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EDUCATION

Korea University of Technology and Education

Mar 2016 –

CHALLENGES & AWARDS

Kaggle Challenges :: Competition Expert

- top 1% **Google Brain – Ventilator Pressure Prediction** (20 / 2605), 2021.
- top 4% **SIIM-FISABIO-RSNA-COVID-19 Detection** (47 / 1305), 2021.
- top 7% **Shopee – Price Match Guarantee** (166 / 2426), 2021.
- top 2% **Cornell Birdcall Identification** (24 / 1395), 2020.
- top 9% **ALAKSA2 Image Steganalysis** (93 / 1095), 2020.
- top 4% **Tweet Sentiment Extraction** (84 / 2227), 2020.
- top 4% **Flower Classification with TPUs** (27 / 848), 2020.
- top 4% **Bengali.AI Handwritten Grapheme Classification** (67 / 2059), 2020.
- top 3%, **Kannada MNIST Challenge** (28 / 1214), 2019.

Domestic Challenges

- 6th place, **NAVER NLP Challenge**, SRL Task, 2018.
- 4th / 13th place, **NAVER A.I Hackathon**, 2018.
- Final Round (Digital Forensic), **A.I R&D Challenge**, 2018.
- 9th place (3rd price, A book as an award), **TF-KR MNIST Challenge**, 2017.

PUBLICATIONS

- [1] Kim et al, [CNN ARCHITECTURE PREDICTING MOVIE RATING FROM AUDIENCE'S REVIEWS WRITTEN IN KOREAN](#). Jan. 2020.

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Watcha, Seoul, South Korea

Jun 2020 – Dec 2021

Machine Learning Researcher

- Developed a new sequential recommendation architecture. (named *Trans4Rec*)
 - Newly proposed transformer architecture to improve the performance in a general manner.
 - Apply proper post-processing logic into the model.
 - In A/B (online) test, *FutureFLAT* vs *Trans4Rec* (statistically significant p-value < 0.01)

Click Ratio: improved **1.01%+**

- Developed a music recommendation system (prototype)
- Developed a training recipe to train sequential recommendation architecture robustly. (In service), (named *FutureFLAT*)
 - Build a new module to understand better at the time of inference.
 - Apply augmentations to the various features, leads to performance gain and robustness.
 - In A/B (online) test, *FLAT* vs *FutureFLAT* (statistically significant p-value < 0.05)
 - **Compared to the previous model, there's been no (statistically significant) change.**
 - However, it still seems to be better on the **offline metrics & training stability**. So, we chose to use it.
 - In A/B (online) test, *Div2Vec* vs *FutureFLAT* (statistically significant p-value < 0.05)
- *Viewing Days (mean):** improved **1.012%+**
- *Viewing Minutes (median):** improved **1.015%+**
- Developed the model to predict users' view-time of the contents.
 - Predict how many people going to watch, how much time people going to watch the content before the content is supplied.
 - Find out which features impact users' watch.
- Developed the pipeline to recognize main actors from the poster & still-cut images.
 - Utilize SOTA face detector & recognizer.
 - Optimize pre/post-processing routines for low latency.
- Developed a novel sequential recommendation architecture to recommend what content to watch next. (In service), (named *FLAT*)
 - Achieve SOTA performance compared to previous SOTA architectures (e.g. *BERT4Rec*).
 - In A/B (online) test, *previous algorithm* vs *FLAT* (statistically significant p-value < 0.05)
- Paid Conversion:** improved **1.39%p+**
- *Viewing Days (mean):** improved **0.25%p+**
- *Viewing Minutes (median):** improved **4.10%p+**
- Click Ratio:** improved **4.30%p+**
- Play Ratio:** improved **2.32%p+**
- Developed Image Super-Resolution model to upscale movie & tv posters, still-cuts.
 - Optimize the codes for fast inference time & memory-efficiency on CPU.
 - In internal evaluation (qualitative evaluation by the designers), it catches details better & handles higher resolution & takes a little time.

- Working as a full-time.

% ***Viewing Days**: how many days users active on an app each month.

% ***Viewing Minutes**: how many minutes user watched the contents.

