

# Sung Kook KIM

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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Student**, Computer Science, University of California at Davis (UC Davis) 2018-CURRENT
- [Davis Automated Reasoning Group](#) — Advisor: Prof. Aditya V. Thakur
- M.S.**, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Seoul National University (SNU) 2015-2017
- [Virtual Machine and Optimization Lab](#) — Advisor: Prof. Soo-Mook Moon
  - THESIS: Recycling Optimized Machine Codes Generated by JavaScript Engine
- B.S.**, Computer Science (minor in Physics), Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) 2010-2015

## PUBLICATIONS

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- [1] **Sung Kook Kim**, Arnaud J. Venet, and Aditya V. Thakur. Deterministic parallel fixpoint computation. *Proc. ACM Program. Lang.*, 4(POPL):14:1–14:33, 2020. [doi:10.1145/3371082](https://doi.org/10.1145/3371082)
- [2] Hyukwoo Park, **Sung Kook Kim**, Jung-Geun Park, and Soo-Mook Moon. Reusing the optimized code for javascript ahead-of-time compilation. *TACO*, 15(4):54:1–54:20, 2019. [doi:10.1145/3291056](https://doi.org/10.1145/3291056)
- [3] Hyukwoo Park, **Sung Kook Kim**, and Soo-Mook Moon. Advanced ahead-of-time compilation for javascript engine: work-in-progress. In *Proceedings of the 2017 International Conference on Compilers, Architectures and Synthesis for Embedded Systems, CASES 2017, Seoul, Republic of Korea, October 15-20, 2017*, pages 16:1–16:2, 2017. [doi:10.1145/3125501.3125512](https://doi.org/10.1145/3125501.3125512)

## Master's Thesis

- [1] **Sung Kook Kim**. Recycling the optimized machine codes generated by javascript engine. Master's thesis, Seoul National University, South Korea, 2017

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Graduate Student Researcher** UC Davis SEP 2018 - CURRENT
- PI : Prof. Aditya V. Thakur (UC Davis)
  - Objective : Design and implement scalable abstract interpretation-based static program analysis tool.
  - Contributions : Designed and implemented deterministic parallel fixpoint engine in NASA's IKOS (C++).
  - Paper accepted to POPL 2020.
  - The work has been pushed to Facebook's open source static program analysis tool, [SPARTA](#).
  - The work has been pushed to NASA's open source static program analysis tool, [IKOS](#).
- Graduate Student Researcher** SNU & Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute AUG 2015 - JUN 2017
- PI : Prof. Soo-Mook Moon (SNU)
  - Objective : Speed up JavaScript execution engine in embedded systems by caching compiled binaries.
  - Contributions : Analyzed the engine, implemented code caching & pointer patching modules in Apple's JSC (C++).
  - Paper accepted to CASES 2017, TACO 2019.
- Graduate Student Researcher** SNU & Samsung Electronics FEB 2017 - JUN 2017
- PI : Prof. Soo-Mook Moon (SNU)
  - Objective : Transpile DRAM test suites written in one language to the other.
  - Contributions : Wrote front-end for both test languages (JS), implemented simulators (JS).
  - Paper accepted to ETS 2019 (I'm not an author).
- Independent Project** Team BCDEF & Naver MAR 2015 - AUG 2015
- PI : Sung Kook Kim
  - Objective : Design cruising electronic skateboard as an alternative means of transportation on campus.
  - Contributions : Designed and prototyped novel cruise control for electronic skateboards.
  - Demo : <https://vimeo.com/174919036>
  - Received scholarship from Naver, won 2nd place in KAIST's Startup Competition.
- Undergraduate Student Researcher** Mobile Robotics & Intelligence Lab, KAIST SUMMER 2014

- PI : Prof. Jinwhan Kim
- Objective : Design a motor thrust controller for the unmanned surface vehicle (ship).
- Contributions : Analyzed protocols used in the motor thrust, designed and implemented the control system (C), implemented both server and client for the communication (C).
- The team won 2nd place in Maritime RobotX Challenge 2014, an international competition. [Team website](#)

**Undergraduate Student Researcher** Silicon Photonics Lab, KAIST

SUMMER 2012

- PI : Prof. Jung Hoon Shin
- Objective : Explore whether the blue morpho butterflies also perceive their wings' color as blue.
- Background: The group had invented a reflectors inspired by morpho butterfly wings. DOI: [10.1002/adma.201200521](#)
- Contributions : Proposed a method of representing the color perception of morpho butterflies on a simplex.

