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## EDUCATION

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### Seoul National University, Korea

- Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering Mar. 2014 – Feb. 2020  
(Advisor: Professor Sun Kim)
- B. S., Computer Science and Engineering (*Summa Cum Laude*) Mar. 2010 – Aug. 2013

## EXPERIENCE

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### Seoul National University, Korea

- Postdoctoral research fellow,  
SNU Institute of Computer Technology Sep. 2021 – Present  
(Advisor: Professor Sun Kim)
- Postdoctoral research fellow,  
SNU BK21 FOUR Intelligence Computing Dec. 2020 – Aug. 2021  
(Advisor: Professor Sun Kim)
- Postdoctoral research fellow, SNU Bioinformatics Institute Mar. 2020 – Nov. 2020  
(Advisor: Professor Sun Kim)

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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**Artificial Intelligence (AI)**, Machine learning, and data mining techniques

**Integration of BT and IT (Bioinformatics)** for biomedical big data, especially graph & network analysis

**Cheminformatics and AI** in Drug discovery

My research area focuses on developing deep learning/machine learning models for analyzing graph-structured data and multi-omics data in the biomedical and chemical informatics fields. Focuses on modeling interactions between biological elements of living organisms as form of a graph, or on modeling molecular graphs incorporating subgraphs and 3D information. Applications include interpretable deep learning model for bioinformatics, computational biology with multi-omics analysis, subpath mining in the biological network, molecular property prediction, and drug response prediction.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### Graduate research in Bio & Health Informatics Lab, Seoul National University, Korea

#### < Deep Learning models for interpreting biological data with prior knowledge >

- Cancer subtype classification and modeling by pathway attention and propagation
  - Designing a pathway-based explainable deep learning model by graph convolutional network and attention mechanism
  - Predicting cancer subtypes using gene expression data and pathway information
  - Paper accepted by *Bioinformatics* journal (SCIE, IF=5.610)

- Learning Cell-Type-Specific Gene Regulation Mechanisms by Multi-Attention Based Deep Learning with Regulatory Latent Space
  - Designing multi-modal deep learning model for learning gene regulation mechanism
  - Elucidating epigenetic gene regulation mechanism by various attention layers
  - Paper accepted by *Frontiers in Genetics* journal (SCIE, IF=3.260)
- Multi-layered Knowledge Graph Neural Network Reveals Pathway-level Agreement of Three Breast Cancer Multi-gene Assays
  - Designing an explainable deep learning model by integrating intra- and inter- pathway level attention
  - Identification of shared regulatory mechanisms of three breast cancer multi-gene assays
  - Under review in SCIE journal

#### < AI with graph structured data in biomedical domains >

- Sparse Structure Learning via Graph Neural Networks for Inductive Document Classification
  - A novel GNN-based sparse structure learning model for inductive document classification
  - Employing structure learning to sparsely select edges between words by considering dynamic contextual dependencies
  - Paper accepted by *AAAI 2022*
- Biomedical knowledge graph learning for drug repurposing by extending guilt-by-association to multiple layers
  - A semantic multi-layer guilt-by-association approach that leverages the principle of guilt-by-association - "similar genes share similar functions" at the drug-gene-disease level
  - Designing a semantic information-guided random walk to generate embeddings of drugs and disease in a unified embedding space
  - Paper accepted by *Nature Communications journal* (SCIE, IF=16.6)

#### < Cheminformatics and AI in Drug discovery >

- Multi-Task Informed Learnable Prototypes on Few Shot learning for Molecular Property Prediction
  - Leveraging shared knowledge across multiple molecular properties in few-shot learning
  - Incorporating a stochastic attention mechanisms to reflect information from multiple assays
  - Under review in International Conference
- Dual Representation Learning for Predicting Drug-side Effect Frequency using Protein Target Information
  - Utilizing heterogenous features of drugs and side effects to get improved latent representations
  - Compensating for the drugs without clear target proteins using the Adaboost method
  - Paper accepted by *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics* journal (SCIE, IF=7.7)
- Improved drug response prediction by drug target data integration via network-based profiling
  - A novel model-agnostic framework to enhance performances of existing deep learning models for drug response prediction
  - Network-based estimation of gene perturbation by drug treatment
  - Paper accepted by *Briefings in Bioinformatics* journal (SCI, IF=9.5)

