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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley Aug '25 -

Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science

Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research (BAIR) lab

Advisor: Sergey Levine and Pieter Abbeel

Seoul National University Mar '19 - Aug '25

B.S. in Computer Science & Engineering

B.S. in Mathematical Sciences (Minor)

* Leave of absence for military service: July 2021 - Jan 2023

Stanford University Jun '23 - Aug '23

Visiting student

Gyeonggi Science High School Mar '16 - Feb '19

High school for gifted students in science and mathematics

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Offline reinforcement learning
- Model-based reinforcement learning
- Unsupervised reinforcement learning
- Robot learning

PUBLICATIONS (* denotes equal contribution.)

1. **Kwanyoung Park**, Youngwoon Lee
Model-based Offline Reinforcement Learning with Lower Expectile Q-Learning
International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), 2025
2. Junik Bae, **Kwanyoung Park**, Youngwoon Lee
TLDRL: Unsupervised Goal-Conditioned RL via Temporal Distance-Aware Representations
Conference on Robot Learning (**CoRL**), 2024
3. **Kwanyoung Park***, Hyunseok Oh*, Youngki Lee
VECA: A New Benchmark and Toolkit for General Cognitive Development
AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (**AAAI**), 2022
(Oral presentation, Acceptance Rate: 384/9,251 = 4.15%)
4. Junseok Park, **Kwanyoung Park**, Hyunseok Oh, Ganghun Lee, Minsu Lee, Youngki Lee, Byoung-Tak Zhang
Toddler-Guidance Learning: Impacts of Critical Period on Multimodal AI Agents
ACM International Conference on Multimodal Interaction (**ICMI**), 2021
(Oral presentation)
5. **Kwanyoung Park**, Junseok Park, Hyunseok Oh, Byoung-Tak Zhang, Youngki Lee
Learning Task-agnostic Representation via Toddler-inspired Learning
NeurIPS 2020 Workshop on BabyMind, 2020

EXPERIENCE

Berkeley Artificial Intelligence Research (BAIR) Aug '25 -

- *PhD Student* (Advisor: [Sergey Levine](#), [Pieter Abbeel](#))

- Researching on scaling model-based offline RL method to long-horizon tasks, with extremely long model-generated rollouts.
- Researching on meta-RL approach for model-based RL, where the agent can find their own planning strategy through interaction.

Yonsei RL Lab

Jan '24 - Aug '25

- *Undergraduate Research Intern* (Advisor: [Youngwoon Lee](#))

- Researched on a model-based offline RL method that enables reliable long simulated rollouts (15 steps) by applying lower-expectile regression to λ -returns, improving long-term decision-making [1].
- Participated in research on a goal-conditioned unsupervised RL algorithm that utilizes temporal distances [2].

SNU Human-Centered Computer Systems Lab

Feb '23 - Dec '23

- *Undergraduate Research Intern* (Advisor: [Youngki Lee](#))

- Researched on a NeRF model architecture (with Gaussian Splatting) that can reduce network consumption for on-device applications.

Ministry of National Defense

Jul '21 - Jan '23

- *Research Engineer (Military Service)*

- Worked as main developer of an NLP project
- Trained a BERT-based model for Korean language and fine-tuned it for sentence generation.

SNU Human-Centered Computer Systems Lab

Jun '19 - Jun '21

- *Undergraduate Research Intern* (Advisor: [Youngki Lee](#))

- Developed VECA, which is the first benchmark to assess the overall cognitive development of an AI agent, including a toolkit to generate diverse and distinct cognitive tasks [3].
- Researched the impact of guidance (e.g. offline trajectory, dense rewards) during reinforcement learning and its performance on transfer learning [4].
- Developed a representation learning algorithm based on the agents interaction using VECA [5].

SCHOLARSHIPS

KFAS Overseas PhD Scholarship Sep '25 -

- [Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies \(KFAS\)](#)
- Stipend support during the doctoral studies.

Presidential Science Scholarship

Mar '19 - Present

- [Korea Student Aid Foundation \(KOSAF\)](#)
- Full tuition, living expenses support for undergraduate studies.

Gyeonggi-do Special Scholarship (Science Technology)

Mar '16 - Feb '19

- Gyeonggi-do
- Full-ride scholarship

AWARDS

- 2025 | **Summa Cum Laude**, Seoul National University
- 2023 | **Special Award**, MAICON 2023 (Military AI Competition)
- 2022 | **Special Award**, MAICON 2022 (Military AI Competition)
- 2018 | **Honorable Mention**, IMMC (International Mathematical Modeling Challenge)
- 2018 | **Bronze Prize**, Samsung Humantech Paper Award (Advisor: Hyunju Ju)
Modeling a Remora-Inspired Sucker Structure for Ship Flood Prevention Pads
- 2015 | **1st place**, KOI (Korea Olympiad in Informatics)

SKILLS

Programming Language

- C, C++, Python (Pytorch, Tensorflow, Jax), C# (Unity), Java

Machine Learning

- Reinforcement learning, Vision, 3D geometry (NeRF), NLP

Languages

- Korean: Native
- English: Proficient
 - GRE: 163/170 (Verbal), 169/170 (Quant), 4.5/6.0 (Writing)
- Japanese: Proficient
 - JLPT N1: 168/180

SERVICES

Reviewer

- Conferences: ICLR 2025, NeurIPS 2026
- Workshops: WCBM @ CoRL 2024, World Models @ ICLR 2025

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

- AAI4160 Reinforcement Learning, Spring 2024