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Personal Profile

I am a Ph.D. candidate at Kim Jaechul Graduate School of AI, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST AI), where I am fortunate to be advised by Prof. Chulhee “Charlie” Yun of Optimization & Machine Learning (OptiML) Laboratory, KAIST AI. Previously, I worked at Google NYC as an intern (Student Researcher), hosted by Srdinadh Bhojanapalli. Also, I completed my M.Sc. (in AI) and B.Sc. (in Math, minor in CS, Summa Cum Laude) at KAIST.[?]

My primary research interests lie in optimization, machine learning (ML), and deep learning (DL). During my journey to a Ph.D., my ultimate research goal is to **rigorously understand and practically overcome** the following **three critical challenges in ML/DL**:

Generalizability

Generalization capabilities of modern language models.

(e.g., length generalization and compositional generalization of Transformers)

Adaptability

Training adaptable models under an evolving environment.

(e.g., continual learning, maintaining the plasticity of neural networks, sample-efficient reinforcement learning)

Multifacetedness

Learning with multiple (possibly conflicting and/or orthogonal) goals.

(e.g., minimax optimization, bi-level optimization, fairness in ML)

Publications

International Conferences

- [C9] Chang, Hoyeon[★], Jinho Park[★], Hanseul Cho[★], Sohee Yang, Miyoung Ko, Hyeyonbin Hwang, Seungpil Won, Dohaeng Lee, Youbin Ahn, Minjoon Seo. “Characterizing Pattern Matching and Its Limits on Compositional Task Structures.” **ICLR 2026**. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C8] Cho, Hanseul[★], Jaeyoung Cha[★], Srinadh Bhojanapalli, Chulhee Yun. “Arithmetic Transformers Can Length-Generalize in Both Operand Length and Count.” **ICLR 2025**. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C7] Jung, Hyunji[★], Hanseul Cho[★], Chulhee Yun. “Convergence and Implicit Bias of Gradient Descent on Continual Linear Classification.” **ICLR 2025**. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C6] Cho, Hanseul[★], Jaeyoung Cha[★], Pranjal Awasthi, Srinadh Bhojanapalli, Anupam Gupta, Chulhee Yun. “Position Coupling: Improving Length Generalization of Arithmetic Transformers Using Task Structure.” **NeurIPS 2024** & Short version in ICML 2024 Workshop on Long-Context Foundation Models (LCFM). [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C5] Shin, Baekrok[★], Junsoo Oh[★], Hanseul Cho, Chulhee Yun. “DASH: Warm-Starting Neural Network Training in Stationary Settings without Loss of Plasticity.” **NeurIPS 2024** & Short version in ICML 2024 Workshop on Advancing Neural Network Training (WANT): Computational Efficiency, Scalability, and Resource Optimization. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C4] Lee, Jaewook[★], Hanseul Cho[★], Chulhee Yun. “Fundamental Benefit of Alternating Updates in Minimax Optimization.” **ICML 2024** & Short version in ICLR 2024 Workshop on Bridging the Gap Between Practice and Theory in Deep Learning (BGPT). [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- **Spotlight at ICML 2024. (Top 3.5%: (144+191) of 9,473 valid submissions)**
- [C3] Lee, Junghyun[★], Hanseul Cho[★], Se-Young Yun, Chulhee Yun. “Fair Streaming Principal Component Analysis: Statistical and Algorithmic Viewpoint.” **NeurIPS 2023**. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C2] Lee, Hojoon[★], Hanseul Cho[★], Hyunseung Kim[★], Daehoon Gwak, Joonkee Kim, Jaegul Choo, Se-Young Yun, Chulhee Yun. “PLASTIC: Improving Input and Label Plasticity for Sample Efficient Reinforcement Learning.” **NeurIPS 2023**. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)
- [C1] Cho, Hanseul[★] and Chulhee Yun. “SGDA with Shuffling: Faster Convergence for Nonconvex-P ℓ Minimax Optimization.” **ICLR 2023**. [\[arXiv\]](#) [\[OpenReview\]](#)

