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Research Objectives

My research centers on Human-Robot Collaboration, Human-Centered AI, and Human Behavior Modeling. During my PhD, I developed imitation learning algorithms that can learn more general agent policies from diverse human behaviors, and an AI-based coaching algorithm that improves human-human and human-robot teamwork.

Education

Rice University, Houston, TX *Aug 2019 – Present*

Ph.D. in Computer Science

- Thesis (Tentative): AI-Assisted Teamwork

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea *Mar 2013 – Feb 2015*

M.S in Bioengineering

- Thesis: Performance Enhancement in Heart Rate Variability Analysis with Constrained Missing RR Interval Estimation

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea *Mar 2009 – Feb 2013*

B.S. in Electrical and Computer Engineering

- Thesis: Multiplexing of Bead-Based Immunoassays using a BioMEMS

Research Experience

Human-Centered AI and Robotics Group, Rice University *Aug 2020 – Present*

Ph.D. Candidate (Advisor: Prof. Vaibhav Unhelkar)

- Proposed an automated task-time intervention system to improve teamwork during tasks
- Developed sample- and label-efficient imitation learning algorithms to learn a generative model of team behavior
- Developed a hierarchical imitation learning algorithm to learn the intentional behavior of experts from demonstrations
- Implemented multiple web-based teamwork simulators

Biomedical Signal and Information Lab, Seoul National University *Feb 2013 – Feb 2015*

M.S Student (Advisor: Prof. Kwang Suk Park)

- Developed signal processing algorithms for daily monitoring of physiological signals
- Developed autoregressive-moving-average-based interpolation methods to fill in missing RR-interval values to enhance heart rate variability analysis

Biophotonics and Nano Engineering Lab, Seoul National University *Dec 2011 – Jun 2012*

Research Intern (Advisor: Prof. Sunghoon Kwon)

- Designed and implemented biomedical microelectromechanical systems (Bio-MEMS)

Industry Experience

Honda Research Institute USA, San Jose, CA *May 2024 – Aug 2024*

Research Intern

- Human behavior modeling and optimization for human-aware automation
- Developed mathematical models to capture changes in human propensities for interacting with other agents and learned these models from demonstrations.
- Inferred individual interaction propensities with other agents from observable states and actions using sequential Monte Carlo methods

Coreline Soft, Seoul, South Korea *Apr 2016 – Jun 2019*

Associate Research Engineer

- Responsible for developing algorithms for AVIEW MODELER, a medical 3D printing solution
- Developed geometric modeling and processing algorithms
- Implemented a volume and surface rendering pipeline

Agency for Defense Development, Daejeon, South Korea
Researcher

Mar 2015 – Mar 2016

- Developed a telemetry system for aircraft

* My employment at the Agency for Defense Development and Coreline Soft is recognized as fulfilling the compulsory military service in South Korea.

Publications

Full Papers

- **S. Seo** and V. V. Unhelkar, "IDIL: Imitation Learning of Intent-Driven Expert Behavior", *23rd International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)*, 2024 (Acceptance rate 25%)
- **S. Seo**, B. Han and V. V. Unhelkar, "Automated Task-Time Interventions to Improve Teamwork using Imitation Learning", *22nd International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)*, 2023 (Acceptance rate 23.3%)
- **S. Seo** and V. V. Unhelkar, "Semi-Supervised Imitation Learning of Team Policies from Suboptimal Demonstrations", *31st International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)*, 2022 (Acceptance rate 14.9%)
- **S. Seo**, L. R. Kennedy-Metz, M. A. Zenati, J. A. Shah, R. D. Dias and V. V. Unhelkar, "Towards an AI coach to infer team mental model alignment in healthcare", *2021 IEEE Conference on Cognitive and Computational Aspects of Situation Management (CogSIMA)*, pp. 39-44, 2021
- S. Kwon, D. Lee, J. Kim, Y. Lee, S. Kang, **S. Seo** and K. Park, "Sinabro: A smartphone-integrated opportunistic electrocardiogram monitoring system", *Sensors*, 16(3), p.361, 2016
- S. H. Hwang, **S. Seo**, H. N. Yoon, H. J. Baek, J. Cho, J. W. Choi, Y. J. Lee, D.-U. Jeong and K. Park, "Sleep period time estimation based on electrodermal activity", *IEEE journal of biomedical and health informatics (J-BHI)*, 21(1), pp.115-122, 2015
- S. Kang, S. Kwon, C. Yoo, **S. Seo**, K. Park, J. Song and Y. Lee, "Sinabro: Opportunistic and unobtrusive mobile electrocardiogram monitoring system", *15th Workshop on Mobile Computing Systems and Applications (HotMobile)*, pp. 1-6, 2014

Short Papers

- **S. Seo**, "AI-Assisted Human Teamwork", *AAAI-24 Doctoral Consortium*, 2024
- M. Khalid, **S. Seo**, M. A. Zenati, M. Ebnali, L. R. Kennedy-Metz, R. D. Dias, V. V. Unhelkar and E. Salas, "Opportunities and Challenges of Real-Time Measurement of Team Performance on the Cardiac Operating Room", *Human Factors and Ergonomics Society (HFES) 67th International Annual Meeting*, 2023
- J. Kim, S. Kwon, **S. Seo** and K. Park, "Highly wearable galvanic skin response sensor using flexible and conductive polymer foam", *36th annual international conference of the IEEE engineering in medicine and biology society (EMBC)*, pp. 6631-6634, 2014

Working / Under-review Papers

- **S. Seo** and V. V. Unhelkar, "Imitation Learning of Diverse Team Behaviors from Heterogeneous Demonstrations"

- **S. Seo**, B. Han, R. E. Harari, R. D. Dias, E. Salas and V. V. Unhelkar, "Improving Human Teamwork through Task-Time AI Assistance"
- **S. Seo**, S. Mehrotra, V. V. Unhelkar and K. Akash, *CONFIDENTIAL*

Honors & Awards

National Scholarship for Science and Engineering, Korea Student Aid Foundation *Mar 2009*

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

COMP 646: Deep Learning for Vision and Language (Prof. Vicente Ordóñez-Román) *Spring 2023*

COMP 440/557: Artificial Intelligence (Prof. Devika Subramanian) *Fall 2021*

Advising & Mentoring

Arnav Adhikari, Highschool Student, Houston, TX *May 2023 – Dec 2023*

Bing (Tim) Han, Undergraduate Student, Rice University *May 2022 – May 2024*

Zhanyi Sun, Undergraduate Student, Rice University *Jan 2022 – Jun 2022*

Reviewer

International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS)

International Conference on Advanced Robotics and Its Social Impacts (ARSO)

Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L)

International Conference on Robotics and Automation (ICRA)

Skills

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES	Python C C++ Javascript HTML SQL Matlab LaTeX
FRAMEWORKS & LIBRARIES	OpenGL OpenMP Flask Gym PyTorch Tensorflow WandB
SOFTWARE DEVELOPMENT	Git Docker CMake VSCode Jupyter
ROBOT DEVELOPMENT	Motion Capture (OptiTrack) ROS MoveIt OMPL
LANGUAGES	English Korean

Extra

AAMAS Student Volunteer *2023*

Student Venture Network, Seoul National University *Mar 2012 – July 2012*

College of Engineering Tennis Club, Seoul National University *Mar 2010 – Feb 2013*

System Administrator, ECE Department, Seoul National University *Mar 2010 – Feb 2011*

SNU Mentoring, Seoul National University *Sep 2009 – Feb 2010*