Geonwoo Cho

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Education

Gwangju Institute of Science and Technology Feb. 2019 – present
Candidate for B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Minor in Mathematics
Took a leave of absence for mandatory military service, Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2024

University of California, Berkeley Jan. 2025 – May. 2025
Exchange Student funded by GIST, Studied Computer Science and Mathematics

Korea Science Academy of KAIST Mar. 2016 – Feb. 2019
High school diploma, Studied Astrophysics

Research Experience

Statistics and Data Science, UCLA | *Advised by Prof. Yuhua Zhu* June. 2025 – present
- Designed a PDE-driven offline reinforcement learning framework for continuous-time decision-making problems.

Biostatistics, Berkeley | *Advised by Prof. Lexin Li* Jan. 2025 – present
- Developed a risk-sensitive offline-to-online reinforcement learning framework to minimize fine-tuning risk and ensure stable performance transfer in safety-critical domains such as blood glucose regulation.

DataScience Lab, GIST | *Advised by Prof. Sundong Kim* April. 2024 – present
- Introduced a skill-based RL framework that uses gradient projection to reconcile entropy-driven exploration with MI-based diversity and a SAC-based skill selector for adaptive downstream transfer.
- Unified transition and TD errors in a co-learnability-driven regret curriculum.
- Introduced a curriculum framework that leverages approximated causal differences and reward-based learnability to optimize task sequences.
- Analyzed how credit assignment mechanisms enhance the scalability of reinforcement learning algorithms.

AITER Lab, GIST | *Advised by Prof. Hongkook Kim* Jun. 2020 – Dec. 2020
- Conducted research applying time series models to Total Electron Current data for earthquake prediction.

Publications

[**Reinforcement Learning Conference Workshop 2025**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Jaegyun Im, Doyoon Kim, Sundong Kim. Causal-Paced Deep Reinforcement Learning, oral session.

[**Under Review at Neurips 2025**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Jaegyun Im, Jihwan Lee, Hojun Yi, Sejin Kim, Sundong Kim. TRACED: Transition-aware Regret Approximation with Co-learnability for Environment Design.

[**Under Review at Neurips 2025**] **Geonwoo Cho***, Jaemoon Lee*, Jaegyun Im, Subi Lee, Jihwan Lee, Sundong Kim. AMPED: Adaptive Multi-objective Projection for balancing Exploration and skill Diversification.

[**Korea Software Congress 2024**] **Geonwoo Cho***, Subi Lee*, Jaemoon Lee. Evaluating Simplicial Normalization in Multi-Task Reinforcement Learning, poster session.

[**Korea Information Processing Society 2021**] Seungjae Cho, **Geonwoo Cho**, Younguk Kim. Development of a Deep Learning-Based House-Tree-Person Test Analysis Model, poster session.

[**Korea Artificial Intelligence Conference 2020**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Dongeon Park, Hongkook Kim. LSTM-based Earthquake Anomaly Detection Applied to Total Electron Current Data, poster session.

[**In Preparation**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Doyoon Kim, Sundong Kim. Credit Assignment Makes RL Scalable.

[**In Preparation**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Lexin Li. Offline-to-Online Reinforcement Learning for Safe Transfer.

Talks

Dev Night / Data Engineering Class, GIST Sep. 2024
Feature Store Implementation for Real-Time Recommender Systems

Workshop on Thinking about AI's Capability, GIST Nov. 2024
Causal Abstraction for World Model

Work Experience

Team Learners | *Machine Learning Software Engineer* Aug. 2023 – Jan. 2024

- Reduced stable diffusion models' inference time by employing graph optimization and quantization techniques.
- Serving as an interviewer for ML / Software engineers, leading multiple sub-projects inside the company.

Match Group/Hyperconnect LLC | *Machine Learning Software Engineer* Jun. 2022 – Jul. 2023

- Developed the transformer-based matchmaking system that handles 1K requests/sec (large-scale server model) with <0.001% downtime. The server model surpassed the previous in-house state-of-the-art model by increasing revenue 3%p and retention by 7%p.
- Enhanced feature store performance, lowering p99 latency from 200ms to 150ms by altering database usage patterns and adopting Avro serialization.

Business Canvas | *Software Engineer* Dec 2021 – Jun. 2022

- Achieved 99.95% availability rate by introducing microservice architecture and enhancing observability.

Algorima | *Software Engineer* Dec 2020 – Jun. 2021

- Designed and implemented web/server services, and ml pipelining framework.

Patent

[**Under Review**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Jaegyun Im, Sejin Kim, Sundong Kim. TRACED: Transition-aware Regret Approximation with Co-learnability for Environment Design.

[**Under Review**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Jaemoon Lee, Jihwan Li, Sundong Kim. Probabilistic Gradient Surgery Based Multi-Task Skill Learning System.

[**Under Review**] **Geonwoo Cho**, Jaegyun Im, Doyoon Kim, Sundong Kim. Causal-Paced Deep Reinforcement Learning.

Awards and Honors

AI Grand Challenge Korea Ministry of Science and ICT Aug. 2021
Selected among top 20 teams; Secured government funding

ICPC (Advanced to Seoul Regional) ACM Jun. 2020

Creative Convergence Competition "Gist President Award" (1st Prize) GIST Dec. 2019

Honors Scholarship GIST

Teaching

Teaching Assistant Feb. 2024 – Dec. 2025
Single Variable Calculus and Application / Machine Learning & Deep Learning

PIUM Sep. 2020 – Dec. 2020
Served as a volunteer mathematics tutor for middle school students

Courseworks

Mathematics	Introduction to (Geometry, Linear Algebra, Analysis, Abstract Algebra), Calculus, Multivariate Calculus, Differential Equations, Elementary Number Theory
Computer Science	Introduction to Algorithms, Object-Oriented Programming, Digital Design, Computer Architecture, System Programming, Database Systems, Signal and Systems, Programming Languages and Compilers, Machine Learning & Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Large Language Model Agents
Science	Introduction to Astrophysics, Molecular Biology

Extracurricular Experience

Car Wash Love | *Co-founder*
Launched the mobile app for the door-to-door car wash service

Open Source Contributions
Pytorch Geometric / Numba Llvmlite