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Objective

Passionate robotics researcher specializing in robotic intelligence and manipulation, with expertise in sim-to-real transfer and contact-rich tasks through the design of both software and hardware systems.

Education

• M.S. in Graduate School of AI, KAIST

03/2023 - 02/2025

Advisor: Beomjoon Kim

GPA: 3.93/4.3

• B.S. in Double major: ME & CSE, Seoul National Univ.

03/2017 - 02/2023

GPA: 4.02/4.3 (Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Ranking: 5/71) Leave of absence for military service: Jan. 2019 – Nov. 2020

Research Experience

• KAIST Humanoid Generalization Lab (Advisor: Beomjoon Kim)

03/2022 - 02/2025

 A 6-DoF lightweight low-cost bimanual arm with Quasi-Direct Drive actuators for general purpose
 [project]

J. Kim, J. Kim, D. Lee, Y. Jang, B. Kim, (under review), 2025

Led a team for over a year to design and develop an open-source, 6-DoF QDD-based dual-arm manipulator from the ground up, tailored for dynamic and contact-rich manipulation tasks. Successfully demonstrated advanced capabilities, including bimanual object throwing, hammering, and zero-shot sim-to-real transfer of RL policies.

- An Intuitive Multi-Frequency Feature Representation for SO(3)-Equivariant Networks
 - D. Son, J. Kim, S. Son, B. Kim, ICLR 2024

Contributed theoretical background and developed mathematical proofs for SO(3) equivariance and properties of the proposed representation.

 Pre- and Post-Contact Policy Decomposition for Non-Prehensile Manipulation with Zero-Shot Sim-to-Real Transfer

M. Kim, J. Han, J. Kim, B. Kim, IROS 2023

Developed contact-rich manipulation policies using reinforcement learning in Isaac Gym and fine-tuned models for sim-to-real transfer with continuous learning. Introduced RL action scale curriculum learning to balance real-world safety and simulation exploration.

- Open X-Embodiment: Robotic Learning Datasets and RT-X Models [project]
 Open X-Embodiment Collaboration, ICRA 2024, Best paper
 Contributed to generating a zero-shot sim-to-real non-prehensile manipulation dataset for reinforcement learning.
- Representation and Diffusion-based Perception Algorithm for Efficient Manipulation using Multi-view RGB Images

D. Son, S. Son, J. Kim, B. Kim, (under review), 2024

Developed an object detection system using multiple RGB images and grasping techniques for transparent, shiny, and unfamiliar objects. Utilized LLM prompting and CLIP for object and goal specification.

• SNU Movement Research Lab (Advisor: Jehee Lee)

11/2021 - 02/2022

 Developed and implemented quadrupedal locomotion algorithms using reinforcement learning using PyBullet.

Experience and Projects

• Speaker, KROC 2025 Flagship conferences

02/2025

Presented research on "An Intuitive Multi-Frequency Feature Representation for SO(3)-Equivariant Networks".

• Speaker, KAIST AI Technology Symposium

05/2023

Delivered a talk on "Reinforcement learning for manipulating ungraspable objects".

• Conference poster presentations

ICLR 2024, IROS 2023

• Silver Prize at SNU Graph Pattern Matching Challenge

06/2021 - 08/2021

Developed and implemented graph pattern matching algorithms in C++ for complex graph structures, collaborating with a teammate using Git.

• Robocon International Design Contest, Tokyo Institute of Technology

08/2018

Designed and assembled robot components using CAD and collaborated with international students on the project.

• Intern, Samsung Electronics CE/IM, Mobile Experience Division

08/2021 - 09/2021

Conducted heat dissipation analysis and design for laptops using NX.

• ZERO (Autonomous Driving Student Club), Seoul National Univ.

04/2021 - 08/2021

Joined the Path Planning Team and participated in a study group focused on path planning algorithms using C++ and ROS.

Awards and Honors

• Company-sponsored Full-funded Scholarship

09/2018 - 02/2023

• Scholarship for Academic Excellence

09/2017, 03/2018

Additional Experience

• College Physics Tutor

03/2018 - 12/2018, 03/2021 - 12/2021

Skills

- Strong experience in training and transferring sim-to-real techniques, and demonstrating dynamic, contact-rich object manipulation.
- Proficient in Python, Isaac Gym, PyBullet, PyTorch, JAX, C++, and SolidWorks.
- Highly motivated with a strong ability to learn quickly and adapt to new challenges.