

# Jiwoo Kim

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Robotics, Reinforcement Learning, Geometric Deep Learning

## EDUCATION

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### Duke University, Ph.D.

Electrical and Computer Engineering  
advised by Prof. Miroslav Pajic

Aug.2024 - Present  
Seoul, Republic of Korea

### Yonsei University, B.S.

Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Mar.2021 - Feb.2024  
Seoul, Republic of Korea

### Kwangwoon University

Major in Electrical Engineering

Mar.2017 - Feb.2021  
Seoul, Republic of Korea

- Leave of absence due to military service 2018 - 2020
- Transfer to Yonsei University

## PUBLICATIONS

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[1] Hyunwoo Ryu, Jiwoo Kim, Junwoo Chang, Hyun Seok Ahn, Joohwan Seo, Taehan Kim, Yubin Kim, Jongeun Choi, Roberto Horowitz. **"Diffusion-EDFs: Bi-equivariant Denoising Generative Modeling on SE(3) for Visual Robotic Manipulation."** CVPR, 2024 (*Spotlight*)

[2] Junwoo Chang\*, Hyunwoo Ryu\*, Jiwoo Kim, Soochul Yoo, Joohwan Seo, Nikhil Prakash, Jongeun Choi, Roberto Horowitz. **"Denoising Heat-inspired Diffusion with Insulators for Collision Free Motion Planning."** NeurIPS Workshop on Diffusion Models, 2023 (\*Equal Contribution)

[3] Jiwoo Kim\*, Hyunwoo Ryu\*, Jongeun Choi, Joohwan Seo, Nikhil Prakash, Ruolin Li, Roberto Horowitz. **"Robotic Manipulation Learning with Equivariant Descriptor Fields: Generative Modeling, Bi-equivariance, Steerability, and Locality."** RSS Workshop on Symmetries in Robot Learning, 2023 (\*Equal Contribution) (*Oral, Best Paper Award*)

[4] Sarmad Idrees, Jiwoo Kim, Jongeun Choi, Soekman Son. **"Human Motion Prediction: Assessing Direct and Geometry-Aware Approaches in 3D Space."**, IEEE Access

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

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Best Academic Presentation Award.	Oct.2023
Best Paper Award at <i>RSS Workshop on Symmetries in Robot Learning</i>	Jul.2023
Jinri (Excellent Academic Performance) Scholarship by Yonsei Univ. × 2	Jun., Dec.2022
Samhwajibong Scholarship Foundation Scholarship	Jun.2022
Commendation Award for Social Services	May.2022

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### MLCS lab, Yonsei

Advised by Prof. Jongeun Choi  
*Undergraduate Research Intern*

Jul.2022 - Present

- Real-world Diffusion-EDF pick experiment using Franka Emika Panda showcased live.
  - Designed the end-to-end pick and place experiment code, engineered with ROS, C++, and Python for Franka Emika Panda, achieving a 85% success rate.
  - Applied RTAB-Map and point cloud reconstruction techniques for visual point cloud data.
  - Led a team of 4 interns during the project.
- Reinforcement Learning (RL) project using Mujoco for custom mobile manipulation.
  - Engineered an interface with Gym, Mujoco, and customized URDF files for our custom robot.
  - Implemented Soft Actor-Critic (SAC) algorithm enabling the robot to move and pick the object with high manipulability.

### Capstone Project

Jan.2022 - Jun.2022

Advised by Prof. Jong-Moon Chung

Team leader

- Study on Azure MEC Computation Offloading Based on 5G massive Machine-Type Communications (mMTC) and Ultra-Reliable and Low Latency Communications (URLLC).
  - Experimented IoT and UE Popularity-based Energy Optimization (IPEO) for data transfers based on real-time load and traffic conditions, using MATLAB and AWS server.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Engineering Information Processing (ENG1108)

Sep.2023 - Dec.2023

Teaching Assistant

- Facilitated interactive sessions on C programming with Linux OS for undergraduate students.

### RESEARCH SKILLS

Computer Languages	Python, ROS, C++, C
Simulations	Mujoco, Sapien, Pybullet, Gazebo
Modeling	Meshlab, Blender, AutoDesk360
Tools	MATLAB, Moveit, Latex

### ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

TOEFL

Total score : 114 / 120

(Reading: 29, Listening: 30, Speaking: 29, Writing: 26)

### LANGUAGE

English	Native
Korean	Native
Spanish	Intermediate

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

Electrical and Electronic Engineering Honor Society

2022 - 2024

- Led the study group on Reinforcement Learning (RL) and Digital Signal Processing (DSP) Class.

Served in the Republic of Korea Air force

2018 - 2020

- Served in the Republic of Korean Air Force, 8th Fighter Wing, Information and Communication Battalion, as a Base Communication Control Office (B.C.C.O) soldier.

Korean Red Cross Youth (RCY)

2017 - 2018

- Volunteered to help patients diagnosed with leprosy in the National Sorokdo Hospital, Republic of Korea.