## PUBLICATIONS

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### In review/preparation (\*: equal contributors)

- [1] Lee S, Piao Y, Lee D, Kim S. Multi-Task Informed Learnable Prototypes on Few Shot learning for Molecular Property Prediction
- [2] Lee S\*, Park J\*, Piao Y, Lee D, Lee D, Kim S. Multi-layered Knowledge Graph Neural Network Reveals Pathway-level Agreement of Three Breast Cancer Multi-gene Assays
- [3] Cho C\*, Lee S\*, Piao Y, Bang D, Kim S. ChemAP: Chemical Structure-Based Deep Learning Model via Knowledge Distillation for Predicting Drug Approval before Clinical Trial Phase
- [4] Sung I\*, Lee S\*, Bang D, Yi J, Kim S. MDTR: A Knowledge-Guided Interpretable Representation for Quantifying Liver Toxicity at Transcriptomic Level
- [5] Shin Y\*, Lee S\*, Pak M, Cho C, Kim S. DrugPT-Net: Drug Perturbation Guided Visible Neural Network for Drug Response Prediction at Transcriptomic Level
- [6] Lu Y\*, Lee S\*, Park S, Yi J, Cho C, Lim S, Kang S, Kim S. An ensemble strategy to improve generalization power of deep learning models for DTI prediction
- [7] Lu Y, Piao Y, Lee S, Kim S. Context-Aware Hierarchical Fusion for Drug Relational Learning

### International Journals / Conferences (\*: equal contributors) [IF: submitted time]

- [1] Piao Y, Lee S, Lu Y, Kim S. Improving Out-of-Distribution Generalization in Graphs via Hierarchical Semantic Environments, CVPR 2024, accepted
- [2] Park S\*, Lee S\*, Pak M, Kim S. Dual Representation Learning for Predicting Drug-side Effect Frequency using Protein Target Information. *IEEE Journal of Biomedical and Health Informatics* (SCIE, IF=7.021; 6.14%). Jan. 5, 2024.
- [3] Yi J, Lee S, Lim S, Cho C, Piao Y, Yeo M, Kim D, Kim S, Lee S. Exploring chemical space for lead identification by propagating on chemical similarity network. *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal* (SCIE, IF=6.155; 23.4%). Aug. 25, 2023; 21:4187-4195.
- [4] Gu J\*, Bang D\*, Yi J\*, Lee S, Kim DK, Kim S. A model-agnostic framework to enhance knowledge graph-based drug combination prediction with drug-drug interaction data and supervised contrastive learning. *Briefings in Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=13.994; 0.88%). Aug. 7, 2023; 24(5):bbad285.
- [5] Bang D, Lim S, Lee S, Kim S. Biomedical knowledge graph learning for drug repurposing by extending guilt-by-association to multiple layers. *Nature Communications* (SCIE, IF=17.694; 7.43%). Jun. 15, 2023; 14(1):3570.
- [6] Pak M\*, Lee S\*, Sung I, Koo B, Kim S. Improved drug response prediction by drug target data integration via network-based profiling. *Briefings in Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=13.994; 0.88%). Feb. 8, 2023; 24(2):bbad034.
- [7] Lee S, Lee D, Piao Y, Kim S. SPGP: Structure Prototype Guided Graph Pooling. *NeurIPS 2022 Workshop New Frontiers in Graph Learning (GLFrontiers)*. Dec. 2, 2022.
- [8] Koo B, Lee D, Lee S, Sung I, Kim S, Lee S. Risk Stratification for Breast Cancer Patient by Simultaneous Learning of Molecular Subtype and Survival Outcome Using Genetic Algorithm-Based Gene Set Selection. *Cancers* (SCIE, IF=6.575; 24.29%). [From The 10th International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine (ICIBM 2022)]. Aug. 25, 2022; 14(17):4120.

