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#### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Building capable AI agents for decision-making in challenging, real-world tasks, with language and multimodal models and reinforcement learning.

# WORK EXPERIENCE

## LG Management Development Institute Co., Ltd

Aug. 2023 - Present

AI Research Scientist

Aug. 2025 - Present

Postdoctoral Researcher

Aug. 2023 - Jul. 2025

- · Working on language and multimodal agents for decision making in challenging, real-world tasks
- · Manager: Prof. Honglak Lee

# ESTsoft, Seoul (Alternative Military Service)

Apr. 2013 - May 2016

Senior Software Engineer

· Developed the dual-engine web browser based on Chromium, a large-scale open source project that powers Google Chrome and more

# Google, Seoul

Jun. 2012 - Sep. 2012

Software Engineering Intern

· Worked on processing raw text data to generate formalized entries and reconciling them with existing entries, as part of the Knowledge Graph project

#### **EDUCATION**

# Seoul National University

Mar. 2018 - Aug. 2023

Integrated MS/PhD in Computer Science and Engineering

Vision & Learning Lab (Advisors: Prof. Gunhee Kim and Prof. Hyun Oh Song)

Dissertation: Generalizable Agents with Improved Abstractions and Transfer

Committee: Profs. Sungjoo Yoo, Gunhee Kim, Hyun Oh Song, Joonseok Lee, and Kimin Lee

# Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

Feb. 2010 - Jun. 2017

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science

GPA (Overall): 4.06/4.30

Graduated summa cum laude

GPA (Major): 4.21/4.30

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### (\*equal contribution)

1. Beyond Blind Following: Evaluating Robustness of LLM Agents under Imperfect Guidance

Yao Fu, Ran Qiu, Xinhe Wang, Jacob Sansom, Sathvika Ayyappa Prabhu, Huijie Tang, **Jaekyeom Kim**, Sungryull Sohn, Honglak Lee

Accepted for Workshop on AI Agents: Capabilities and Safety at COLM 2025

2. Scaling Web Agent Training through Automatic Data Generation and Fine-grained Evaluation

Lajanugen Logeswaran, Jaekyeom Kim, Sungryull Sohn, Creighton Glasscock, Honglak Lee

Accepted for publication at COLM 2025

3. Process Reward Models That Think

Muhammad Khalifa, Rishabh Agarwal, Lajanugen Logeswaran, **Jaekyeom Kim**, Hao Peng, Moontae Lee, Honglak Lee, Lu Wang

Preprint (Also accepted for Workshop on Test-time Scaling and Reasoning Models at COLM 2025)

4. MLRC-Bench: Can Language Agents Solve Machine Learning Research Challenges?

Yunxiang Zhang, Muhammad Khalifa, Shitanshu Bhushan, Grant D Murphy, Lajanugen Logeswaran, **Jaekyeom Kim**, Moontae Lee, Honglak Lee, Lu Wang

**Preprint** 

5. Do Not Trust Licenses You See: Dataset Compliance Requires Massive-Scale AI-Powered Lifecycle Tracing **Jaekyeom Kim\***, Sungryull Sohn\*, Gerrard Jeongwon Jo, Jihoon Choi, Kyunghoon Bae, Hwayoung Lee, Yongmin Park, Honglak Lee

Preprint

- Interactive and Expressive Code-Augmented Planning with Large Language Models
   Anthony Z. Liu, Xinhe Wang, Jacob Sansom, Yao Fu, Jongwook Choi, Sungryull Sohn, Jaekyeom Kim, Honglak Lee
   Preprint, Accepted for publication at ACL 2025
- 7. AutoGuide: Automated Generation and Selection of Context-Aware Guidelines for Large Language Model Agents

Yao Fu\*, Dong-Ki Kim\*, **Jaekyeom Kim**, Sungryull Sohn, Lajanugen Logeswaran, Kyunghoon Bae, Honglak Lee **NeurIPS 2024** (Proceeding)

- 8. Auto-Intent: Automated Intent Discovery and Self-Exploration for Large Language Model Web Agents

