Hun Tae Kim

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Research Interest

Large Language Models (LLMs), Synthetic Data Generation, Reinforcement Learning

EDUCATION

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)

Seoul, South Korea

B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

Mar 2019 - Feb 2025

- Current Cumulative GPA: 4.09 / 4.5 (95.9 / 100)
- Relevant Courses: Operating Systems, Reinforcement Learning, Computer Networks, System Programming

The University of Texas at Austin (UT Austin)

Austin, TX, USA

Exchange Student, Electrical and Computer Engineering

Aug 2022 - May 2023

- Cumulative GPA: 3.78 / 4.0
- Relevant Courses: Machine Learning and Edge AI, Computer Architecture, Algorithms, Data Science Laboratory

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Human Language Intelligence Lab, SKKU

Suwon, South Korea

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Prof. JinYeong Bak)

Jan 2024 - Aug 2024

- Developed modules for sentiment analysis, emotion classification, and self-relatedness for a mental health app in collaboration with Seoul Metropolitan Government and Hanyang Digital Healthcare Center
- Achieved over 89% accuracy using fine-tuned XLM-RoBERTa and LLM prompting techniques
- Conducted research on depression severity prediction using digital phenotyping and encoder-decoder architectures

System Level Design Group, UT Austin

Austin, TX, USA

Undergraduate Research Assistant (Advisor: Prof. Radu Marculescu)

May 2023 - Aug 2023

- Built and optimized a custom Federated Learning framework for edge devices, implementing Conv5 and MobileNetV1 models on Raspberry Pi and Odroid MC1
- Applied structural pruning and Top-k Sparsification, reducing communication rounds by 40%
- Processed 68,000 academic papers to classify research into nine topics and built citation networks using a two-layer GCN, achieving 91.13% accuracy and contributing to an IEEE Access publication

Publications

Three Decades of Low Power: From Watts to Wisdom

Feb 2024

M. Munir, S. Modi, G. Cooper, H. Kim and R. Marculescu

- Analyzed the interdisciplinary evolution and impact of low power technologies across multiple engineering fields using network science to map research trends over 30 years
- Published in IEEE Access, vol. 12, pp. 19447-19458, 2024, doi: 10.1109/ACCESS.2024.3361484

PATENTS & COPYRIGHTS

Data Analysis for Ministry of National Defense Mental Health Service

Sep 2024

- Engineered a data preprocessing and analysis pipeline for diary entries of Korean military personnel, supported by the Ministry of Science and ICT and the National Research Foundation of Korea
- Registered the analysis pipeline as a copyright at Korea Copyright Commission (Registration No. R-2024-0692-KR-1)

Emotion Diary Sentiment Classification and Analysis System

Jun 2024

- Developed a mental health monitoring system leveraging LLMs to analyze and quantify emotions in diary entries
- Patent pending, registered by Seoul National University Research & Development Foundation

SKKU Whiteboard Suwon, South Korea

Course: Artificial Intelligence Project, Supervisor: Prof. Hogun Park

Sep 2024 - Dec 2024

- Developed a video lecture summarization pipeline using sentence transformers and multiple merging strategies (KNN, DBSCAN) to efficiently process long transcripts (30k 60k tokens)
- Achieved competitive ROUGE scores and BERTScore using significantly smaller models (406M parameters) compared to traditional LLMs

AI Assisted Mental Health Diary Analyzer

Suwon, South Korea

Graduation Project, Supervisor: Prof. Jin Yeoung Bak

Mar 2024 - Oct 2024

- Developed a full-stack mental health support system integrating multiple LLMs for comprehensive diary analysis
- Implemented real-time voice counseling capabilities using OpenAI's Realtime API to facilitate natural conversational support for users

Edge AI Model Compression and Optimization

Austin, TX, USA

Course: Machine Learning and Edge AI, Supervisor: Prof. Radu Marculescu

Feb 2023 - Apr 2023

- Optimized MobileNet-v1 through structural pruning and quantization techniques, achieving a 65% reduction in inference time on Raspberry Pi and MC1 edge devices while maintaining model accuracy
- Received the Best Project Award for achieving the lowest energy consumption among competing teams

ACTIVITIES & LEADERSHIP

SungKyun English Debate Association

Seoul, South Korea

Vice President

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

• Organized and led weekly practice sessions focused on Asian and British parliamentary debate styles

• Represented SKKU in multiple tournaments hosted by the Korea Intervarsity Debate Association as both a debater and judge

Seoul Generative AI Explorers Society

Seoul, South Korea

Discussion Leader

Sep 2023 – Jun 2024

- Led bi-weekly discussions and trend analyses for across four universities, focusing on up to date AI trends
- Delivered in-depth analysis on consumer applications and enterprise solutions for generative AI

SG Maple Buddy Program

Seoul, South Korea

Buddy Assistant

Sep 2023 - Dec 2023

- Fostered connections between international exchange students through a cultural exchange program
- Assisted exchange students in adapting to Korean culture and campus life by organizing various activities

Teaching

SKKU International Mentoring

Suwon, South Korea

Teaching Mentor

Mar 2024 – Jun 2024

- Conducted weekly mentoring sessions for international students enrolled in the Computer Networks course
- Recognized with the Outstanding Mentor Award for exceptional performance

Honors & Awards

Outstanding Mentor Award, SKKU

Spring 2024

Best Project Award, UT Austin

Spring 2023

University Honors, UT Austin

Fall 2022, Spring 2023 Spring 2019

Sungkyun Software Full Scholarship, SKKU

Spring 2019 – Fall 2022

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Dean's List, SKKU

Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, Java, SQL

Machine Learning & Data Science: PyTorch, TensorFlow, ONNX, Scikit-Learn, Matplotlib

Other: LaTeX, Git, Shell, Docker