Sangkyu Lee

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RESEARCH INTEREST

Embodied AI, Omni-modal Model, AI Alignment, Long-term Memory, Continual Learning

EDUCATION

Yonsei University

Mar. 2023 – Present

M.S. in Artificial Intelligence (Advisors: Youngjae Yu, Jongmin Lee)

Seoul, Korea

Yonsei University

Mar. 2021 – Feb. 2023

B.A. in Applied Statistics, B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering (CGPA: 4.06/4.30)

Seoul, Korea

Hanyang University

Mar. 2017 – Feb. 2021

Major in Economics and Finance (Transferred, Includes a 2-year mandatory military service) Seoul, Korea

Research Experience

Research Scientist Intern

Sep. 2025 – Present

Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Institute, KIST (Mentors: Hwasup Lim, Tackgeun You) Seoul, Korea Researching real-time robotics policy that is capable of replanning based on the environmental feedback

Mar. 2023 – Aug. 2025 Research Assistant

Multimodal Intelligence Research Lab, Yonsei University (PI: Youngjae Yu)

Seoul, Korea

Participated as a founding member and took charge of topics related to robotics foundation models

Research Scientist Intern

Sep. 2024 – Aug. 2025

Language Lab, LG AI Research (Mentors: Honglak Lee, Hosung Song, Janghoon Han) Seoul, Korea Researched for improving Direct Preference Optimization and autoregressive visual generations

Technical Lead Jan. 2024 – May 2024

World Model for Robotics and Vehicle Control Team, maumAI

Seongnam, Korea

Led the development project of the world foundation model for robotics and autonomous vehicles

Research Scientist Intern

Jul. 2023 – Jan. 2024

Foundation Research Team, Naver Cloud (Mentors: Kang Min Yoo, Sungdong Kim) Seongnam, Korea Participated in the alignment of HyperCLOVA X and researched the self-alignment of large language models

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Jul. 2022 – Aug. 2022

Big Data Analytics and Learning Lab, Yonsei University (PI: Noseong Park)

Seoul, Korea

Researched Neural Operator and Stratonovich SDE for the reverse-time process of diffusion models

Publications

Conference Papers

[C4] KL Penalty Control via Perturbation for Direct Preference Optimization Sangkyu Lee, Janghoon Han, Hosung Song, Stanley Jungkyu Choi, Honglak Lee, Youngjae Yu NeurIPS 2025

[C3] Speaking Beyond Language: A Large-Scale Multimodal Dataset for Learning Nonverbal Cues from Video-Grounded Dialogues

Youngmin Kim*, Jiwan Chung*, Jisoo Kim, Sunghyun Lee, **Sangkyu Lee**, Junhyeok Kim, Cheoljong Yang, Youngjae Yu

ACL 2025

[C2] MASS: Overcoming Language Bias in Image-Text Matching Jiwan Chung, Seungwon Lim, **Sangkyu Lee**, Youngjae Yu $AAAI\ 2025$

[C1] Aligning Large Language Models by On-Policy Self-Judgment Sangkyu Lee, Sungdong Kim*, Ashkan Yousefpour, Minjoon Seo, Kang Min Yoo, Youngjae Yu* ACL 2024

Preprints & Technical Reports

[P1] SEAL: Entangled White-box Watermarks on Low-Rank Adaptation Giyeong Oh, Saejin Kim, Woohyun Cho, **Sangkyu Lee**, Jiwan Chung, Dokyung Song, Youngjae YuarXiv

[T1] HyperCLOVA X Techinal Report HyperCLOVA X Team (Contributor; Sangkyu Lee) \underline{arXiv}

Honors and Awards

Partial Scholarship, Yonsei University (Spring 2023) Academic Honors, Yonsei University (Fall 2021)

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Reviewer, ICLR (2025)

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, AAI5012: Advanced Video Processing (Fall 2023) Lecture Instructor, Samsung AI Specialist Course (Jul. 2023)

Extracurricular Activities

Student Society: Lead of Data Science Team, YBIGTA, Yonsei University (Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2023) Club Activity: Band Leader (Lead Vocalist), SRGB, Hanyang University (Mar. 2017 – Feb. 2019)

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, Java, R, MATLAB

Frameworks: PyTorch, PyTorch Lightning

Libraries: Transformers, TRL, Accelerate, DeepSpeed, vLLM, Diffusers, scikit-learn, Optuna Math Coursework: Real Analysis, Mathematical Statistics, Linear Algebra, Numerical Analysis

Language Proficiency: Korean (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Fluent)