Sangwoo Cho

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Research Interests

Natural Language Processing, Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Text Summarization, Action Recognition, Information Extraction

Education

University of Central Florida Orlando, FL, USA

PHD IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Dissertation: Contextual Understanding of Sequential Data Cross Multi-Modalities

• Advisors: Fei Liu and Hassan Foroosh

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC, USA

M.S in Computer Science

· Advisor: Jan-Michael Frahm

Korea University Seoul, S. Korea

M.E IN ELECTRONICS AND COMPUTER ENGINEERING

• Thesis: Generating 2D and 3D indoor environment models for enabling interactive robot service

Advisors: Yong-Moo Kwon and Hanseok Ko

Sogang University Seoul, S. Korea

B.E IN ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING Feb. 2005

· Thesis: Height measurement of arbitrary objects using a single image

Experience_

Tencent AI Lab Seattle, WA, USA

SENIOR RESEARCH SCIENTIST Sep. 2021 - Present

Tencent Al Lab Seattle, WA, USA

NLP RESEARCH INTERN, MENTOR: XIAOYANG WANG, KAIQIANG SONG

· Long document summarization

University of Central Florida

RESEARCH ASSISTANT Aug. 2015 - May 2021

• **Text summarization**: Researched summarization methods that utilize a mathematical optimization method and deep neural models for different types of documents, news, transcript, and book: Determinantal Point Processes (DPP), and Capsule Network or BERT are combined for better context information retrieval; XLNet is used to find sub-sentence segments; and VQVAE is employed for training a unsupervised model. (Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow, Matlab)

• Human action recognition: Researched Temporal CNN and Self-Attention network to retrieve short and long term temporal context from videos. Different modalities (images, optical flows, and body joints) are used for different methods. (Pytorch, Keras, Tensorflow, Matlab)

Adobe Research San Jose, CA, USA

RESEARCH INTERN, MENTOR: FRANCK DERNONCOURT, TIM GANTER, WALTER CHANG

May. 2020 - Sep. 2020

Jun. 2021 - Aug. 2021

Orlando, FL, USA

May 2021

Dec. 2014

Feb 2007

• Developed a unsupervised summarization system for live streaming videos: a Vector Quantized Variational AutoEncoder (VQVAE) with Transformer encoder and decoder to summarize transcripts of streaming videos, which contain many chit-chats and dialogues unrelated to topics (Pytorch)

SRI International Princeton, NJ, USA

RESEARCH INTERN, MENTOR: GIEDRIUS BURACHAS, YI YAO

Jun. 2019 - Aug. 2019

• Developed a Visual Question Answering (VQA) system based on a hierarchical Transformer model for explaining relations of text and image. (Pytorch)

Google Mountain View, CA, USA

SOFTWARE ENGINEER INTERN, MENTOR: HAOWEI LIU, DAVID GOSSOW

May. 2017 - Aug. 2017

• Developed a prototype software that calibrates a stereo camera that mimics eyes and a AR/VR device to render proper images from the point of view of two eyes. (C++, Python, OpenCV, Bash, Eigen, Ceres, Tango)

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University of North Carolina

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Chapel Hill, NC, USA Aug. 2013 - Jul. 2014

• Camera orientation estimation based on cloud image tracking (C++, Android)

Camera orientation estimation based on cloud image tracking (C++, Android, Query-based large scale image retrieval system: FINDER (C++, Python)

Samsung Electronics Suwon, S. Korea

RESEARCH ENGINEER Feb. 2007 – Jun. 2012

- Developed a stereo camera rectification software. (C++, OpenGL)
- Developed an intermediate viewpoint image generation software using stereo images for reducing stereo fatigue. (C++, MFC)
- Developed a stereoscopic image generation software based on 2D street-view image. (C++, MFC, Android)

Korea Institute of Science and Technology (KIST)

Seoul, S. Korea

STUDENT RESEARCHER

Feb. 2005 - Jan. 2007

- Developed an indoor 3D reconstruction system and designed an apparatus for data gathering consisting of a wide-view camera and a laser scanner. (C++, MFC)
- Developed an eye gaze tracking system. (C++, MFC)

602d Aviation Support Battalion, 2nd Infantry Division

Uijeongbu, S. Korea

Nov. 2000 - Jan. 2003

PRODUCTION CONTROL OPERATOR, KATUSA (KOREAN AUGMENTATION TO THE U.S. ARMY)

• Honor Graduation (9th place) of Primary Leadership Development Course (PLDC)

Publications.

Sangwoo Cho, Franck Dernoncourt, Tim Ganter, Trung Bui, Nedim Lipka, Walter Chang, Hailin Jin, Jonathan Brandt, Hassan Foroosh, and Fei Liu. "StreamHover: Livestream Transcript Summarization and Annotation" In Proceedings of the *2021 Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing* (*EMNLP*), 2021

Sangwoo Cho, Kaiqiang Song, Chen Li, Dong Yu, Hassan Foroosh, and Fei Liu. "Better Highlighting: Creating Sub-Sentence Summary Highlights" In Proceedings of the 2020 Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), 2020

Sangwoo Cho, Muhammad Hasan Maqbool, Fei Liu, and Hassan Foroosh. "Self-Attention Network for Skeleton-based Human Action Recognition" In Proceedings of the 2020 IEEE Winter Applications of Computer Vision Conference (WACV), Aspen, CO, USA, 2020

Sangwoo Cho, Chen Li, Dong Yu, Hassan Foroosh, and Fei Liu. "Multi-Document Summarization with Determinantal Point Processes and Contextualized Representations" In Proceedings of the 2019 Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP), Workshop, Hong Kong, China, 2019

Sangwoo Cho, Logan Lebanoff, Hassan Foroosh, and Fei Liu. "Improving the Similarity Measure of Determinantal Point Processes for Extractive Multi-Document Summarization" In Proceedings of the 2019 Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL), Florence, Italy, 2019. (Oral)

Sangwoo Cho and Hassan Foroosh. "Spatio-Temporal Fusion Networks for Action Recognition" In Proceedings of the 2018 Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV), Perth, Australia, 2018

Sangwoo Cho and Hassan Foroosh. "A Temporal Sequence Learning for Action Recognition and Prediction" In Proceedings of the 2018 IEEE Winter Applications of Computer Vision Conference (WACV), Lake Tahoe, NV/CA, USA, 2018

Patents_

Sangwoo Cho, et, al., One patent pending in the USA.

Sangwoo Cho, Yong-Moo Kwon, Sung-Kyu Kim, Jeon Kyeong Won, Ki Jeongseok, "System And Method For 3-Dimensional Interaction Based On Gaze System And Method For Tracking 3-Dimensional Gaze.", Patent No. 1008206390000, 2008

Sangwoo Cho, Yong-Moo Kwon, "Apparatus And Method For Creating A Circumstance Map Of An Indoor Circumstance.", Patent No. 1007577510000, 2007 **Sangwoo Cho**, Yong-Moo Kwon, Sung-Kyu Kim, Jai Kyung Shul, Jinwoo Park, "Gaze-based Computer Interface Apparatus and Method of Using the Same.", Patent No. 100651104000, 2006

Awards_

2019 ACL Student Volunteer

Florence, Italy

2019 UCF Doctoral Research Support Award 2018, 2019 UCF Graduate Presentation Fellowship

Orlado, FL, USA

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Computing Skills

Programming Language

Programming Language C/C++, Python, Matlab, Git, Java, Android, ReactJS, LT-X

ML Tools / Library Pytorch, Tensorflow, Keras, Spacy, NLTK, MatConvNet, OpenCV, OpenGL, Eigen, Qt