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SUMMARY

I am a PhD candidate at the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Seoul National University, advised by Professor Dongjun Lee. My research goal is to develop an interactive simulator capable of handling large-scale, contact-rich environments involving both rigid and deformable objects—for example, a soft human hand tightening a bolt. Toward this goal, my interests include dynamics modeling, parallelizable solvers, and GPU-accelerated computation.

EDUCATION

Mar. 2017
- Feb. 2023

BS, Seoul National University

Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Total GPA: 3.54/4.3

Mar. 2023 -

PhD., Seoul Nation University

Mechanical Engineering, Total GPA: 3.8/4.3, Advisor: Dongjun Lee

SKILLS

Languages: C++, CUDA C++

Technologies: Unreal Engine, Unity, MATLAB, Solid-works

PUBLICATIONS

* denotes equal contribution

1. Jinuk Heo, Hyelim Choi, Yongseok Lee, Hyunsu Kim, **Harim Ji**, Hyunreal Park, Youngseon Lee, Chungkee Jung, Hai-Nguyen Nguyen, and Dongjun Lee (2024). *Hand Tracking: Survey*. International Journal of Control, Automation, and Systems.
2. **Harim Ji**, Hyunsu Kim, Jeongmin Lee, Somang Lee, Seoki An, Jinuk Heo, Youngseon Lee, Yongseok Lee, and Dongjun Lee (2025). *GPU-Accelerated Subsystem-Based ADMM for Large-Scale Interactive Simulation*. In *Proceedings of the IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)*.

CONFERENCES

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1. **Harim Ji**, Hyelim Choi, Jinuk Heo, Youngseon Lee, Hyunsu Kim, Somang Lee, and Dongjun Lee. *A Robust and Accurate System for Data Acquisition of Dexterous Manipulation*. RSS Workshop on Learning Dexterous Manipulation, 2023. Daegu, Korea.
2. Hyelim Choi*, Youngseon Lee*, **Harim Ji***, Hyunsu Kim, Jinuk Heo, Hyunreal Park, Somang Lee, Minji Lee, Jeongmin Lee, and Dongjun Lee. *Interactive Simulation of Dexterous Manipulation with Hand Tracking: Robot Hand Bolting and Multi-User Collaborative Simulation in VR*. ICRA Expo, 2024. Yokohama, Japan.
3. Hyelim Choi, Hyunreal Park, **Harim Ji**, and Dongjun Lee. *Visual-inertial Markerless Hand Tracking*. KRoC 2025. Pyeongchang, Korea.
4. **Harim Ji**, Hyunsu Kim, Jeongmin Lee, Somang Lee, Seoki An, Jinuk Heo, Youngseon Lee, Yongseok Lee, Dongjun Lee. *GPU-Accelerated Subsystem-Based ADMM for Large-Scale Interactive Simulation*. ICRA workshop on Handy Moves: Dexterity in Multi-Fingered Hands, 2025. Atlanta, USA.

PROJECTS

Completed

VIST plugin for Unreal Engine

We developed an Unreal Engine plugin for visualizing hand tracking results from VIST (Visual Inertial Skeletal Tracking). During this project, a systematic routine was established to transform right-handed coordinates into Unreal Engine's native left-handed coordinate system.

Ongoing

TES: Tetra Encoded SDF

We developed a memory-efficient Signed Distance Field (SDF) representation that remains exact near the surface and supports small geometric deformations. This enables accurate collision detection between complex meshes in both rigid and soft body simulations.

EXPERIENCE

Mar. 2025
- Jun. 2025

Teaching Assistant, Mechanical System Modeling and Control

Department of Mechanical Engineering, Seoul National University, Professor Dongjun Lee

AWARDS AND HONORS

2025	Best Presentation Award, SRRC Workshop	Seoul National University
2022	Excellence Award, Home Appliance Technology Idea Contest	Samsung Electronics & SeoulTech
2021	Excellence Award, Engineering Textbook Contest	Seoul National University

SERVICES

2019–2020	Republic of Korea Air Force Completed mandatory military service as a sergeant in the Korean Air Force.	South Korea
	Reviewer <ul style="list-style-type: none">• IEEE International Conference on Robotics and Automation workshop (2025)	

LANGUAGES

Korean - native, **English** - B2+ (self-assessed)