

## 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

Summa Cum Laude. Recipient of UNIST Global Dream Scholarship that covers full tuition and living expenses.

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

Coursework: Software Engineering, Operating System, Computer Network, Artificial Intelligence, Deep Learning, Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Financial Engineering, Algorithmic Trading, Time Series Analysis, etc..

# 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.
- Analyzed state-of-the-art prompt engineering techniques for automated mathematical reasoning.
- Proposed and implemented a novel automated program repair algorithm that improves LLM's performance by 10%.
- 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 thousands of UNIST students to communicate and connect freely and easily.
- 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, Flutter

Back-end Frameworks: FastAPI, Flask, ExpressJs, Django

Deep Learning Frameworks: Pytorch, Tensorflow, HuggingfaceTransformers