

# Hyeongchan Kim

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## EDUCATION

Korea University of Technology and Education

Mar 2016 –

## CHALLENGES & AWARDS

### Kaggle Challenges :: Competition Expert

- 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

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

### Capture The Flag (CTF)

- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Demon), **Boot2Root** CTF, 2018.
- Staff, Challenge Maker, **HackingCamp 17**, 2018.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Demon), **WhiteHat League 1**, 2017.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place (SeoulWesterns), **Harekaze CTF**, 2017.

### Hosts & Staffs

- Staff, **Belluminar CTF** (by POC), 2017.
- Challenge Maker, **KID CTF** (by POC), 2017.
- Challenge Maker, **Power of XX CTF** (by POC), 2017.
- Staff & Challenge Maker, **HackingCamp 16** (by POC), 2017.
- Staff & Challenge Maker, **CodeGate OpenCTF**, 2017.
- Staff & Challenge Maker, **HackingCamp 15** (by POC), 2017.
- Conference Staff, **POC**, 2016.

## PUBLICATIONS

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

[1] [zer0day](#), Windows Anti-Debugging Techniques (CodeEngn Archive) Sep. 2016.

## INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

**Watcha**, Seoul, South Korea

Jun 2020 – Present

Machine Learning Researcher

- 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

**AWS CloudTrail logger analyzer / formator**, ELCID Sep 2019 – Oct 2019

## 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 635+)** 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.

<b>Segmentation</b>	<b>Awesome Segmentation (Stars 65+)</b> Implement lots of image semantic segmentation and ordered the papers.	Aug 2018
<b>Optimizer</b>	<b>AdaBound Optimizer (Stars 40+)</b> Implement AdaBound Optimizer (Luo et al. 2019) w/ some tweaks in tensorflow.	Jan 2019
	<b>RAdam Optimizer (Stars 4+)</b> Implement RAdam Optimizer (Liu et al. 2019) w/ some tweaks in tensorflow.	Sep 2019
<b>Super Resolution</b>	<b>Deep Residual Channel Attention Network (Stars 40+)</b> Implement a RCAN model in tensorflow.	Sep 2018
	<b>Enhanced Super Resolution GAN (Stars 30+)</b> Implement an ESRGAN model in tensorflow.	Jun 2019
	<b>Natural and Realistic SISR w/ Explicit NMD (Stars 5+)</b> Implement a NatSR model in pytorch.	Apr 2020
<b>NLP</b>	<b>Improved TextCNN (Stars 4+)</b> Implement an improved TextCNN model (Kim et al. 2020)	Dec 2018
	<b>Text Tagging</b> Implement a text category classifier in tensorflow.	Dec 2018
<b>R.L</b>	<b>Rosetta Stone (Stars 510+)</b> Hearthstone simulator using C++ w/ some R.L. I contributed to the project by implementing `feature extractor` and `neural network` in libtorch++.	Sep 2018-
<b>Speech Synthesis</b>	<b>Tacotron</b> Implement a google tacotron speech synthesis in tensorflow.	Jan 2019
<b>Open Source Contributions</b>	<b>syzkaller</b> New Generation of Linux Kernel Fuzzer :: Minor contribution <a href="#">#575</a>	Apr 2018

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