

Nathaniel Budijono

Curriculum Vitae

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I am an interdisciplinary computational researcher with a demonstrated passion for STEM communication, mentorship, and self-learning outside of my coursework.

Education

Sep 2018 – **Bachelor of Science**, *University of Minnesota*, Computer Science and Mathematics.

May 2022 Selected graduate-level coursework:

- **Data science**: Data mining, machine learning, deep learning
- **Computational biology**: Computational genomics, systems biology, biochemistry, genetics
- **Quantum**: Quantum mechanics, computational chemistry, quantum computing
- **Math**: Cryptography, error-correcting codes, dynamical systems, topology

Industry Experience

Jun 2022 – **Lead Data Scientist**, *Infinite Campus*.

- Present
- Responsible for all data governance initiatives and machine learning product maintenance for the company. *Docker, Kubernetes*.
 - Reduced runtime of training and deployment pipeline of machine learning-powered early warning system to forecast late graduation and drop out for millions of students by an order of magnitude. *duckdb, Airflow*.
 - Engineered monitoring, interpretability, visualization, and alerting features to the early warning system deploy pipeline. Automated data validation that previously required manual investigation. *SHAP values, Aporia*.
 - Engineered cloud infrastructure for web analytics. *AWS CDK*.
 - Developed parsing engine for internal distributed data aggregation. *Java, SQL, RabbitMQ*.

Sep 2021 – **Intern**, *Loyal Cellular Longevity*, Computational biology team.

Apr 2022 Wrote cross-team documentation and worked on corporate website. *Typescript*.

May 2021 – **AI Research Intern**, *Smart Information Flow Technologies (SIFT)*.

- Aug 2021
- Developed decoding scheme for BERT-based language model to improve joint entity-relation classification. *Huggingface, PyTorch*.
 - Statistically analyzed sentiment and word embeddings of online groups of interest. *spaCy*.

May 2020 – **Machine Learning Intern**, *CH Robinson*.

Aug 2020 Internship canceled due to COVID-19.

May 2019 – **Software Engineer Intern**, *Rally Health*, Data engineering team.

- Aug 2019
- Created a utility for data pipeline to gauge data throughput, monitor job duration, and track which rows failed which data validation. *Scala, Datadog, Databricks*.
 - Created a comprehensive and responsive web dashboard with pipeline health and performance metrics for data pipeline. *Airflow, Flask, SQLAlchemy, nvd3.js*.
 - Created an extract-transform-load (ETL) job to process ledger data from incentives program and performed end-to-end testing. *Apache Spark, SQL*.

Research Experience

May 2020 – **Research Assistant**, *University of Minnesota*, Department of Computer Science.

Aug 2020 Advisor: Prof. Chad Myers

- Created a pipeline for visualizing genetic interaction networks from raw combinatorial CRISPR screen data. *Networkx*, *Scipy*.
- Investigated machine learning algorithms for predicting gene function from genetic interaction networks. *PyTorch*, *Scikit-learn*.

Publications

- Journal *A global genetic interaction map of a human cell reveals conserved principles of genetic networks*. Maximilian Billmann, Michael Costanzo, Xiang Zhang, Arshia Z Hassan, Mahfuzur Rahman, Kevin R Brown, Katherine S Chan, Amy Hin Yan Tong, Carles Pons, Henry N Ward, Catherine Ross, Jolanda van Leeuwen, Michael Aregger, Keith A Lawson, Barbara Mair, Amy F Roth, Nesli E Sen, Duncan Forster, Guihong Tan, Patricia Mero, Sanna N Masud, Yoonkyu Lee, Magali Aguilera-Urbe, Matej Usaj, Sylvia MT Almeida, Kamaldeep Aulakh, Urvi Bhojoo, Saba Birkadze, **Nathaniel Budijono**, Xunhui Cai, Joseph J Caumanns, Megha Chandrashekhar, Daniel Chang, Ryan Climie, Kuheli Dasgupta, Adrian Drazic, Jose I Rojas Echenique, Rafael Gacesa, Adrian Granda Farias, Andrea Habsid, Ira Horecka, Kristin Kantautas, Fenghu Ji, Dae-Kyum Kim, Seon Yong Lee, Wendy Liang, Julianne Lim, Kevin Lin, Xueibing Lu, Babak Nami, Allison Nixon, Nicholas Mikolajewicz, Lyudmila Nedyalkova, Thomas Rohde, Maria Sartori Rodrigues, Martin Soste, Eric Schultz, Wen Wang, Ashwin Seetharaman, Emira Shuteriqi, Olga Sizova, David Thomson Taylor, Maria Tereshchenko, David Tieu, Jacob Turowec, Tajinder Ubhi, Sylvia Varland, Kyle E Wang, Zi Yang Wang, Jiarun Wei, Yu-Xi Xiao, Grant W Brown, Benjamin F Cravatt, Scott J Dixon, Haley DM Wyatt, Hannes L Röst, Frederick P Roth, Tian Xia, Gary D Bader, Robbie Loewith, Nicholas G Davis, Brenda Andrews, Chad L Myers, Jason Moffat, Charles Boone. Submitted 2025.
- Conference *Ludus: An Optimization Framework to Balance Auto Battler Cards*. **Nathaniel Budijono**, Phoebe Goldman, Jack Maloney, Joseph Mueller, Phillip Walker, Jack Ladwig, and Richard Freedman. AAAI Symposium on Educational Advances in Artificial Intelligence, 2021.
- Workshop *Linguistic Factors in Incel Messaging*. Sonja Schmer-Galunder, Ruta Wheelock, Joan Zheng, Claire Yang, Ian Magnusson, Jeremy Gottlieb, Scott Friedman, and **Nathaniel Budijono**. Special Issue for the Workshop on Online Abuse and Harms, 2021.