  Jaekyeom Kim, Dong-Ki Kim, Lajanugen Logeswaran, Sungryull Sohn, Honglak Lee

  EMNLP 2024 Findings (Proceeding)
- Small Language Models Need Strong Verifiers to Self-Correct Reasoning Yunxiang Zhang, Muhammad Khalifa, Lajanugen Logeswaran, Jaekyeom Kim, Moontae Lee, Honglak Lee, Lu Wang ACL 2024 Findings (Proceeding)
- Constrained GPI for Zero-Shot Transfer in Reinforcement Learning Jackycom Kim, Seohong Park, Gunhee Kim NeurIPS 2022 (Proceeding)
- Lipschitz-constrained Unsupervised Skill Discovery
   Seohong Park, Jongwook Choi\*, Jaekyeom Kim\*, Honglak Lee, Gunhee Kim
   ICLR 2022 (Proceeding)
- 12. Time Discretization-Invariant Safe Action Repetition for Policy Gradient Methods Seohong Park, **Jackyeom Kim**, Gunhee Kim

NeurIPS 2021 (Proceeding)

 Unsupervised Skill Discovery with Bottleneck Option Learning Jackycom Kim\*, Seohong Park\*, Gunhee Kim
 ICML 2021 (Proceeding)

 Drop-Bottleneck: Learning Discrete Compressed Representation for Noise-Robust Exploration Jackycom Kim, Minjung Kim, Dongycon Woo, Gunhee Kim
 ICLR 2021 (Proceeding)

15. Model-Agnostic Boundary-Adversarial Sampling for Test-Time Generalization in Few-Shot Learning **Jaekyeom Kim**, Hyoungseok Kim, Gunhee Kim

ECCV 2020 (Oral:  $104/5025 \approx 2\%$ ) (Proceeding)

16. EMI: Exploration with Mutual Information

Hyoungseok Kim\*, Jaekyeom Kim\*, Yeonwoo Jeong, Sergey Levine, Hyun Oh Song

ICML 2019 (Long talk:  $158/3424 \approx 4.6\%$ ) (Proceeding)

# **HONORS & AWARDS**

PhD Dissertation Award  Dept. of Computer Science and Engineering, Seoul National University	Aug. 2023
Star Student Researcher Award Brain Korea (BK21) FOUR Intelligence Computing, Seoul National University	Feb. 2023
Youlchon AI Star Fellowship Youlchon Foundation	Jul. 2022
Naver PhD Fellowship Naver	Dec. 2021
Google PhD Fellowship  Google	Sep. 2021
· Area: Machine Learning	
Samsung Humantech Paper Award Samsung Electronics	Feb. 2021
· Silver Prize in Signal Processing, award for research work	
Qualcomm Innovation Fellowship Korea Qualcomm AI Research	Dec. 2020
· Award for research work	
On-Dream Outstanding Scholar Award Hyundai Motor Chung Mong-Koo Foundation	Dec. 2020

# On-Dream Future Talent Graduate Scholarship

Hyundai Motor Chung Mong-Koo Foundation

· Full-tuition and additional scholarships for graduate study

# Kwanjeong Domestic Scholarship

Kwanjeong Educational Foundation

· Full-tuition and additional scholarships for 2 years

#### Summa Cum Laude Honor

Feb. 2018

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

# National Presidential Science Scholarship

Feb. 2010 - Jun. 2017

Jul. 2020 - Jul. 2021

Apr. 2018 - Mar. 2020

Korea Student Aid Foundation

· Full-tuition and additional scholarships for undergraduate study

# KAIST Convergence AMP Scholarship

Oct. 2016

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology

· Merit-based scholarship awarded to 5 recipients

# ACADEMIC SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

#### Conference Reviewer

- · ICML (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- · NeurIPS (2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- · ICLR (2022, 2023, 2024, 2025)
- · ACL Rolling Review (2024, 2025)
- · Workshops: Behavioral ML (NeurIPS 2024), Re-Align (ICLR 2025), Assessing World Models (ICML 2025)

### Teaching Assistant

- · Probabilistic Graphical Models (M1522.001300), Spring, 2022
- · Statistical Foundations for A.I. and Machine Learning (M2480.000500), Fall, 2021
- · Theory and Lab of IoT, AI, and Big Data (M2177.004900), Spring, 2021
- · Probabilistic Graphical Models (M1522.001300), Spring, 2020
- · Introduction to Deep Learning (M2177.004300), Spring, 2019
- · Engineering Mathematics 2 (033.015), Fall, 2018
- · Introduction to Deep Learning (M2177.004300), Spring, 2018