CS 6787: Advanced Machine Learning Systems
Fall 2019
Fall 2019
Fall 2020

Outreach

### Skype A Scientist Volunteer

Apr 2020-Present

Video call with classrooms across the country to help educate students about research in computer science and career options as a quantitative scientist.

Other Information Programming: Python (PyTorch), R, Julia, C (MPI)

Languages: Chinese (Limited oral proficiency)