- [9] Lim S\*, Lee S\*, Piao Y, Choi MG, Bang D, Gu J, Kim S. On Modeling and Utilizing Chemical Compound Information with Deep Learning Technologies: A Task-oriented Approach. *Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal* (SCIE, IF=6.155; 23.4%). Aug. 4, 2022; 20:4288-4304.
- [10] Moon JH, Lee S, Pak M, Hur B, Kim S. MLDEG: A Machine Learning Approach to Identify Differentially Expressed Genes Using Network Property and Network Propagation. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=2.896; 6.91%). Jul.-Aug., 2022; 19(4).
- [11] Piao Y, Lee S, Lee D, Kim S. Sparse Structure Learning via Graph Neural Networks for Inductive Document Classification. *AAAI 2022*. Feb. 22, 2022.
- [12] Sung I\*, Lee S\*, Pak M, Shin Y, Kim S. AutoCoV: Learning the Spatial and Temporal Dynamics of COVID-19 Spread Patterns from Embedding Space by k-mer Based Deep Learning. *BMC Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=3.169; 26.72%). [From The 10th International Conference on Intelligent Biology and Medicine (ICIBM 2022)]. Apr., 2022; 23(3):149.
- [13] Kim J, Lim S, Lee S, Cho C, Kim S. Embedding of FDA Approved Drugs in Chemical Space Using Cascade Autoencoder with Metric Learning. *IEEE BigComp 2022. AI-BioHealth 2022 workshop*. Jan. 17, 2022.
- [14] Kim I, Lee S, Kim Y, Namkoong H, Kim S. Probabilistic model for pathway-guided gene set selection. *IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM) 12th International Workshop on Biomedical and Health Informatics (BHI 2021)*. Dec. 9, 2021.
- [15] Kim MS, Lee S, Lim S, Lee DY, Kim S. Subnetwork Representation Learning for Discovering Network Biomarkers in Predicting Lymph Node Metastasis in Early Oral Cancer. *Scientific Reports* (SCIE, IF=3.998; 23.24%). Dec., 2021; 11:23992.
- [16] Lee T, Lee S, Kang M, Sun Kim. Deep Hierarchical Embedding for Simultaneous Modeling of GPCR Proteins in a Unified Metric Space. *Scientific Reports* (SCIE, IF=3.998; 23.24%). May., 2021; 11:9543.
- [17] Lee S, Lee T, Noh YK, Kim S. Ranked k-spectrum kernel for comparative and evolutionary comparison of exons, introns, and CpG islands. *IEEE/ACM Transactions on Computational Biology and Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=2.428; 9.35%). May.-Jun., 2021; 18(30).
- [18] Jeong D, Lim S, Lee S, Oh M, Cho C, Seong H, Jung W, Kim S. Construction of Condition-Specific Gene Regulatory Network using Kernel Canonical Correlation Analysis. *Frontiers in Genetics* (SCIE, IF=3.260; 41.85%). Mar., 2021; 12:652623.
- [19] Park YJ, Lee S, Lim S, Hahn N, Ji Y, Huh JY, Alfadda AA, Kim S, Kim JB. DNMT1 maintains metabolic fitness of adipocytes through acting as an epigenetic safeguard of mitochondrial dynamics. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS)* (SCIE, IF=9.412; 10.56%). Mar. 16, 2021; 118(11):e2021073118.
- [20] Oh M, Park S, Lee S, Lee D, Lim S, Jeong D, Jo K, Jung I, Kim S. DRIM: A web-based system for investigating drug response at the molecular level by condition-specific multi-omics data integration. *Frontiers in Genetics* (SCIE, IF=3.517; 31.90%). Nov., 2020; 11:564792.
- [21] Kang M\*, Lee S\*, Lee D, Kim S. Learning Cell-Type-Specific Gene Regulation Mechanisms by Multi-Attention Based Deep Learning with Regulatory Latent Space. *Frontiers in Genetics* (SCIE, IF=3.517; 31.90%). Sep., 2020; 11:869.
- [22] Lee S, Lim S, Lee T, Sung I, Kim S. Cancer subtype classification and modeling by pathway attention and propagation. *Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=4.531; 5.93%). Jun., 2020; 36(12):3818-3824.
- [23] Lim S, Lee S, Jung I, Rhee S, Kim S. Comprehensive and critical evaluation of individualized pathway activity measurement tools on pan-cancer data. *Briefings in Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=6.302; 2.54%). Jan., 2020; 21(1):36-46.

