Jonathan Yin

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Education

Yale University

Sept. 2020 - May 2025

Double major in Computer Science and Statistics & Data Science, GPA: 3.97/4.0

- Selected coursework: Distributed Systems, Parallel Programming, Algorithms, Deep Learning, NLP, Intermediate Machine Learning, Financial Economics, Linear Models, Probability & Statistics Theory, Discrete Math

Experience

Lifelike (YC S23)

May. 2023 - Nov. 2024

Co-founder — *San Francisco, CA*

- Took a leave of absence from Yale to build Lifelike with $500k funding from Y Combinator, a top startup accelerator
- Launched one of the first real-time low-latency AI phone calls, and scaled the platform to over 300,000 users with Next.js, FastAPI, AWS ECS, Elasticache, and MySQL
- Fine-tuned LLMs and diffusion models (like Llama 3 and FLUX) to support real-time image generation for roleplay, and built the first real-time visual roleplay platform with character/scene consistency
- Served production traffic from self-hosted LLMs with vLLM and SGLang and built a custom image generation inference library, incorporating various techniques like regional prompting, IP Adapter, and ControlNet

Benchling

Jun. 2022 - Aug. 2022

Software Engineering Intern — *San Francisco, CA*

- Integrated chemical editor into the electronic lab notebook, allowing users to design molecules or chemical reactions within notebook entries
- Created endpoints to convert finalized chemical structures from notebook entries into registered entities usable across the platform
- Released to enterprise customers as part of September 2022 release

Octant

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

Machine Learning Intern — *Emeryville, CA*

- Used graph convolutional networks for molecular property prediction to determine efficacy of drug synthesis pipeline
- Built similarity search tool to optimize which products to synthesize for secondary screening rounds based on hits from primary screen
- Applied K-means and UMAP to developed tool to visualize, cluster, and interactively explore high-dimensional molecular features

Broad Institute of MIT and Harvard - Regev Lab

Jan. 2019 - Dec. 2020

Machine Learning Researcher — *Cambridge, MA*

- Worked on improving GPCR binding prediction with compressed sensing, Bayesian methods, and machine learning
- Developed novel deep learning architecture to create more meaningful latent molecular representations
- Paper accepted and selected for oral presentation at 2020 NeurIPS workshop, Learning Meaningful Representations of Life

Beagle Learning

Jul. 2020 - Aug. 2020

Software Engineering Intern — *Boston, MA*

- Built course setup, course overview, and assignment creation pages for online learning platform
- Used React, JavaScript, HTML, and CSS, and released platform to early adopters from various schools and universities

Conferences

Learning Meaningful Representations for Life

Dec. 2020

Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2020 workshop

- **Yin J***, Chung H*, Regev A. *A multi-view generative model for molecular representation improves prediction tasks* (paper)
- Combined multimodal representation learning with variational autoencoders to improve latent molecular representations (talk)