# KIJUNG JEON

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#### **EDUCATION**

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

Daejeon, Republic of Korea \*Mar. 2018 ∼

B.S in Electrical Engineering & Mathematical Science (Double major)

GPA: 4.26/4.30 (Overall), Major GPA: 4.30/4.30 (EE & Math)

(\* Left for mandatory military service: Jan. 2020  $\sim$  Aug. 2021)

Berkeley, CA, USA

UC Berkeley (Summer Session)

GPA: 4.0/4.0

May.  $2018 \sim \text{Aug. } 2018$ 

#### Selected courseworks

**EE**: Information theory, Signal processing, Linear system theory, Programming structure

Math: Statistical inference (Classical, Bayesian), Probability theory, Real analysis (+ Measure theory), Point-set topology, Linear algebra, Numerical analysis, Convex optimization, Differential geometry, Differential equations (PDE/ODE), Machine learning theory, Scientific machine learning (SciML)

# RESEARCH INTERESTS

- High-dimensional statistics, Statistical learning theory, Bayesian inference, Sampling & Optimization, Information theory
- · Theoretical aspects of machine learning and its applications to improve algorithm efficiency

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

## Inference and Information for Data Science (IIDS) Lab

KAIST EE

Advisor: Prof. Hye won Chung

*Dec. 2021* ∼

- (1) Efficient data crowdsourcing algorithms
- Studied matrix perturbation theory and efficient data crowdsourcing algorithms for multi-class labeling.
- (2) Mix-up training based on data valuation scores [lead project]
- · Studied various data valuation scores for efficient training of neural networks.
- Devised mix-up variant algorithm based on data valuation scores to accelerate mix-up training speed via feature learning perspective.
- · Verified data-dependent characteristics of efficient mix-up samples to accelerate transfer learning.

## Algorithmic Intelligence Laboratory (ALIN-LAB)

KAIST AI

Advisor: Prof. Jinwoo Shin

Dec.  $2022 \sim Aug$ . 2023

- (1) Information theoretical views of contrastive losses
- Studied variational bounds of mutual information, Renyi-mutual information, and compared mutual information estimation performance of variational bounds via neural network under correlated Gaussian distribution.
- (2) Analysis of mix-up in contrastive learning and its domain-agnostic application [lead project] [PDF]
- · Proved mix-up in contrastive learning with InfoNCE loss regularizes input directional derivatives.
- · Verified empirical effect of mix-up and theoretical generalization performance guarantee under supervised contrastive learning setting.

 Proposed domain-agnostic contrastive learning algorithm based on discrete patch mix-up exploiting transformer architecture.

# Statistical Inference and Machine Learning (SIML) Lab

KAIST AI

Advisor: Prof. Juho Lee

Jun.  $2023 \sim$ 

- (1) Understanding the cold posterior effect in Bayesian deep learning [lead project]
- · Studied theoretical framework of SGMCMC algorithms and their variations for efficient sampling.
- Verified under/over-damping behaviors of SGHMC with respect to hyperparameters and asymptotic behavior of SGHMC when decayed momentum is periodically re-sampled.
- Proved asymptotic weight norm behavior of SGHMC induces sampling from typical set under iso-tropic Gaussian posterior assumption via analysis of Fokker-Planck equations.

#### IN-CLASS PROJECTS

# Visualization of electric fields via PINNs (Physics-Informed Neural Networks) [PDF]

- · Visualized two-dimensional electric field by solving differential form of Gauss's law via PINNs.
- · Proposed effective method to stabilize training of PINNs based on data valuation scores.

# Efficient clustering algorithm for mixtures of high-dimensional iso-tropic Gaussians [PDF]

• Clustered mixtures of high-dimensional iso-tropic Gaussians using PCA followed by EM algorithm, verifying that iso-tropic Gaussian is invariant under PCA.

## **ACTIVITIES & WORK EXPERIENCE**

Freshman mentoring (Calculus 1) at KAIST

Mar.  $2019 \sim Jun. \ 2019$ 

Republic of Korea Army (ROK)

Jan.  $2020 \sim Aug. 2021$ 

## SKILLS & LANGUAGE

## **Programming Languages and Frameworks**

Python (+ Pytorch), Matlab, R, C, Latex, HTML

## Languages

Korean: Native, English: Fluent [TOEFL iBT MyBestScore™: 30/28/23/25 (R/L/S/W), Total:106/120]

# AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

# KAIST Presidential award, KAIST

Feb. 2018

Awarded to students with high entrance scores

KAIST Presidential Fellowship (KPF), KAIST

Feb.  $2018 \sim Aug. 2024$ 

National Excellence Scholarship for Science & Engineering, KOSAF

Feb.  $2018 \sim Aug. 2023$ 

Dean's List, School of Freshman, KAIST

Fall 2018

Dean's List, College of Engineering, KAIST

Spring 2019, 2023, Fall 2020, 2021, 2022

# Department Honors Scholarship, KAIST

Fall 2019, Spring 2022, 2023

Awarded to Top 4 highest GPA students in EE department for each semester