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I am a research scientist at ByteDance Inc., specializing in multi-modal foundational models. My research encompasses a broad spectrum of topics within machine learning, with a particular focus on computer vision, natural language processing, and computational science. Specifically, my work involves continual pre-training and instruction fine-tuning of generative visual-language models, as well as applying AI and ML in various scientific domains.

Professional Experience

Research Scientist, ByteDance Inc. — *Bellevue, WA*
Develop open-sourced visual language models for multimodal understanding. — *Feb. 2024 - Now*
Manager: Hongxia Yang

Research Scientist Intern, ByteDance Inc. — *Bellevue, WA*
Develop efficient generative visual-language models based on LLM. — *June. 2023 - Sept. 2023*
Advisor: Yunzhe Tao

Research Scientist Intern, Snap Research at Snap Inc. — *Palo Alto, CA*
Develop neural speakers for affective image captioning. — *June. 2022 - Sept. 2022*
Advisor: Panos Achlioptas

Research Scientist Intern, NEC Labs America — *Princeton, NJ*
Develop physical-augmented ML models for precision immunotherapy. — *June. 2021 - Sept. 2021*
Advisor: Martin Renqiang Min

Education

Dartmouth College — *Hanover, NH, USA*
Doctor of Philosophy - Computer Science — *Sept. 2018 - Jan. 2024*
Advisor: Soroush Vosoughi

The George Washington University — *Washington DC, USA*
Master of Science - Biophysics — *Sept. 2015 - May. 2017*
Advisor: Chen Zeng

Huazhong University of Science and Technology — *Wuhan, China*
Bachelor of Science - Physics — *Sept. 2011 - May. 2015*
Thesis advisor: Yi Xiao

Publications

InfiMM: Advancing Multimodal Understanding with an Open-Sourced Visual Language Model
[Findings of ACL 2024] Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics
*Haogeng Liu, Quanzeng You, Yiqi Wang, Xiaotian Han, Bohan Zhai, Yongfei Liu, Wentao Chen, **Yiren Jian**, Yunzhe Tao, Jianbo Yuan, Ran He, Hongxia Yang*

Expedited Training of Visual Conditioned Language Generation via Redundancy Reduction
[ACL 2024, ☆ *oral presentation*] The 62nd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics
***Yiren Jian**, Tingkai Liu, Yunzhe Tao, Chunhui Zhang, Soroush Vosoughi, Hongxia Yang*

GEM: Generating Engaging Multimodal Content
[IJCAI 2024] International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence
*Chongyang Gao, **Yiren Jian**, Natalia Denisenko, Soroush Vosoughi, V.S. Subrahmanian*

Efficient and Effective Learning of Foundational Large Multi-Modal Models
Dartmouth College PhD Dissertations, 2024
Yiren Jian

RNet: a network strategy to predict RNA binding preferences

Briefings in Bioinformatics, 2024

*Haoquan Liu, **Yiren Jian**, Jinxuan Hou, Ceng Zeng, Yunjie Zhao*

Knowledge from Large-Scale Protein Contact Prediction Models Can Be Transferred to the Data-Scarce RNA Contact Prediction Task

[ICPR 20224] International Conference on Pattern Recognition, 2024

Yiren Jian†*, Chongyang Gao, Chen Zeng, Yunjie Zhao, Soroush Vosoughi*†

Bootstrapping Vision-Language Learning with Decoupled Language Pre-training

[NeurIPS 2023, ☆ *spotlight*] Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems

***Yiren Jian**, Chongyang Gao, Soroush Vosoughi*

Evaluation of DNA-protein complex structures using the deep learning method

Physical Chemistry and Chemical Physics, 2023

Chengwei Zeng#*, **Yiren Jian***#*, Chen Zhuo, Anbang Li, Chen Zeng, Yunjie Zhao*

Evaluating Native-like Structures of RNA-protein Complexes Through the Deep Learning Method

Nature Communications, 2023

Chengwei Zeng#*, **Yiren Jian***#*, Soroush Vosoughi, Chen Zeng, Yunjie Zhao*

Non-Linguistic Supervision for Contrastive Learning of Sentence Embeddings

[NeurIPS 2022] Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems

***Yiren Jian**, Chongyang Gao, Soroush Vosoughi*

T-Cell Receptor-Peptide Interaction Prediction with Physical Model Augmented Pseudo-Labeling

