

Yun Cheng

kapikantzari.github.io | yc6206@princeton.edu | (412) 773-2813

EDUCATION

Princeton University
Ph.D. in Computer Science
• Advised by Prof. Sanjeev Arora
Princeton, NJ
September 2023

Carnegie Mellon University
M.S. in Machine Learning
GPA 4.14/4.33
• Advised by Prof. Louis-Philippe Morency
• *Selected Coursework: Intermediate Deep Learning, Machine Learning in Practice, Probabilistic Graphical Models, Convex Optimization, Advanced Multimodal Machine Learning*
Pittsburgh, PA
December 2022

Carnegie Mellon University
B.S. in Computer Science (University Honors)
B.S. in Discrete Mathematics and Logic (University & College Honors)
GPA 3.85/4.0
• *Selected Coursework: Intro to Deep Learning, Probability and Mathematical Statistics (PhD), Multimodal Machine Learning, Intro to Machine Learning (PhD), Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Distributed Systems, Graph Theory*
Pittsburgh, PA
December 2021

PUBLICATIONS

1. Simon Park*, Abhishek Panigrahi*, **Yun Cheng***, Dingli Yu, Anirudh Goyal, Sanjeev Arora. “Generalizing from SIMPLE to HARD Visual Reasoning: Can We Mitigate Modality Imbalance in VLMs?” ICML 2025.
2. Paul Pu Liang, Chun Kai Ling, **Yun Cheng**, Alexander Obolenskiy, Yudong Liu, Rohan Pandey, Alex Wilf, Louis-Philippe Morency, Russ Salakhutdinov. “Multimodal Learning Without Labeled Multimodal Data: Guarantees and Applications.” ICLR 2024.
3. Paul Pu Liang, **Yun Cheng**, Xiang Fan, Chun Kai Ling, Suzanne Nie, Richard Chen, Zihao Deng, Nicholas Allen, Randy Auerbach, Faisal Mahmood, Ruslan Salakhutdinov, Louis-Philippe Morency. “Quantifying & modeling multimodal interactions: An information decomposition framework.” NeurIPS 2023.
4. Paul Pu Liang, Yiwei Lyu, Xiang Fan, Zetian Wu, **Yun Cheng**, Jason Wu, Leslie Chen, Peter Wu, Michelle A Lee, Yuke Zhu, Ruslan Salakhutdinov, Louis-Philippe Morency. “MultiBench: Multiscale Benchmarks for Multimodal Representation Learning.” NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks (2021).
5. **Yun Cheng**, Yixue Liu, Tomasz Tkocz, Albert Xu. “Typical Values of Extremal-Weight Combinatorial Structures with Independent Symmetric Weights”. Electron. J. Combin. 30 (2023), no. 1, Paper No. 1.12, 12 pp.
6. Paul Pu Liang, Yiwei Lyu, Xiang Fan, Arav Agarwal, **Yun Cheng**, Louis-Philippe Morency, Ruslan Salakhutdinov. “MultiZoo & MultiBench: A Standardized Toolkit for Multimodal Representation Learning.” JMLR (2023).

HONORS & AWARDS

Francis Robbins Upton Fellowship 2023-2028
Mathematics Prize 2022
CMU SCS DEI Grace Hopper Sponsorship 2022
Machine Learning TA Award 2020-2021
Dean’s List, High Honors 2018-2022

TEACHING	Princeton University	Princeton, NJ
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	Natural Language Processing (Instructor: Danqi Chen, Tri Dao, Vikram Ramaswamy)	Spring 2025
	Introduction to Machine Learning (Instructor: Jia Deng, Adji Bousso Dieng)	Fall 2024
	Carnegie Mellon University	Pittsburgh, PA
	<i>Teaching Assistant</i>	
	Advanced Multimodal Machine Learning (Instructor: Louis-Philippe Morency)	Spring 2023
	Artificial Social Intelligence (Instructor: Louis-Philippe Morency)	Spring 2023
	Multimodal Machine Learning (Instructor: Louis-Philippe Morency, Yonatan Bisk, Daniel Fried)	Fall 2022, Spring 2023
	Intro to Machine Learning (Instructor: Matt Gormley)	Spring 2021, Fall 2021
SKILLS	Mathematical Concepts and Proofs (Instructor: John Mackey)	Fall 2019, Fall 2020
	Concepts of Mathematics	Summer 2020
	<i>Programming Languages:</i> Python (NumPy, PyTorch, Tensorflow, Scikit-Learn, CVXPY, Pandas, Matplotlib), C/C++, Java, Go, Standard ML	
	<i>Languages:</i> English, Mandarin (Native or Bilingual)	
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	<i>Reviewer</i>	2022-2024
	NeurIPS (2024, 2025), NeurIPS Track Datasets and Benchmarks (2022, 2023, 2024), ICLR (2024), EMNLP (2023)	