Honors and Awards

- Scholarships
- Olseth family scholarship
 - Cyrus and Mary Field scholarship
 - Chani and Wendy Sra scholarship
 - Computer Science and Engineering scholarship
 - St Martins scholarship for honors science and engineering students
 - Maximillian Lando scholarship for computer science students
 - College of Science and Engineering Alumni Society scholarship
- Fellowships
- Multicultural Summer Research Opportunities Program fellowship (declined)
 - David E. Shaw Research Science and Engineering Undergraduate fellowship
- Oct 2021 **Winner**, *Acceleration Consortium & Society for Laboratory Automation and Screening (SLAS)*, Hackathon.
- Placed 1/20 teams in scientific data base hackathon with **project** for **organizing and analyzing** reflection high-energy electron diffraction (RHEED) data for materials fabrication.

- Sep 2021 **Finalist**, *3blue1brown*, Summer of Math Exposition.
Placed in top 100/1200+ entries in math communication contest with [blog post](#) on Lenstra's elliptic curve factorization algorithm. Featured as an [honorable mention](#) outside of the top 5 entries. *Manim*.
- Oct 2020 **Finalist**, *Wells Fargo*, Campus Analytics Challenge.
Developed novel supervised learning classification algorithm and statistically analyzed its performance. Earned \$1000 prize as a solo team against teams of students from Stanford, UC Berkeley, Georgia Tech, and UMN. *Scikit-learn*.
- Mar 2020 **Best hack awards**, *CalTech*, HackTech 2020.
Best artificial intelligence hack, best social good hack, and best machine learning hack awarded by Citadel LLC out of 73 teams.
Team scraped PubMed, compared chemical structure to build and deploy web app for predicting efficacy and side effects of drugs for neurological disorders. *RDKit*, *BeautifulSoup*, *Selenium*.
- Mar 2020 **Honors**, *MNSU*, Midwest Undergraduate Data Analytics Competition.
Led team to achieve 2nd/32 highest F1 score of classifying civil rights legal cases in Kaggle competition. *XGBoost*.

Volunteer Leadership

- Apr 2024 – **Host**, *Socratica*.
Present
 - Hosted a node in Minneapolis to connect people in creative pursuits.
- Oct 2024 – **Mentor**, *University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering*.
Apr 2025
 - Served as a mentor to two undergraduates interested in research and data science.
- Aug 2021 – **Fellow**, *Nucleate Dojo (formerly BioDojo)*.
June 2022
 - Contributed to knowledge base and meetings of students interested in biotechnology start ups.
- Oct 2021 – **Reviewer**, *Minnesota Undergraduate Research & Academic Journal*.
May 2022
 - Completed journal review training.
 - Reviewing two math and computer science academic papers with undergraduate co-authors.
- Jan 2020 – **Education Director**, *App Developers Club at University of Minnesota*.
May 2022
 - Created and presented workshops and online tutorials for [multiplayer trivia game](#), [mobile to-do list](#). *Flask*, *SocketIO*, *React Native*.
 - Created [website](#) and served as webmaster. Connected students with research labs, local start-ups, and companies for internships.
- Jan 2020 – **Lab Director**, *Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers at University of Minnesota*.
May 2021
 - Wrote [programming tutorials](#) and presented workshops on version control, JavaScript, React to team members with no prior programming knowledge. Organized interest groups and presented [machine learning](#), [swarm intelligence](#), and [control systems workshops](#). *Manim*, *Keras*, *matter-js*.
 - Led development of [web and mobile app](#) to navigate campus tunnel system. *React*, *React Native*.
 - Mentored four students on getting involved in research, job search. Developed presentations to educate high school students on college admissions process, financial aid. Created [website](#) and served as webmaster.
- Sep 2019 – **Mentor**, *University of Minnesota*, Honors program.
May 2020 Mentored two freshman honors students on getting involved in research, job search.

Other Projects

- Reinforcement learning Implemented an advantage-actor-critic (A2C) [agent](#) to improve performance of LSTM trained on user inputs in the NES game *Punch-Out!!*

Talks

- Apr 2021 **Math Directed Reading Program:** presented ideas from *Nonlinear Dynamics and Chaos* by Steven Strogatz using **Manim animations**
- Oct 2020 **Bioinformatics and Computational Biology Symposium:** presented preliminary results of spatial analysis of functional enrichment research