

# Justin T Chiu

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## EDUCATION

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<b>Cornell Tech,</b> PhD in Computer Science, advised by Sasha Rush	Fall 2020 - Spring 2024
<b>Harvard University,</b> PhD in Computer Science (start)	Fall 2017 - Spring 2020
<b>University of Pennsylvania,</b> MSE and BS in Computer Science	Fall 2011 - Spring 2015

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Automating software engineering. RL with fast sampling and rich environments. Text diffusion.

## PUBLICATIONS

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- J. Chiu\***, Z. Kovacic\*, C. Lee\*, W. Zhao, K. Ellis. *Refactoring Codebases through Library Design*. In submission.
- S. Sahoo, J. Deschenaux, A. Gokaslan, G. Wang, **J. Chiu**, V. Kuleshov. *The Diffusion Duality*. ICML 2025.
- W. Zhao, N. Jiang, C. Lee, **J. Chiu**, C. Cardie, M. Galle, A. Rush. *Commit0: Library Generation from Scratch*. ICLR 2025.
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- S. Keh, **J. Chiu**, D. Fried. *Asking More Informative Questions for Grounded Retrieval*. NAACL 2024.
- J. Morris, W. Zhao, **J. Chiu**, V. Shmatikov, S. Rush. *Language Model Inversion*. ICLR 2024.
- J. Chiu**, W. Zhao, D. Chen, S. Vaduguru, D. Fried, A. Rush. *Symbolic Planning and Code Generation for Grounded Dialogue*. EMNLP 2023.
- W. Zhao, **J. Chiu**, C. Cardie, A. Rush. *Hop, Union, Generate: Explainable Multi-hop Reasoning without Rationale Supervision*. EMNLP 2023.
- W. Zhao, **J. Chiu**, C. Cardie, A. Rush. *Abductive Commonsense Reasoning Exploiting Mutually Exclusive Explanations*. ACL 2023.
- Z. Xu, F. Yan, R. Singh, **J. Chiu**, A. Rush, M. Yu. *Teal: Learning-Accelerated Optimization of WAN Traffic Engineering*. SIGCOMM 2023.
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- J. Morris, **J. Chiu**, A. Rush. *Unsupervised Text Deidentification*. Findings of EMNLP, 2022.
- J. Chiu**, Y. Deng, A. Rush. *Low-Rank Constraints for Fast Inference in Structured Models*. NeurIPS 2021.
- D. Fried, **J. Chiu**, D. Klein. *Reference-Centric Models for Grounded Collaborative Dialogue*. EMNLP 2021.
- J. Chiu**, A. Rush. *Scaling Hidden Markov Language Models*. EMNLP 2020.

F. Obermeyer, E. Bingham, M. Jankowiak, **J. Chiu**, N. Pradhan, A. Rush, N. Goodman. *Tensor Variable Elimination for Plated Factor Graphs*. ICML 2019.

Y. Deng, Y. Kim, **J. Chiu**, D. Guo, A. Rush. *Latent Alignment and Variational Attention*. NIPS 2018.

W. Shang, **J. Chiu**, and K. Sohn. *Exploring Normalization in Deep Residual Networks with Concatenated Rectified Linear Units*. AAAI 2017.

## EMPLOYMENT

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**Member of Technical Staff at Cohere** 2024 - present

- Hillclimbed SWE-bench Verified repair performance to 185/500 (given oracle retrieval).
- Prepared 20B tokens of repository-level repair data.
- Increased code execution sandbox throughput by 2x by migrating from local Docker evaluation to asynchronous server.
- Wrote remote execution backend for the Commit0 benchmark.

**Research Engineer at Facebook AI Research** 2015 - 2017

- Developed neural models for machine translation.
- Open sourced a recurrent neural network library in Torch called torch-rnnlib.
- Tuned performance (accuracy and computation) of convolutional machine translation models.

**Research Intern at New York University** 2015

- Applied neural network models to treatment effect estimation.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant for Algorithms** Fall 2023

- Wrote homeworks on greedy, divide and conquer, dynamic programming and randomized algorithms.

**Head Teaching Fellow for Break Through Tech AI** Summer 2022

- Taught introduction to machine learning for 110 students.
- Held two 3-hour classes per week.

**Teaching Fellow for Natural Language Processing** Spring 2019

- Covered neural and graphical model approaches to fundamental natural language processing problems, such as text classification, language modeling, and alignment.
- Assisted in course planning and assignment creation and writing.
- Received 4.8/5 overall score and the Certificate of Distinction in Teaching as a teaching fellow.

## SERVICE

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Reviewer: ICLR 2021-2025, ICML 2023, NeurIPS 2021-2025, COLM 2024 Area chair: COLM 2025