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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Candidate in Statistics (2020 -), Virginia Tech	<i>Blacksburg, VA, United States</i>
Advisor: Dr. Pang Du (Professor, Virginia Tech)	
Co-advisor: Dr. Yili Hong (Professor, Virginia Tech)	
M.S. in Statistics (2020), Sungkyunkwan University	<i>Seoul, Republic of Korea</i>
Advisor: Dr. Seyoung Park (Associate Professor, Yonsei University)	
B.Ec. in Statistics (2017), Sungkyunkwan University	<i>Seoul, Republic of Korea</i>

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Smoothing Splines, Functional Data Analysis, Survival Analysis, High-Dimensional Statistics

PUBLISHED PAPERS

- Cho, Y.**, Hong, Y., and Du, P. (2025), An Accurate Computational Approach for Partial Likelihood Using Poisson-Binomial Distributions, *Computational Statistics & Data Analysis*, Vol.208, 108161.
- Cho, Y.**, Do, Q., Du, P., and Hong, Y. (2024), Reliability Study of Battery Lives: A Functional Degradation Analysis Approach, *Annals of Applied Statistics*, Vol.18, No.4, 3185-3204.
- Cho, Y.** and Park, S. (2022), Multivariate Response Regression with Low-Rank and Generalized Sparsity, *Journal of the Korean Statistical Society*, Vol.51, 847-867.

PAPERS IN PROGRESS / UNDER REVIEW

- Cho, Y.** and Liu, M. (2025+), Effect-Wise Inference for Smoothing Spline ANOVA on Tensor-Product Sobolev Space.
- Cho, Y.** and Du, P. (2025+), Competing Risk Model with A Nonparametric Form of Spline-Estimated Relative Risks.
- Cho, Y.**, Lin, Z., Du, P., and Hong, Y. (2025+), Computing Partial Likelihood in Cox's Model with Competing Risks and Ties: A New Approach Using the Poisson Multinomial Distribution.
- Sim, E., **Cho, Y.**, and Jeong, S. (2025+), Introducing the Multilevel Analysis of Individual Heterogeneity and Discriminatory Accuracy (MAIHDA) to Quantitatively Examine Intersectional Workplace Inequities.
- Cho, Y.**, Lee, E., and Park, S. (2025+), Convolution-Smoothed Multiple-Response Quantile Regression: Estimation and Inference.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Acted as a reviewer for Statistica Sinica (1 submitted paper), Computational Statistics & Data Analysis (2 submitted papers), and Journal of the Korean Statistical Society (3 submitted papers).

TALKS

Reliability Study of Battery Lives: A Functional Degradation Analysis Approach

Colloquium at the Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. *Las Vegas, NV, United States, May 2025*

An Accurate Computational Approach for Partial Likelihood Using Poisson-Binomial Distributions

Invited talk at the American Statistical Association Virginia Chapter 2025 Annual Meeting. *Blacksburg, VA, United States, Sep. 2025*

Invited talk at the 2024 IMS International Conference on Statistics and Data Science (ICSDS). *Nice, France, Dec. 2024*

Contributed talk at the 2024 Joint Statistical Meetings (JSM). *Portland, OR, United States, Aug. 2024*

Contributed talk at the 2024 Joint Research Conference on Statistics in Quality, Industry, and Technology (JRC). *Waterloo, ON, Canada, Jun. 2024*

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Paper Award (\$500)	<i>Feb. 2025</i>
The 2025 Korean Academy of Human Resource Development in the Americas Best Paper Awards.	
Student Travel Award (\$800)	<i>Jul. 2024</i>
The 2024 Joint Research Conference on Statistics in Quality, Industry, and Technology (JRC).	
Academic Excellence Scholarship	<i>Fall 2019</i>
Dean's List	<i>Springs 2015, 2016</i>

WORK HISTORY

Virginia Tech: Research Assistant	<i>Blacksburg, VA, United States, Summers 2021, 2022, 2023</i>
Virginia Tech: Associate Collaborator in Statistical Applications and Innovations Group	<i>Blacksburg, VA, United States, Fall 2021 & Springs 2022, 2023</i>
LG Display: Staff	<i>Paju, Republic of Korea, Jul. 2017 - Jul. 2018</i>

TEACHING

STAT 5984: Linear Models for Data Science (presented twice as a guest speaker)	<i>Fall 2025</i>
STAT 3094: SAS Programming	<i>Fall 2024</i>
STAT 5684: Survival Analysis (covered two lectures as a guest lecturer)	<i>Spring 2024</i>

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Acted as a teaching assistant for both undergraduate and graduate-level courses.	<i>2019 - 2025</i>
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OTHERS

Grand Prize in the 2nd Radio Wave Big Data Creativity Contest (₩3,000k ≈ \$2,700)	<i>2016</i>
- Awarded by the Minister of Science and Technology in Republic of Korea	
Sliver Prize in the 4th Tourism Big Data Analysis Contest (₩1,000k ≈ \$900)	<i>2016</i>
Excellence Award in the 2nd Statistics Conference for Undergraduates	<i>2016</i>
Participation Prize in the 4th Public Data Entrepreneurship Contest Final (₩3,000k ≈ \$2,700)	<i>2016</i>
Participation Prize in the 1st Microdata Utilizing Contest	<i>2016</i>
Grand Prize in 2016 Idea Contest for Utilizing Public Data of Jeju Province	<i>2016</i>
Military Service	<i>Republic of Korea Air Force, Jun. 2012 - Jun. 2014</i>