

Education

- 2019 – **Stanford University**, *PhD Candidate in Computer Science*
◦ Advisor: Christopher Ré
- 2015 – 2019 **Princeton University**, *B.S.E in Operations Research and Financial Engineering (ORFE), 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 studying and improving the fundamentals of modern machine learning through data (data-centric AI). On the model training side, I work on data mixing, curriculum learning, synthetic data, and data labeling. On the inference side, I work on techniques such as ensembling, routing, and verification. Currently, I am thinking about how to develop and operationalize a more principled understanding of how models learn from data.

Publications

- [20] **Shrinking the Generation-Verification Gap with Weak Verifiers.**
Jon Saad-Falcon*, E. Kelly Buchanan*, Mayee F. Chen*, Tzu-Heng Huang, Brendan McLaughlin, Tanvir Bhathal, Shang Zhu, Ben Athiwaratkun, Frederic Sala, Scott Linderman, Azalia Mirhoseini, Christopher Ré.
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2025.
- [19] **Archon: An Architecture Search Framework for Inference-Time Techniques.**
Jon Saad-Falcon, Adrian Gamarra Lafuente, Shlok Natarajan, Nahum Maru, Hristo Todorov, Etash Kumar Guha, E. Kelly Buchanan, Mayee F. Chen, Neel Guha, Christopher Ré, Azalia Mirhoseini.
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2025.
- [18] **Aioli: A Unified Optimization Framework for Language Model Data Mixing.**
Mayee F. Chen*, Michael Y. Hu*, Nicholas Lourie, Kyunghyun Cho, Christopher Ré.
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2025.
- [17] **Smoothie: Label Free Language Model Routing.**
Neel Guha*, Mayee F. Chen*, Trevor Chow, Ishan S. Khare, Christopher Ré.
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2024.
- [16] **DataComp-LM: In search of the next generation of training sets for language models.**
Jeffrey Li, . . . , Ludwig Schmidt, Vaishal Shankar (59 authors including Mayee F. Chen).
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) Datasets and Benchmarks Track, 2024.
- [15] **Cookbook: A framework for improving LLM generative abilities via programmatic data generating templates.**
Avanika Narayan*, Mayee F. Chen*, Kush Bhatia, and Christopher Ré.
Conference on Language Modeling (COLM), 2024.
- [14] **Skill-it! A Data-Driven Skills Framework for Understanding and Training Language Models.**
Mayee F. Chen, Nicholas Roberts, Kush Bhatia, Jue Wang, Ce Zhang, Frederic Sala, and Christopher Ré.
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023. [Spotlight \(top 3.1% of submissions\)](#).
- [13] **Embroid: Unsupervised Prediction Smoothing can Improve Few-Shot Classification.**
Neel Guha*, Mayee F. Chen*, Kush Bhatia, Azalia Mirhoseini, Frederic Sala, and Christopher Ré.
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.
- [12] **A Case for Reframing Automated Medical Image Classification as Segmentation.**
Sarah M. Hooper, Mayee F. Chen, Khaled Saab, Kush Bhatia, Curtis Langlotz, and Christopher Ré.
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS), 2023.

- [11] **Anomaly Detection with Multiple Reference Datasets in High Energy Physics.**
Mayee F. Chen, Benjamin Nachman, and Frederic Sala.
Journal of High Energy Physics, 2023.
- [10] **Ask Me Anything: A Simple Strategy for Prompting Language Models.**
Simran Arora*, Avanika Narayan*, Mayee F. Chen, Laurel Orr, Neel Guha, Kush Bhatia, Ines Chami, Frederic Sala, and Christopher Ré.
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR), 2023. [Notable 25% of acceptances.](#)
- [9] **Reducing Reliance on Spurious Features in Medical Image Classification with Spatial Specificity.**
Khaled Saab, Sarah M. Hooper, Mayee F. Chen, Michael Zhang, Daniel Rubin, and Christopher Ré.
Machine Learning for Healthcare (MLHC), 2022.
- [8] **Shoring Up the Foundations: Fusing Model Embeddings and Weak Supervision.**
Mayee F. Chen*, Daniel Y. Fu*, Dyah Adila, Michael Zhang, Frederic Sala, and Christopher Ré.
Uncertainty in Artificial Intelligence (UAI), 2022. [Best Student Paper Runner-Up Award, Oral Presentation.](#)
- [7] **Perfectly Balanced: Improving Transfer and Robustness of Supervised Contrastive Learning.**
Mayee F. Chen*, Daniel Y. Fu*, Avanika Narayan, Michael Zhang, Zhao Song, Kayvon Fatahalian, and Christopher Ré.
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML), 2022.
- [6] **TABi: Type-Aware Bi-Encoders for Open-Domain Entity Retrieval.**
Megan Leszczynski, Daniel Y. Fu, Mayee F. Chen, and Christopher Ré.
Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2022.
- [5] **The Details Matter: Preventing Class Collapse in Supervised Contrastive Learning.**
Mayee F. Chen*, Daniel Y. Fu*, Michael Zhang, Kayvon Fatahalian, and Christopher Ré.
AAAI Workshop on Artificial Intelligence with Biased or Scarce Data, 2022. [Best Paper Award.](#)
- [4] **An Adversarial Model of Network Disruption: Maximizing Disagreement and Polarization in Social Networks.**
Mayee F. Chen and Miklos Z. Racz.
IEEE Transactions on Network Science and Engineering (TNSE), 2021.
- [3] **Mandoline: Model Evaluation under Distribution Shift.**
Mayee F. Chen*, Karan Goel*, Nimit Sohoni*, Fait Poms, Kayvon Fatahalian, and Christopher Ré.
ICML, 2021.
- [2] **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.
- [1] **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

