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RESEARCH INTERESTS

I am interested in generative models and their applications to computer vision. Currently, I am working diffusion models, flow models, and one-step models to develop interactive video generation system, e.g., conversational virtual avatar agent system. I am also interested in foundation video generation models and their applications, and multimodal representation learning including audiovisual, vision-language, and vision-language-action learning.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence, KAIST

- Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang

M.S. in Mathematics, Yonsei University

- Thesis: Deep Scattering Transform with Max-pooling

- Advisor: Prof. Youngmi Hur

B.S. in Mathematics, Kookmin University

- Ranked 1st in department of mathematics. Graduated with top honors.

- Advisor: Prof. Won-Kwang Park

Sep. 2025 - Present

Seoul, South Korea

Mar. 2019 - Feb. 2021

Seoul, South Korea

Mar. 2015 - Feb. 2019 Seoul, South Korea

PUBLICATIONS

*: Equal contribution / †: Corresponding author

[P1] Frame Guidance: Training-Free Guidance for Frame-Level Control in Video Diffusion

Sangwon Jang*, Taekyung Ki*, Jaehyeong Jo, Jaehong Yoon, Soo Ye Kim, Zhe Lin, and Sung Ju Hwang[†]

Under Review, ArXiv 2025

[C4] FLOAT: Generative Motion Latent Flow Matching for Audio-driven Talking Portrait Taekyung Ki, Dongchan Min, and Gyeongsu Chae International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2025

[C3] Learning to Generate Conditional Tri-plane for 3D-aware Expression Controllable Portrait Animation

Taekyung Ki, Dongchan Min, and Gyeongsu Chae European Conference on Computer Vision (ECCV) 2024

[C2] StyleLipSync: Style-based Personalized Lip-sync Video Generation

Taekyung Ki* and Dongchan Min*

International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2023

[C1] Deep Scattering Network with Max-pooling

Taekyung Ki and Youngmi Hur[†]

IEEE Data Compression Conference (DCC) 2021

TALKS

FLOAT: Flow Matching for Audio-driven Talking Portrait Video Generation at Pika Labs (Host: Chenlin Meng, CTO)

RESEARCH AND WORKING EXPERIENCE

MLAI Lab at KAIST Mar. 2025 - Aug. 2025 Research Associate - Research on video diffusion models (Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang) **DeepBrainAI** (Mandatory military service, South Korea) Dec. 2023 - Mar. 2025 Research Scientist - Developing novel frameworks for human video generation **AITRICS** (Mandatory military service, South Korea) Mar. 2022 - Dec. 2023 Research Scientist - Working with Prof. Eunho Yang and Prof. Sung Ju Hwang - Developing novel frameworks for human video generation Feb. 2021 - Dec. 2021 **JENTI** Research Engineer - OCR and NLP-based document analysis Wavelets and Approximation Lab. at Yonsei University Aug. 2019 - Feb. 2021 Graduate Student Researcher (Advisor: Prof. Youngmi Hur) - Mathematical analysis on deep neural networks Scientific Computing Lab. at Kookmin University Mar. 2018 - Feb. 2019 Undergraduate Student Researcher (Advisor: Prof. Won-Kwang Park)

TEACHING

- Analysis

Teaching Assistant at Yonsei University

Mar. 2019 - Dec. 2020

Calculus 1-2, Linear algebra, Mathematics and biology, and Engineering mathematics (Vector calculus, Fourier analysis, Linear PDEs and statistics, etc.)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

1st Prize Winner at AI Grand Challenge 2021, Ministry of Science and ICT

BK 21 Scholarship, Department of Mathematics, Yonsei University

Sep. 2020 - Feb. 2021

Top Honors in Mathematics, Department of Mathematics, Kookmin University

Feb. 2019

Academic Scholarship, Department of Mathematics, Kookmin University

Sep. 2015 - Feb. 2019

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Conference Reviewer

- International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV)

2025

- Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition (CVPR)

2025

REFERENCES

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