

# Junhyung Lyle Kim

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## Employment

JPMorgan Chase, Global Technology Applied Research New York, NY  
Quantum Computing Research Scientist — Sr. Associate Oct 2024 - Present  
• Research interests: optimization; quantum computing / algorithms; machine learning

## Education

Rice University Houston, TX  
Ph.D. in Computer Science Aug 2019 - Aug 2024  
• Advisors: Profs. Anastasios Kyrillidis (chair) [[website](#)]; César A. Uribe [[website](#)]; Nai-Hui Chia [[website](#)]  
• Algorithmic and structural acceleration techniques in machine Learning and quantum computing

University of Chicago Chicago, IL  
B.A. in Mathematics; B.A. in Statistics Jun 2017  
• Advisor: Prof. Panos Toulis [[website](#)]; General Honors; Dean's List 2013-2017

## Professional Experience

JPMorgan Chase, Global Technology Applied Research New York, NY  
Research Intern in Quantum Computing; PI: Dr. Marco Pistoia [[website](#)] Jun 2024 - Aug 2024  
• Design, analysis, and application of quantum / quantum-inspired classical algorithms

Meta, Fundamental AI Research (FAIR) New York, NY  
AI Research Intern; Host: Dr. Aaron Defazio [[website](#)] May 2022 - Aug 2022  
• Theory and application of adaptive stochastic gradient methods for deep learning

Republic of Korea Special Warfare Training Group (SWTG) Gyeonggi, South Korea  
Sergeant / Aide-de-Camp to the commander of SWTG Jan 2012 - Oct 2013  
• Airborne training (certified paratrooper license #748-416); maritime infiltration training

## Research Experience

Mila – Quebec Artificial Intelligence Institute / Université de Montréal Montréal, QC  
Visiting Student Researcher; Hosts: Profs. Ioannis Mitliagkas and Gauthier Gidel May 2023 - Aug 2023  
• Convergence analysis of structured performative prediction  
• First-order methods for variational inequality problems with surrogate loss in function space  
• Local curvature adaptive method for better out-of-distribution generalization

Rice University, Computer Science Department Houston, TX  
Ph.D. Candidate; Advisors: Profs. Anastasios Kyrillidis, César A. Uribe, and Nai-Hui Chia Aug 2019 - Aug 2024  
• Active collaborations with Google (F. Pedregosa) and IBM (G. Kollias) on optimization and quantum computing  
• Adaptive & robust optimization / efficient quantum state tomography via nonconvex & distributed optimization

University of Chicago, Booth School of Business Chicago, IL  
Research Assistant to Profs. Panos Toulis and Sanjog Misra Jun 2017 - Jul 2019  
• Stochastic approximation for large-scale inverse reinforcement learning

- Uncertainty quantification for high-energy physics unfolding problem; [code]; [documentation]

## Publications

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( \* denotes equal contributions)

### Journal Papers

- [J1] How Much Pre-training Is Enough to Discover a Good Subnetwork?  
C. Wolfe\*, F. Liao\*, Q. Wang, **J. L. Kim**, A. Kyrillidis.  
*Transactions on Machine Learning Research, TMLR 2024*
- [J2] When is Momentum Extragradient Optimal? A Polynomial-Based Analysis  
**J. L. Kim**, G. Gidel, A. Kyrillidis, F. Pedregosa.  
*Transactions on Machine Learning Research, TMLR 2024*
- [J3] Fast Quantum State Reconstruction via Accelerated Non-Convex Programming  
**J. L. Kim**, G. Kollias, A. Kalev, K.X. Wei, A. Kyrillidis.  
*Photonics 2023 / Quantum Information Processing, QIP 2023 (poster)*
- [J4] Local Stochastic Factored Gradient Descent for Distributed Quantum State Tomography  
**J. L. Kim**, M. T. Toghani, C. A. Uribe, A. Kyrillidis.  
*Control Systems Letters, L-CSS 2022 / Quantum Information Processing, QIP 2023 (poster)*

### Conference Papers (peer-reviewed)

- [C1] Solving Hidden Monotone Variational Inequalities with Surrogate Losses  
R. D'Orazio, D. Vucetic, Z. Liu, **J. L. Kim**, I. Mitliagkas, G. Gidel.  
*International Conference on Learning Representations, ICLR 2025*
- [C2] On the Error-Propagation of Inexact Hotelling's Deflation for Principal Component Analysis  
F. Liao, **J. L. Kim**, C. Barnum, A. Kyrillidis.  
*International Conference on Machine Learning, ICML 2024*
- [C3] Adaptive Federated Learning with Auto-Tuned Clients  
**J. L. Kim**, M. T. Toghani, C. A. Uribe, A. Kyrillidis.  
*International Conference on Learning Representations, ICLR 2024*
- [C4] Convergence and Stability of the Stochastic Proximal Point Algorithm with Momentum  
**J. L. Kim**, P. Toulis, A. Kyrillidis.  
*Conference on Learning for Dynamics and Control, L4DC 2022*