Notable Domestic Journals/Conferences

- Cho, Hanseul[★], Baekrok Shin[★], Chaewon Moon[★], Sang-Geun Hong, U-Ju Byeon, Jin-Yong Sung, Chulhee Yun. “Deep Model-Based Optimization of Jamming Effectiveness under Aircraft AESA Radar Operational Environments.” *The Journal of Korean Institute of Communications and Information Sciences (J-KICS)*, vol. 50, no. 11, pp. 1647-1659, 2025. DOI: 10.7840/kics.2025.50.11.1647. [\[Info\]](#)
- Jung, Hyunji[★], Hanseul Cho[★], Chulhee Yun. “Convergence and Implicit Bias of Gradient Descent on Continual Linear Classification.” Short version in the 11th Joint Conference of Korean Artificial Intelligence Association (JKAIA 2024).
 - **Best Paper Award (Top 3) & Oral presentation.**
- Cho, Hanseul[★] and Chulhee Yun. “SGDA with Shuffling: Faster Convergence for Nonconvex-P ℓ Minimax Optimization.” Short version in the 7th Joint Conference of Korean Artificial Intelligence Association (JKAIA 2022).
 - **NAVER Outstanding Theory Paper Award (Top 3) & Oral presentation.**

? You can find the source code of this CV [here](#).

★ Co-first authors: These authors contributed equally.

☆ Sole first authors.

Education

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence

- Advisor: Prof. Chulhee Yun (Optimization & Machine Learning (**OptiML**) Laboratory, Kim Jaechul Graduate School of AI (GSAI), KAIST)
- Anticipated Graduation Date: Aug. 2027

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Sep. 2023 – Current

KAIST

M.Sc. in Artificial Intelligence

- Advisor: Prof. Chulhee Yun (Optimization & Machine Learning (**OptiML**) Laboratory, Kim Jaechul Graduate School of AI (GSAI), KAIST)
- Thesis: "Improved Convergence Rate of SGDA by Shuffling: Focusing on the Nonconvex-P ℓ Minimax Problems" (Approved by Chulhee Yun, Se-Young Yun, & Donghwan Kim)
- GPA: 4.22/4.3

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Mar. 2022 – Aug. 2023

KAIST

B.Sc. in Mathematical Sciences

- Minor in Computing Sciences
- Summa Cum Laude (GPA: 4.05/4.3)

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Mar. 2017 – Feb. 2022

University of Twente

Exchange Student Program

- Major in Applied Mathematics

Enschede, Netherlands

Feb. 2020 – Jul. 2020

Incheon Science High School (ISHS)

High School

- Early graduation by one year (i.e., two-year course)

Incheon, Republic of Korea

Mar. 2015 – Feb. 2017

Experiences

Google G

Internship: Student Researcher Program (On-Site), Engineering

New York, NY, United States

May 5th 2025 – Aug. 22nd 2025

- Host: Srinadh Bhojanapalli (Staff Research Scientist at Google DeepMind)
- Notable Co-workers: Hrayr Harutyunyan & Amir Keivan Mohtashami (Research Scientists at Google DeepMind)
- Office: Google NYC, 9th Building (111 8th Ave, New York, NY)
- Research Topic: Advanced attention mechanisms of Transformers for long contexts

KAIST 2021 Post-AI Research Project

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

May 2021 – Dec. 2021

Undergraduate Researcher

- Jointly advised by Prof. Sangyoong Yi (DS Lab, GSFS, KAIST) & Prof. Jinkyoo Park (Sys. Int. Lab, ISysE, KAIST)
- Project: Research on 'AI-augmented Organizations' of Collaborative Decision Making and Learning. Below, I list my contribution:
 1. *Algorithm Design*: Devised a model-based randomized algorithm for a single-player finite-horizon NK landscape optimization game
 2. *Experiment Assistance*: Conducted experiments on human-AI cooperation based on the algorithm that I devised

Individual Study: Optimization for Deep Learning

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Mar. 2021 – Jun. 2021

Undergraduate Student @ KAIST

- Advised by Prof. Jinwoo Shin (ALIN Lab, GSAI, KAIST)
- (1) Gradient-based optimizers for large-batch setting (e.g., LARS & LAMB); (2) Theoretical analysis on gradient clipping (paper reading)

Individual Study: Deep Learning in Computer Vision

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Sep. 2020 – Feb. 2021

Undergraduate Student @ KAIST

- Advised by Prof. Jong-chul Ye (BISPL, BBE, KAIST)
- Assignment: Semantic segmentation of kidney tumor with U-Net (with KiTS19 challenge dataset)
- Self-taught PyTorch coding on Linux Ubuntu