Awards and Honors

- 2023 Microsoft Accelerate Foundation Models Research Grant
- 2021 NSF GRFP Honorable Mention
- 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.

Work and Teaching Experience

- 09/25 – **Course Assistant, Stanford University**
 - CS229: Machine Learning. Advising multiple student teams on their final research project.

- 03/25 – **Research Intern**, *Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence*, AllenNLP, Part-time
 - Driving pre-training data mixing efforts for OLMo open-source language models, building on Aioli (ICLR 2025) and Skill-It (NeurIPS 2023).
- 10/24 – **Research Consultant**, *Snorkel AI*
 - 03/25 ◦ Developed reasoning evaluation benchmarks for frontier models.
- 06/23 – **Research Intern**, *Microsoft*, Redmond, WA, Office of Applied Research
 - 09/23 ◦ Research on multi-objective prompt optimization.
- 01/23 – **Course Assistant**, *Stanford University*
 - 04/23 ◦ CS228: Probabilistic Graphical Models
- 2016 – 19 **Grader for Computer Science Department**, *Princeton University*
 - COS226: Algorithms and Data Structures (lead grader), COS326: Functional Programming, COS340: Reasoning about Computation, COS324: Introduction to Machine Learning, and COS445: Economics and Computing
- 06/18–08/18 **Quantitative Trading Intern**, *IMC Trading*, Chicago, IL, Fixed Income, Currencies, and Commodities Desk
- 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
- 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

Talks

- Sept 27, 2025 Data Mixing Tutorial at Data@CoRL Workshop (Conference on Robot Learning)
- Jan 30, 2025 Morgan Stanley Research Machine Learning Seminar
- Dec 5, 2024 DatologyAI
- Dec 4, 2024 UChicago ChiData Lab
- Oct 31, 2024 New York University Computational Linguistics and Cognitive Science Seminar
- Oct 24, 2024 Salesforce AI Research FutureForum
- Oct 11, 2023 Stanford Social and Language Technologies Lab
- Aug 31, 2023 Allen Institute for AI
- April 2, 2023 Stanford Generative AI and Foundation Models Workshop
- Dec 5, 2022 NeurIPS Tutorial on Theory and Practice of Dataset Construction, Panelist
- April 30, 2022 Stanford-Berkeley Women in CS/EE Research Meetup
- April 8, 2022 Snorkel AI Machine Learning Whiteboard Talk
- Aug 5, 2021 Stanford MedAI Talk Series
- June 8, 2021 DAWN Research Workshop
- Nov 6, 2020 Google x Stanford Summit

Coursework

Relevant graduate courses:

- Information Theoretic Lower Bounds in Data Science, 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

Service

Reviewing

I have served as **reviewer** for the following conferences:

- ICML (2021-2025)
- NeurIPS (2021-2025), NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks (2024)
- ICLR (2024-2026)
- COLM (2025)
- AISTATS (2023)
- UAI (2020, 2023-2024)
- KDD (2020)

the following workshops:

- ICML Machine Learning for Data: Automated Creation, Privacy and Bias (2021)
- NeurIPS Interpolate: First Workshop on Interpolation Regularizers and Beyond (2022)
- Mathematical and Empirical Understanding of Foundation Models (ICLR 2023-24)
- Efficient Systems for Foundation Models (ICML 2023-2024)
- Data-Centric Machine Learning Research (ICML 2023-2024, ICLR 2024)
- Navigating and Addressing Data Problems for Foundation Models (ICLR 2024)

and the following journals:

- Journal of Data-Centric Machine Learning Research

Activities

At Stanford University:

- Computer Science PhD Admissions Committee (2020-2023)
- CS Student Applicant Support Program (Mentor 2020-2022, Organizer 2023-2025)
- WiML (Women in Machine Learning) PhD Application Mentorship Program (2022)
- Graduate WiCS (Women in Computer Science) Mentor (2021-2022)
- CS Undergraduate Mentorship Program (2021-2022)
- XTRM Kpop Cover Group: dance captain (2019–), Alliance Dance Team (2019–2021, 2023–)

Other:

- WiML PhD Application Mentorship Program (2022)
- Organizer for Data-Centric Machine Learning Research Workshop (ICLR 2024)