## **SEUNGCHAN KIM**

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Education **Carnegie Mellon University** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania Ph.D. student at Robotics Institute Sep 2020 - Present Advisor: Sebastian Scherer Coursework: Advanced Intro to ML, Math Fundamentals for Robotics **Brown University** Providence, Rhode Island M.S. in Computer Science Sep 2019 - May 2020 B.S. in Applied Mathematics & Computer Science Sep 2013 - May 2019 Advisors: George Konidaris & Michael Littman Coursework: Machine Learning, Computer Vision, Computational Prob & Stats, Learning & Sequential Decision Making, Numerical Optimization, Recent Applications of Prob & Stats, Reintegrating AI Research Oct 2020 - Present **CMU Air Lab Experience** • Conducting research on active perception and robotic exploration. **Brown University Intelligent Robot Lab** Sep 2017 - May 2020 • Devised a new deep RL algorithm using an alternative softmax operator, Mellowmax. Proposed multi-step model-based RL algorithm to address compounding-error problem. **Brown University Serre Lab** Jan 2018 - May 2019 Investigated the memory-guided visual attention of children using computer vision approaches. **Preprints** [5] Discovering Developmental Mechanisms of Memory-Guided Attention using Computer Vision Dima Amso, Lakshmi Narashimhan Govindarajan, Pankaj Gupta, Heidi Baumgartner, Andrew Lynn, Kelley Gunther, Diego Placido, Tarun Sharma, Vijay Veerabadran, Kalpit Thakkar, Seungchan Kim, Thomas Serre. Under Review. [4] Combating the Compounding-Error Problem with a Multi-step Model Kavosh Asadi, Dipendra Misra, **Seungchan Kim**, Michael Littman. arXiv preprint. CoRR abs/1905.13320 [cs.LG] **Publications** [3] Adaptive Temperature Tuning for Mellowmax in Deep Reinforcement Learning Seungchan Kim, George Konidaris. Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS) 2019 Deep RL Workshop. [2] DeepMellow: Removing the Need for a Target Network in Deep Q-Learning Seungchan Kim, Kavosh Asadi, Michael Littman, George Konidaris. International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI) 2019. Multidisciplinary Conference on Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making (RLDM) 2019. [1] Removing the Target Network from Deep Q-Networks with the Mellowmax Operator Seungchan Kim, Kavosh Asadi, Michael Littman, George Konidaris. International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multiagent Systems (AAMAS) 2019.

Teaching CS1430 Computer Vision, Brown CS

**Invited Talk** 

Assistantships

CS040 Intro to Scientific Computing and Problem Solving, Brown CS

An Alternative Softmax Operator for Deep Reinforcement Learning Machine Intelligence Community (MIC) Conference, Boston, MA.

**EN0040 Dynamics and Vibrations**, Brown Engineering

Jan 2015 - May 2015 Jan 2015 - May 2015

Jan 2019 - May 2019

Sep 2019

## **Academic Activities**

## Reviewer

- ICML 2020, AAAI 2021, ICLR 2021
- • NeurIPS 2019 Workshops: ML & Physical Science, ML for Health
- NeurIPS 2020 Workshop: Challenges of Real-World RL

## Mentor

- CMU AI Mentorship Program 2020
- CMU SCS Graduate Application Support Program 2020