Rainist, Seoul, South Korea

Nov 2019 – Jun 2020

Machine Learning Engineer

- Developed the category classification model of card transactions, designed lightweight purpose for low latency. (In service)
 - In A/B (online) test (statistically significant p-value < 0.05)
 - *Accuracy**: improved about **25 ~ 30%p**
- Developed the RESTful API server to serve (general purpose) machine learning models.
 - Deployed & managed with K8s, utilized open source project.
 - Utilized inference-aware framework to reduce the latency.
 - **zero failure rate** (zero 40x, 50x error)
- Developed the classification model, forecasting the possibility of loan overdue.
- Worked as a full-time.

% ***Accuracy**: how many people don't update/change their transactions' category.

VoyagerX, Seoul, South Korea

Jan 2019 – Sep 2019

Machine Learning Engineer

- Developed speaker verification & diarization models to recognize the arbitrary speakers recorded from the noisy environments.
- Developed a semantic image segmentation model to identify a region of hair.
- Developed an image in-paint model to remove hair naturally from the face.
- Worked as an intern.

ELCID, Pangyo, Korea

Jun 2016 - Aug 2016

Penetration Tester

- Penetrated some products related to network firewall and anti-virus.
- Worked as a part-time job.

OUTSOURCING

Korea University Course Information Web Parsing, ITL July 2017 – Mar 2018

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE****Heterogeneous Parallel Computing Lab**, Cheonan, Korea Sep 2018 - Dec 2018

Undergraduate Research

- Wrote a paper about the CNN architecture, which utilizes a channel-attention method to TextCNN model, brings performance gain over the task while keeping its latency, generally.
- Handling un-normalized text with various convolution kernel size and spatial dropout.

TALKS**NAVER NLP Workshop 2018**, Pangyo, Korea

Dec 2018

- SRL Task, challenging without any domain knowledge. Presented about trials & errors during the competition.

PROJECTS**Generative****Awesome Generative Adversarial Networks (Stars 660+)**

July 2017 –

Implement lots of Generative Adversarial Networks in TF 1.x. & 2.x. Novelty of this project is implementing lots of GANs in TF 1.x & 2.x based on the papers with some tweaks.

gan-metrics (Stars 5)

Mar 2020 –

Implement lots of metrics for evaluating GAN in pytorch.

I2I Translation**Improved Content Disentanglement (Stars 3+)**

Sep 2019

Re-implement / tune 'Content Disentanglement' paper in pytorch.

Image Inpainting**Improved Edge-Connect (Stars 9)**

Oct 2019

Re-implement / tune 'Edge-Connect' paper in pytorch.

Style Transfer**Neural Image Style Transfer**

Mar 2018

Implement a neural image style transfer.

Segmentation**Awesome Segmentation (Stars 65+)**

Aug 2018

Implement lots of image semantic segmentation and ordered the papers.

Optimizer**pytorch-optimizer (Stars 15+)**

Sep 2021-

Bunch of optimizer implementations in PyTorch with clean-code, strict types. Also, including useful optimization ideas. Most of the implementations are based on the original paper, but I added some tweaks.

AdaBound Optimizer (Stars 40+) Jan 2019

Implement AdaBound Optimizer (Luo et al. 2019) w/ some tweaks in tensorflow.

RAdam Optimizer (Stars 4+) Sep 2019

Implement RAdam Optimizer (Liu et al. 2019) w/ some tweaks in tensorflow.

Super Resolution

Deep Residual Channel Attention Network (Stars 40+) Sep 2018

Implement a RCAN model in tensorflow.

Enhanced Super Resolution GAN (Stars 30+) Jun 2019

Implement an ESRGAN model in tensorflow.

Natural and Realistic SISR w/ Explicit NMD (Stars 5+) Apr 2020

Implement a NatSR model in pytorch.

NLP

Improved TextCNN (Stars 4+) Dec 2018

Implement an improved TextCNN model (Kim et al. 2020)

Text Tagging Dec 2018

Implement a text category classifier in tensorflow.

R.L **Rosetta Stone (Stars 510+)** Sep 2018-

Hearthstone simulator using C++ w/ some R.L.

I contributed to the project by implementing `feature extractor` and `neural network` in libtorch++.

Speech Synthesis **Tacotron** Jan 2019

Implement a google tacotron speech synthesis in tensorflow.

Open Source

Contributions **syzkaller** Apr 2018

New Generation of Linux Kernel Fuzzer :: Minor contribution [#575](#)

Transformers made simple with training, evaluating, and prediction possible with one line each :: Minor contribution [#290](#)