

NGUYEN MINH DUC

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Education

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology, Republic of Korea

Sep 2020 – Aug 2024

Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Engineering, Minor in Industrial Engineering

GPA: 4.02/4.3

Recipient of UNIST Global Dream Scholarship that covers full tuition and living expenses for all semesters

Thesis: *Automated Math Reasoning: Solving Optimization Problems with Open Source Large Language Model* ([GitHub link](#))

Experience

Human-AI Interaction and Visualization Lab

Jun 2022 – Present

Undergraduate Research Intern, supervised by Professor Sungahn Ko

Ulsan, Republic of Korea

- Lead and published a research paper on automated mathematical reasoning with open-source Large Language Models.
- Optimized the rendering time of the system's front-end by more than 50%, ensuring a smooth user experience.
- Improved the graph operations performance by 10 times using C++ and *pybind11*.
- Implemented the low-resource utilization data collection mechanism on mobile phone, improving users' experience.
- Designed and implemented the system's database for efficient data retrieval capable of handling hundreds of requests.
- Streamlined the data downloading process, boosting the loading time by more than 20%.

Ulsan National Institute of Science and Technology

Mar 2022 – Present

Teaching Assistant

Ulsan, Republic of Korea

- Courses: *Introduction to AI Programming I, II; Discrete Mathematics; Calculus I; and Information Visualization*
- Responsible for answering questions, and grading students' assignments/exams for more than 100 students per course.

Publication

1. Joohee Kim, Hyunwook Lee, **Duc M. Nguyen**, Minjeong Shin, Bum Chul Kwon, Sungahn Ko, and Niklas Elmqvist. "DG Comics: Semi-Automatically Authoring Graph Comics for Dynamic Graphs". In *Proceedings of the IEEE Visualization Conference (IEEE VIS)*, 2024.
2. **Duc M. Nguyen**, and Sungahn Ko. "Solving Optimization Problems with Open Source Large Language Model". In *AI4Math Workshop at the International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)*, 2024.

Open Source Contribution

AI4Finance-Foundation/FinRL

[GitHub link](#)

Contributor

9k+ stars

- Refactored the legacy code base to be compatible with the current dependencies' requirements.
- Fixed major bugs that prevented the deployment of the Deep Reinforcement Learning Agent to trading platforms, potentially affected thousands of users

Projects

Portfolio Optimization | *Pytorch, FinRL, Algorithmic Trading* [GitHub](#)

Sep – Nov 2023

- Finalist at S&P Global-KAIST-UNIST-Kyung Hee University Quant Investment Model Competition.
- Lead researcher for developing Deep Reinforcement Learning models using PyTorch and FinRL.
- Proposed a novel Actor-Critic network based on multiple 1-dimensional Convolution Neural Networks.
- Deep Reinforcement Learning outperforms classical methods by more than 8 folds in terms of Sharpe Ratio.

UNISTAGRAM | *Spring Boot, React, WebSocket, MongoDB* [GitHub](#)

Mar – Jun 2023

- A centralized platform for UNIST students to communicate freely.
- Back-end leader that is responsible for more than 70% of the back-end implementation.
- Designed database schema and optimized query time by 25%, ensuring a smooth user experience.
- Assisted 40% workload in front-end development, mainly optimized states, and hooks, which boosts 30% loading time

Technical Skills

Languages: C/C++, Python, Typescript/Javascript, Bash Script, Kotlin, Dart, PHP, Scala, Matlab, Ruby, LaTeX

Database: MongoDB, SQLite, MySQL

Front-end Frameworks: React, NextJs, ExpressJs, Flutter

Back-end Frameworks: FastAPI, Flask, Django

Deep Learning Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, HuggingfaceTransformers