Seokchan Ahn

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Interests

Natural Language Processing, Internet of Things, Model Compression

EDUCATION

Seoul National University

Aug 2018

B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering, B.B.A. (Dual Degree)

Seoul, Korea

Work

Samsung Research

Jul 2018 - present

Experiences Research Engineer, Machine Translation Seoul, Korea

- Established strong baseline of Korean—English End-to-End Speech-to-Text translation comparable to cascaded version by leveraging weakly-supervised data.
- Improved performance of Korean→English cascaded Speech-to-Text translator using domain adaptation techniques.
- Improved performance and robustness of Korean↔English text translation models by data augmentation, data filtering.
- Compressed text translation models for mobile translator app using techniques such as matrix factorization, pruning, and quantization.
- Developed tools for corpus management, filtering and augmentation to accelerate research.

Korean National Police Agency

Jan 2014 - Oct 2015

Software Developer (Alternative Military Service)

Seoul. Korea

- Developed ERP system for supplies, consumables, and budget management as web service using LAMP (Linux, Apache HTTP, MySQL, PHP) stack that became a de facto standard in every police station in South Korea.
- Developed statute book Android application using government API.

Research Experiences

Biointelligence Lab, Seoul National University

Mar - Jun, 2019

Independent Research (Advisor: Prof. Byoung-Tak Zhang)

Seoul, Korea

- Designed and implemented a Skim-RNN model with three or more skimming levels.
- Achieved similar accuracy on QA tasks while reducing computations up to 10.27x less than Skim-RNN with two levels.

Architecture and Code Optimization Lab, Seoul National University Research Intern (Advisor: Prof. Jae W. Lee)

Jan - Mar, 2018 Seoul, Korea

- Implemented tiled convolution kernel with OpenCL for FPGAs.
- Investigated optimizable factors in data movement and kernel computation.

Publications

Seokchan Ahn, Kyungtae Kim, and Byoung-Tak Zhang. "Improving Natural Language Reading Performance with Extended Skim-RNNs." In Korea Computer Congress, 2018. [pdf]

Works in Progress "Language-Modulation based Multilingual Speech Recognition." In IEEE ICASSP, 2021. (Submitted)

Honors and Awards

Finalist Samsung Electronics IoT Innovation Challenge, developed indoor positioning system 2016

2nd Place Samsung Electronics Home Appliance Idea Competition 1nd Place LG CNS IoT Hackathon, developed data transferring app using camera

2015

2nd Place LG CNS IoT Hackathon, developed IoT-powered gym system

2014

2016

Technical Skills **Programming Languages** Python, Shell script, Perl, C, C++, Java, Javascript, SQL, PHP

Tensorflow, Tensor2Tensor, PyTorch, Marian DL Frameworks

Operating Systems Linux, Android

Cluster Software Docker, Kubernetes, Spark, Hadoop, LSF Projects

File Transfer via Camera, LG CNS

IoT Hackathon Participant

Aug 2015 Seoul, Korea

- Implemented Android app that can send files through display or printout.
- Skills: Java, Android

Indoor Positioning System for Shopping Cart, Samsung Electronics IoT Innovation Challenge Participant

Sep - Dec, 2016 Seoul, Korea

- Implemented indoor positioning system on shopping cart using Samsung ARTIK IoT platform.
- Enhanced Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) beacon based localization with particle filter.
- Calibrated location with pedestrian dead reckoning (PDR) and IR sensors on the wheels.
- Skills: Linux, IoT

VOD Demand Forecasting, Castis (VOD Company)

Mar - Jun 2017 Seoul, Korea

Creative Integrated Design 2, Seoul National University

- Designed and implemented demand forecasting model using LSTM for region caching.
- Achieved accuracy of 94.4%, improved by 11.3% than previous heuristic based method.
- Skills: PyTorch, Spark

Google Summer of Code 2017

Jun - Aug. 2017 Seoul, Korea

Participant with Apache

- Designed node labeling API for Apache REEF that enable clusters to allocate jobs into the most suitable worker node.
- Tested API on distributed system using Apache Hadoop Yarn.
- Skills: Java, Hadoop

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Creative Fusion Project, Seoul National University

Sep - Dec, 2018 Seoul, Korea

- As project in human-computer interaction class, designed system that helps students to be connected with their classmates and implemented as Android messenger app.
- Submitted to CHI2018 Student Design Competition, of which theme was 'engage'.
- Skills: Interaction Design, Android

Teaching

Undergraduate Mentoring Program, Seoul National University Mentor

Mar - Dec, 2017 Seoul, Korea

• Helped undergraduate students with basic C++, Java programming and answered questions regarding CS courses in person.

Extracurricular ETI (Entry into Technology & Industry)

Jun - Aug, 2019 Seoul, Korea

ACTIVITIES Editor

- Organized and participated in running blog and facebook page that provide tech news, reviews, and analysis on tech companies.
- Interviewed Korean tech startups and wrote articles for them.
- Website: https://etinow.me, Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/etinow

Media Arts Club Cre8s

Sep - Dec, 2016

Member

Seoul, Korea

- Held Raspberry Pi workshop for media arts.
- Produced hardware parts of works using CAD and 3D printer