[KDD 2022, ☆ *oral presentation*] In Proceedings of the 28th ACM SIGKDD Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining

***Yiren Jian**, Erik Kruus, Martin Renqiang Min*

Embedding Hallucination for Few-shot Language Fine-tuning

[NAACL 2022] In Proceedings of the 2022 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies

***Yiren Jian**, Chongyang Gao, Soroush Vosoughi*

Contrastive Learning for Prompt-based Few-shot Language Learners

[NAACL 2022] In Proceedings of the 2022 Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies

***Yiren Jian**, Chongyang Gao, Soroush Vosoughi*

Label Hallucination for Few-Shot Classification

[AAAI 2022] Proceedings of the 36th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence

***Yiren Jian**, Lorenzo Torresani*

MetaPix: Domain Transfer for Semantic Segmentation by Meta Pixel Weighting

Image and Vision Computing, 2021

***Yiren Jian**, Chongyang Gao*

Task Meta-Transfer from Limited Parallel Labels

Meta-Learning Workshop at Neural Information Processing Systems, 2020

***Yiren Jian**, Karim Ahmed, Lorenzo Torresani*

DIRECT: RNA Contact Predictions by Integrating Structural Patter

BMC Bioinformatics, 2019

***Yiren Jian**, Xiaonan Wang, Jiadi Qiu, Huiwen Wang, Zhichao Liu, Yunjie Zhao, Chen Zeng*

Trace, Machine Learning of Signal Images for Trace-Sensitive Mass Spectrometry: A Case Study from Single-Cell Metabolomics

Analytical Chemistry, 2019

*Zhichao Liu, Erika P. Portero, **Yiren Jian**, Yunjie Zhao, Rosemary M. Onjiko, Chen Zeng, Peter Nemes*

Design of Tat-activated Cdk9 Inhibitor

Journal of Peptide Research and Therapeutics, 2019

*Yunjie Zhao, Hao Chen, Chenghang Du, **Yiren Jian**, Haotian Li, Yi Xiao, Mohammed Saifuddin, Fatah Kashanchi, and Chen Zeng*

Rbind: Computational Network Method to Predict the Binding Sites of RNA Molecules

Bioinformatics, 2018

Kaili Wang#*, **Yiren Jian***#*, Huiwen Wang, Chen Zeng and Yunjie Zhao*

Computational Study of Non-catalytic T-loop Pocket on CDK Proteins for Drug Development

Chinese Physics B, 2017

*Huiwen Wang, Kaili Wang, Zeyu Guan, **Yiren Jian**, Ya Jia, Fatah Kashanchi, Chen Zeng, Yunjie Zhao*

Network Analysis Reveals the Recognition Mechanism for Dimer Formation of Bulb-type Lectins

Scientific Report, 2017

*Yunjie Zhao[#], **Yiren Jian**[#], Zhichao Liu, Hang Liu, Qin Liu, Chanyou Chen, Zhangyong Li, Lu Wang, H. Howie Huang, Chen Zeng*

Patents

T-cell receptor repertoire selection prediction with physical model augmented pseudo-labeling *(w/ NEC Labs America)*

Academic Services

2024 **Invited Reviewer**, European Conference on Computer Vision
2024 **Invited Reviewer**, Conference on Language Modeling
2024 **Invited Reviewer**, International Conference on Machine Learning
2024 **Invited Reviewer**, International Conference on Learning Representations
2024 **Invited Reviewer**, Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence
2023 **Invited Reviewer**, Northern European Journal of Language Technology
2023 **Invited Reviewer**, IEEE/CVF Winter Conference on Applications of Computer Vision
2023 **Invited Reviewer**, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems
2023 **External Reviewer**, Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics

Teaching Experience

2019, 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Deep Learning (graduate-level course) *Dartmouth*
2021-2023 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Machine Learning (graduate-level course) *Dartmouth*
2018 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Machine Learning (graduate-level course) *Dartmouth*
2015-2016 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, University Physics (undergraduate course) *GWU*