Education Princeton University

A.B. in Mathematics, Department GPA 3.97/4.0

Princeton, NJ, USA Sep 2017 - May 2013

Certificates: Applications of Computing, Statistics and ML

(Leave of Absence for Military Service)

(2019 - 2021)

Interests

Machine Learning Theory, Deep Learning Theory, Optimization, Natural Language Processing

Research Experience

Machine Learning Theory

1. Effect of L2 Regularization on ReLU Networks

Current

Advisor: Boris Hanin

- Analyzing how L2 regularization on infinite-width, 1-layer networks restricts the function space for 2-dimensional data
- Providing more insight into what it means to minimize total deviation norm of the gradient of a function on high dimensional input
- 2. Robustness of Shapley Values for Data Valuation

Spring 2022

Advisor: Sanjeev Arora

- Analyzed the robustness of Shapley values across different training settings
- Proposed a novel approach of approximating Shapley values by evaluating on simpler models with similarly expressive power

Natural Language Processing

1. Effectiveness of In-Context Learning

Current

Advisor: Dangi Chen

- Analyzing empirically what aspects of in-context learning contribute to opendomain QA and summarization tasks
- Shuffling gold answers, extracting random sentences from contexts, selecting random English words with the same semantic meaning, etc.

2. Joint Multi-task Language Model

Spring 2022

Advisor: Karthik Narasimhan

• Proposed a variation of a joint multi-task language model for Vietnamese that outperforms the baseline model

Theoretical Computer Science

1. General Matroid Secretary Problem

Spring 2022

Advisor: Matt Weinberg

- Proposed multiple algorithms for the Matroid Secretary Problem generalized from the ordinary Secretary Problem
- Proved their properties using the greedy algorithm and forbidden set frameworks

2. Free-Order Matroid Secretary Problem

Fall 2021

Advisor: Matt Weinberg

- Proposed a variation to an algorithm with a competitive ratio of 4
- \bullet For uniform matroids, proved that the variation has a constant competitive ratio; conjectured that the ratio converges to e if the size of the matroid tends to infinity
- \bullet For general matroids, empirically observed that the algorithm is likely to have a competitive ratio close to e

3. Applications of Polynomial Methods

Fall 2021

Advisor: Alan Chang

• Studied how polynomial methods can be applied to Joints and Nikodym Problems

Transportation Research and Urban Engineering Lab

KAIST

Advisor: Yoonjin Yoon (Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering)

- 1. Resiliency of East Asian Air Network to Adversarial Attacks

 Summer 2019
 - Through simulations, presented that the East Asian air network is more robust to adversarial attacks than the global network
- 2. Prediction of Seoul Metro Ridership

Summer 2019

• Designed a LSTM model to predict the hourly ridership of Seoul metro

Publication

Arora, S., Park, S., Jacob, D., and Chen, D., "Introduction to Machine Learning: Lecture Notes for COS324 at Princeton University," 2022. [link]

Park, S., "Extension of Simple Algorithms to the Matroid Secretary Problem," 2022. [link]

Awards

Shapiro Award for Academic Excellence

Sep 2019

Princeton University, Top 3% of Class

Hanseong Sonjaehan Scholarship Foundation

Aug 2015

Top 150 in Republic of Korea

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Machine Learning ${\tt Undergraduate}\ {\tt TA}$

Current

Fall 2018

LaTeX Trainer Lab TA

Current
Introduction to Programming Systems Lab TA

Algorithms and Data Structures Lab TA

Spring 2022, Current
Spring 2022, Current
Algorithms and Data Structures Grader

Spring 2019, Fall 2021

Computer Science: An Interdisciplinary Approach Grader

Skills

Programming Languages: Fluent in Java, Python, C / Familiar with R, SQL **Natural Languages:** Native in Korean / Fluent in English, Mandarin Chinese

Relevant Coursework

Computer Science (graduate courses in **bold**, courses for next semester in *italics*)

• Mathematical Understanding of Deep Learning, Understanding Large Language Models, Advanced Algorithm Design, *Optimization for Machine Learning*, Introduction to Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, *Neural Networks: Theory and Applications*

Mathematics

• Real/Complex Analysis, Algebra, Probability, Statistics, Stochastic Systems, Theory of Computation, Game Theory, Analysis of Big Data

Extracurricular Activities

Korean Augmentation to the US Army

Nov 2019 - Jun 2021

Translated for high-ranking officers

Korean Students Association at Princeton Feb 2019 - May 2019

Events Director

Harvard-MIT Math Tournament Feb 2019

Grader

Princeton University Math Competition Nov 2018

Tech Team, Problem Reviewer