## OTHER EXPERIENCES

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**Summer School** The Ninth Summer School on Formal Techniques, SRI International

SUMMER 2019

- A summer school on Formal Methods held by Stanford Research Institute. [SSFT19](#)
- Topics include logic, automated theorem provers, SMT solvers, abstract interpretation, model checking.
- Took lectures and participated in labs.

**Internship, Drone Engineer** Nearthlab

FEB 2018 - JULY 2018

- Worked as an engineer on a drone startup, [Nearthlab](#).
- Contributions : Implemented mission planning system that controls internal & external messages (ROS, C++, JS), implemented control channel using LAN module (C++), implemented part of the web interface (React JS).

**Open Source Contribution** Naver

SPRING 2015

- Contributed to Naver's open-source cloud monitoring tool, [Pinpoint](#).
- Contributions : Implemented a module that allows Pinpoint to track usage of Jackson API (Java).

**Developer Camp** Mobile App Development Camp, Bon Angels

WINTER 2014

- A mobile app development camp held by Bon Angels.
- Bon Angels is an investment company for early stage startups in South Korea.
- Built 4 Android applications: Basic text messenger (Android, Java, Node JS); Unity based MMO game (Unity, C#); Voice-based SNS (Android, Java, Node JS); App generating app (Android, Java, OpenJDK)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Teaching Assistant** Dept. of Computer Science, UC Davis

SPRING 2020

- ECS 140A Programming Languages (Undergraduate-level, class size: 76)
- Course topics include syntax and semantics of programming languages, object-oriented programming and Go, functional programming and Lisp, logic programming and Prolog, Concurrent programming in Go, etc
- Had weekly virtual office hours; answered questions online

**Teaching Assistant** Dept. of Computer Science, UC Davis

FALL 2019

- ECS 240 Programming Languages (Graduate-level, class size: 56)
- The course dealt with automated reasoning of programs to verify their correctness. In particular, the theory and practice of static program analysis were covered. Topics include control-flow analysis of program, points-to analysis, intraprocedural and interprocedural data-flow analysis, theory of abstract interpretation, shape analysis, and model checking.
- Had weekly office hours; answered questions in person and online; came up with some of the questions; marked quizzes, homeworks, and exams; proctored exams

**Teaching Assistant** Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SNU

SPRING 2017

- Introduction to Computer Science (Freshman-level, class size: 80)
- Covered C programming + OOP from Java: I/O, primitive data types, variables, expressions, statements, functions, structs & arrays, pointers, and OOP
- Ran practice session every week; gave lectures twice a week with my own slides; had office hours; answered questions in person and online; gave out quizzes & projects and marked them; proctored exams

**Teaching Assistant** Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SNU

FALL 2015

- Introduction to Compilers (Senior-level, class size: 20)
- Covered front-end of compilers: lexing and parsing
- Marked assignments and exams; proctored exams

## SCHOLARSHIPS, HONORS AND AWARDS

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- Runner Up for the GGCS 2020 Best Graduate Researcher Award
- Travel Grants: POPL 2020, SSFT 2019
- Merit-based Scholarship, Seoul National University, 2015 (10%), 2016, 2017 (full amount)
- Student Startup Scholarship, Naver, 2015
- Second Place in Maritime RobotX Challenge, ONR, 2014
- National Science and Engineering Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation, 2010, 2013-2015