

Education

- 09/19 – **Stanford University**, *PhD in Computer Science*
 - Advisor: Christopher Ré
- 09/15 – **Princeton University**, *B.S.E in Operations Research and Financial Engineering (ORFE)*,
06/19 *certificate in Applications of Computing*, GPA: 3.962/4
 - Graduated Summa Cum Laude
 - Senior Thesis: *A Quantum Version of the Multiplicative Weights Algorithm* (recipient of the Ahmet S. Çakmak Thesis Prize)
 - Thesis advisor: Elad Hazan

Research Interests

I'm interested in understanding theoretical questions in modern machine learning and using them to develop new methods. I'm currently working on how to evaluate sources of supervision throughout the ML pipeline (e.g. weakly/semi/self-supervised), and the role of misspecified inductive biases. I also enjoy reading about information theory, online optimization, and probability theory.

Publications

- **Comparing the Value of Labeled and Unlabeled Data in Method-of-Moments Latent Variable Estimation**
Mayee F. Chen*, Benjamin Cohen-Wang*, Steve Mussmann, Frederic Sala, and Christopher Ré.
AISTATS, 2021.
- **Train and You'll Miss It: Interactive Model Iteration with Weak Supervision and Pre-Trained Embeddings**
Mayee F. Chen*, Daniel Y. Fu*, Frederic Sala, Sen Wu, Ravi Teja Mullapudi, Fait Poms, Kayvon Fatahalian, and Christopher Ré.
arXiv preprint arXiv:2006.15168, 2020.
- **Fast and Three-rious: Speeding Up Weak Supervision with Triplet Methods**
Mayee F. Chen*, Daniel Y. Fu*, Frederic Sala, Sarah M. Hooper, Kayvon Fatahalian, and Christopher Ré.
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2020.
- **Effect of Rotational Grazing on Plant and Animal Production**
Mayee F. Chen and Junping Shi.
Journal of Mathematical Biosciences and Engineering, vol. 15, no. 2. 2018.
- **Efficient GCD Computation for Big Integers on Xeon Phi Coprocessor**
Jie Chen, William Watson, and Mayee F. Chen.
IEEE Conference on Networking, Architecture, and Storage (NAS). 2014.

Awards and Honors

- 2019 Ahmet S. Çakmak Prize, *Princeton University*, awarded for innovative research and an exceptional senior thesis.
- 2018 Phi Beta Kappa, *Princeton University*, one of 28 early inductees.
- 2017 Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, *Princeton University*
- 2017 Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, *Princeton University*, awarded to 2-3% of the class for exceptional academic record.
- 2018 Google Games NYC 2nd Place
- 2017 Princeton Pitch Competition 3rd Place, *Princeton University*, entrepreneurship award
- 2017 Jane Street INSIGHT Program (winternship) - Quantitative Trading

Work Experience

- 2016 – 19 **Grader for Computer Science Department, Princeton University**
- Algorithms and Data Structures (lead grader), Functional Programming, Reasoning about Computation, Introduction to Machine Learning, and Economics and Computing
- 06/18–08/18 **Quantitative Trading Intern, IMC Trading, Chicago, IL, Fixed Income, Currencies, and Commodities Desk**
- Developed strategies for trading treasury futures and options around news events
 - Tested electronic mock trading frameworks and participated in options theory lessons
 - Used Python pandas library to analyze pricing and trade data
- 05/17–08/17 **Software Engineering Intern, Google, Mountain View, CA, Advertiser Platform Team**
- Worked on AdWords Next Overviews, frontpage data analytics for ads campaigns
- Developed a heuristic greedy RPC scheme for obtaining geographic breakdown data, reducing the CPU of AdWords Next Overviews by approximately 40% (in production)
 - Developed a geographical hierarchy algorithm to cull extraneous RPCs; 10% CPU reduction (in production)
 - Designed and added efficient zoom functionality for the geographical data
 - Worked with asynchronous Java backend frameworks and Angular Dart frontend
- 05/16–08/16 **Engineering Practicum Intern, Google, Mountain View, CA, Cloud/Cluster/Kernel team**
- Worked on an infrastructure tool for pushing configuration and data updates to services within Google
- Improved previously static UI's functionality to dynamically update tables displaying data pushes
 - Added UI support for push operation RPC calls, including user authentication and push verification
 - Redesigned and rewrote testing framework to include test server backend
 - Wrote HTTP handlers in Go for backend development and HTML and JavaScript Closure frontend

Talks

- 2020 ICML Poster Session: speeding up weak supervision
- 2020 Google x Stanford Summit: labeled vs unlabeled data in latent variable graphical models

Coursework

Relevant graduate courses:

- Convex Optimization II, Randomized Algorithms

Relevant undergraduate courses:

- *ORFE Courses*: Probability Theory (graduate-level course), Optimization, High Frequency Trading, Decision Modeling for Business Analytics, Monte Carlo Simulation, Strategy and Information, Financial Mathematics, Analysis of Big Data, Probability and Stochastics, Microeconomic Theory, Statistics
- *Computer Science Courses*: Optimization for Machine Learning (graduate-level seminar), Computer Networks, Operating Systems, Economics and Computing, Introduction to Machine Learning, Information Security, Human-Computer Interfaces, Neural Networks, Functional Programming, Reasoning About Computation, Programming Systems, Algorithms and Data Structures

Leadership and Activities

At Stanford University:

- Volunteering in the CS department: PhD Admissions Committee, mentor undergraduates in Stanford CS Mentoring Program, review graduate school applications in Student Applicant Support Program (2020)
- XTRM Kpop Cover Group: dance captain (2019–)
- Alliance Dance Team (2019–)

At Princeton University:

- Triple 8 Dance Company: choreographer, publicity chair (2015–19)
- Kokopops Dance Group: dance captain (2017–19)
- Freshmen Advisee Interactor for School of Engineering (2017–19)

Skills

Advanced: Python, C, Java Intermediate: Go, OCaml, R, Dart Basic: Matlab, Julia