### Workshop Papers (peer-reviewed)

- [W1] Solving Hidden Monotone Variational Inequalities with Surrogate Losses  
R. D'Orazio, D. Vucetic, Z. Liu, **J. L. Kim**, I. Mitliagkas, G. Gidel.  
*Workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, NeurIPS 2024*
- [W2] Smoothness-Adaptive Sharpness-Aware Minimization for Finding Flatter Minima  
H. Naganuma\*, **J. L. Kim\***, A. Kyrillidis, I. Mitliagkas.  
*Practical Machine Learning for Low Resource Settings Workshop (PML4LRS), ICLR 2024*
- [W3] Adaptive Federated Learning with Auto-Tuned Clients via Local Smoothness  
**J. L. Kim**, M. T. Toghani, C. A. Uribe, A. Kyrillidis.  
*Federated Learning and Analytics in Practice: Algorithms, Systems, Applications, and Opportunities, ICML 2023*

[W4] Momentum Extragradient Is Optimal for Games with Cross-Shaped Jacobian Spectrum  
**J. L. Kim**, G. Gidel, A. Kyrillidis, F. Pedregosa.  
*Workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, **NeurIPS 2022***

[W5] Acceleration and Stability of the Stochastic Proximal Point Algorithm  
**J. L. Kim**, P. Toulis, A. Kyrillidis.  
*Workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, **NeurIPS 2021 (spotlight)***

## Papers Under Review

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[1] A Catalyst Framework for the Quantum Linear System Problem via the Proximal Point Algorithm  
**J. L. Kim**, N. H. Chia, A. Kyrillidis.

## Honors & Awards

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2024 Rice Engineering Alumni Graduate Student Spring Travel Grant (\$540)  
2023 Rice Engineering Alumni Graduate Student Fall Travel Grant (\$480)  
2023 AISTATS 2023 Top Reviewer (Top 10 %)  
2022 Rice Engineering Alumni Graduate Student Fall Travel Grant (\$1,200)  
2022 Rice Engineering Alumni Graduate Student Spring Travel Grant (\$960)  
2021 Rice Engineering Alumni Graduate Student Fall Travel Grant (\$1,900)

## Service

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**Workshops** QuantIPS 2023: Co-organizer for "Quantum Information Processing Systems" [[link](#)]  
TL;DR 2023: Co-organizer for "Texas Colloquium on Distributed Learning" [[link](#)]  
ICML 2021: Co-organizer for "Beyond First Order Methods in Machine Learning Systems" [[link](#)]  
**Reviews** Quantum, TMLR, NeurIPS, ICML, ICLR, AISTATS, CDC (2022), NECSYS (2022), TCNS (2022)

## Mentorship

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### Undergraduate students

Co-advised with Prof. Anastasios Kyrillidis

• Rithik Jain (Rice University): sparse learning with hadamard product	Mar 2021 - May 2022
• Justin Lumpkin (U of Maryland): deep matrix factorization; Google/Rice REU 1st place	May 2021 - Aug 2021
• Cruz Barnum (Reed College): scalable streaming PCA; Google/Rice REU 2nd place	May 2021 - Aug 2021

## Others

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**Software** MiFGD (Python)[[link](#)], sgd (R package)[[link](#)], UndersmoothedUnfolding (C++)[[link](#)]  
**Programming** Python, R, C++, Matlab, ROOT (CERN)  
**Language** Korean (native), English (bilingual proficiency)  
**Leadership** *President*, Rice University Computer Science Graduate Student Association (2022 - 2023)  
*President*, UChicago Korean Undergraduate Maroon Association (2016 - 2017)

## Invited Talks

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Adaptive Federated Learning with Auto-Tuned Clients <i>Annual Meeting, INFORMS</i>	Phoenix, AZ Oct 2023
Adaptive Federated Learning with Auto-Tuned Clients <i>Montréal Machine Learning and Optimization (MTL MLOpt), MILA</i>	Montréal, Canada Jun 2023
Local Stochastic Factored Gradient Descent for Distributed Quantum State Tomography <i>IEEE Conference on Decision and Control (CDC)</i>	Cancún, Mexico Dec 2022

Convergence and Stability of the Stochastic Proximal Point Algorithm with Momentum <i>Optimization for Machine Learning, INFORMS</i>	Indianapolis, IN Oct 2022
Convergence and Stability of the Stochastic Proximal Point Algorithm with Momentum <i>International Conference on Continuous Optimization (ICCOPT)</i>	Bethlehem, PA Jul 2022
Fast Quantum State Reconstruction via Accelerated Non-convex Programming <i>Quantum Group Meeting Seminar, Rice University</i>	Houston, TX Jan 2022
Acceleration and Stability of the Stochastic Proximal Point Algorithm <i>Workshop on Optimization for Machine Learning, NeurIPS</i>	Virtual Dec 2021
Fast Quantum State Reconstruction via Accelerated Non-convex Programming <i>Optimization in Quantum Computing, INFORMS</i>	Anaheim, CA Oct 2021

## Other Experience

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Dimensional Fund Advisors Research Intern, Investment Analytics & Data Group	Austin, TX Jun 2016 - Sep 2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Automated checking system for security database; prototyping VBA tool for data comparison and visualization</li> </ul>	
Cook M&A Advisory Services Investment Banking Summer Analyst	Chicago, IL Jun 2015 - Aug 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Data analysis for several buy-side projects; client document drafting</li> </ul>	
Freenters, Inc. Operations Intern	Chicago, IL Aug 2014 - Jan 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>VBA tool for automatically personalized email dispatching; logo/poster design (Adobe Illustrator)</li> </ul>	