Individual Study: Statistical Learning Theory

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

Jun. 2020 – Aug. 2021

Undergraduate Student @ KAIST

- Advised by Prof. Yeonseung Chung (MAS, KAIST)
- Resource: Gareth James, Daniela Witten, Trevor Hastie, and Robert Tibshirani. "An Introduction to Statistical Learning: with Applications in R." Springer, 2013. [link]

Seminars

SNU-KAIST AI/ML Theory Workshop

Organizer

- Homepage: nick-jhlee.github.io/snu-kaist-workshop
- Jointly organized by three research groups of Prof. Ernest K. Ryu, Prof. Min-hwan Oh, and Prof. Chulhee Yun.

Gangneung, Republic of Korea

Aug. 12th–14th, 2024

Machine/Deep Learning Theory + Physics (MDLTP) Seminar

Organizer

- Homepage: sites.google.com/view/mdlt-p
- Jointly organized by OSI Lab, OptiML, and CSSPL
- Topics: Learning theory, loss landscape, trajectory analysis, (stochastic) optimization, high-dimensional statistics, statistical/mathematical physics, scientific machine learning, and more.

Seoul, Republic of Korea

Jul. 2022 – Feb. 2023

Geometric Deep Learning Seminar

Participant

- A seminar organized by OptiML and OSI Lab
- Resources: [\[Homepage\]](#) [\[Lecture Videos\]](#) [\[Book\]](#)

Seoul, Republic of Korea

2022

Awards

2025	Top Reviewer (Top 1.88%: 206 of 10,943 reviewers) , ICML 2025	Vancouver, Canada
2024	Best Paper Award (Top 3) , JKAIA 2024	Republic of Korea
2024	Top Reviewer (Top 8.60%: 1,304 of 15,160 reviewers) , NeurIPS 2024	Vancouver, Canada
2022	NAVER Outstanding Theory Paper Award (Top 3) , JKAIA 2022	Republic of Korea
2022	Summa Cum Laude , Bachelor's, KAIST	Republic of Korea
2017 – 2020	The National Scholarship for Science and Engineering , Korea Student Aid Foundation	Republic of Korea
2017 Fall	Dean's List , The School of Freshman, KAIST	Republic of Korea

Services

Top-tier ML Conference/Journal Reviewer (24 papers)

From time to time

- NeurIPS: 2023 ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#)), 2024* ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#)), 2025 ([\[REVIEW\]](#))
 - NeurIPS 2024: awarded **Top Reviewer (Top 8.60%: 1,304 of 15,160 reviewers)**.
- ICML: 2025* ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#))
 - ICLR 2025: awarded **Top Reviewer (Top 1.88%: 206 of 10,943 reviewers)**.
- ICLR: 2024 ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#)), 2025 ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#)), 2026 ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#)).
- TMLR ([\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#) [\[REVIEW\]](#)).

1st GPU server manager of OptiML lab

June 2022 – Feb 2024

- Being involved in installing OptiML lab's very first 5 GPU servers and a storage server
- Allocating GPU nodes to lab members
- Managing errors occurred in the servers

Tutoring Basic Courses for Freshmen at KAIST

Mar 2018 – Dec 2021

- Calculus II (2018–2019; 3 times), Introduction to Programming (Fall 2021)
- Allocating GPU nodes to lab members
- Managing errors occurred in the servers

Languages

English Professional Proficiency (i.e., sufficient for academic activities)

Korean Native proficiency

Others Had some introductory courses on French, German, Classical Latin, & Chinese.

Skills

Programming Familiar: Python  (PyTorch, NumPy, Scikit-learn, Jupyter, Pandas, JAX, etc.), MATLAB.

Novice: C, C++, R, HTML/CSS, Scala

Computer Misc. Familiar:  (Overleaf/VSCode/MacTex), Git , Microsoft Office, Keynote

Novice: Adobe (Lightroom, Premiere Pro, After Effects, Photoshop)

Music & Hobby Playing the drums  and percussion. Begun to learn in 2009. Joined music bands listed below:

- ISHS: *Cha-rang* (2015–2016)
- KAIST: *Muse KAIST* (2017–2019), *Carpe Diem* (2019)
- Club “Music Space”: Team *Woodstone* (2024–2025)

I'm a huge music fan, especially for jazz, funk, K-indie, rock, blues, Latin, house, and many more.