- [24] Hur B, Kang D, **Lee S**, Moon JH, Lee G, Kim S. Venn-diaNet: Venn diagram based network propagation analysis framework for computing multiple biological experiments. *BMC Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=2.511; 14.41%). [From Proceeding of 30th International Conference on Genome Informatics (GIW)]. Dec. 27, 2019; 20(23):1-12.
- [25] Kang D, Ahn H, **Lee S**, Lee CJ, Hur J, Jung W, Kim S. StressGenePred: a twin prediction model architecture for classifying the stress types of samples and discovering stress-related genes in Arabidopsis. *BMC Genomics* (SCIE, IF=3.730; 24.53%). [From Proceeding of 2018 IEEE International Conference on Bioinformatics and Biomedicine (BIBM)]. Dec. 20, 2019; 20(11):949.
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- [27] Lee DH, **Lee S**, Kim S. PRISM: Methylation Pattern-based, Reference-free Inference of Subclonal Makeup. *Bioinformatics* (SCIE, IF=5.481; 4.24%). [From Proceeding of 27th conference on Intelligent Systems for Molecular Biology (ISMB)]. Jul. 5, 2019; 35(14):i520-i529.
- [28] Lee CJ, Kang D, **Lee S**, Lee S, Kang J, Kim S. In silico experiment system for testing hypothesis on gene functions using three condition specific biological networks. *Methods* (SCIE, IF=3.802; 26.28%). May. 25, 2018; 145:10-15.
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- [30] Moon JH, Lim S, Jo K, **Lee S**, Seo S, Kim S. PINTnet: construction of condition-specific pathway interaction network by computing shortest paths on weighted PPI. *BMC Systems Biology* (SCIE, IF=2.208; 18.75%). [From Proceeding of 15th Asia Pacific Bioinformatics Conference (APBC)]. Mar. 14, 2017; 11(2):15.
- [31] **Lee S**, Moon JH, Park Y, Kim S. Flow maximization analysis of cell cycle pathway activation status in breast cancer subtypes. *IEEE International Conference on Big Data and Smart Computing (BigComp) 2017*. Feb. 13-16, 2017. Jeju, Korea.
- [32] Chae H, **Lee S**, Nephew KP, Kim S, Subtype-specific CpG island shore methylation and mutation patterns in 30 breast cancer cell lines. *BMC Systems Biology* (SCIE, IF=2.208; 18.75%). [From Proceeding of 27th International Conference on Genome Informatics (GIW)]. Dec 23, 2016; 10(4):116.
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## Book Chapters

- [1] Pak M, Jeong D, Moon JH, Ann H, Hur B, **Lee S**, Kim S. Network Propagation for the Analysis of Multi-Omics Data. *Recent Advances in Biological Network Analysis* (pp. 185-217). 2021

**Domestic Journal / Conferences (\*: equal contributors)**

- [1] 이상선, 박은화, 이도훈, 김선. Multi-Task Aware Learnable Prototypes on Few Shot Learning for Molecular Property Prediction. BIOINFO 2023. 한국생명정보학회. Nov. 13-15, 2023.
- [2] 조창연\*, 이상선\*, 박은화, 방동민, 김선. A Novel Framework for Drug Approval Prediction using Chemical Structure with Knowledge Distillation. BIOINFO 2023. 한국생명정보학회. Nov. 13-15, 2023.
- [3] 박은화, 이상선, 옥예진수, 김선. Improving Out-of-Distribution Generalization in Molecule Graphs with Hierarchical Semantic Environments. BIOINFO 2023. 한국생명정보학회. Nov. 13-15, 2023.
- [4] 신여진\*, 이상선\*, 박민우, 김선. Enhancing drug response prediction and interpretability through gene ontology and drug target information integration. BIOINFO 2023. 한국생명정보학회. Nov. 13-15, 2023.
- [5] 김도현, 방동민, 이상선, 김선. FragGNN: Enhancing Molecular Property Prediction through Fragmentbased Hierarchical Graph Neural Networks. BIOINFO 2023. 한국생명정보학회. Nov. 13-15, 2023.
- [6] 성인영\*, 이상선\*, 방동민, 김선. Identification of toxic signature in transcriptomic space. BIOINFO 2022. 한국생명정보학회. Oct. 19-21, 2022.
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- [10] 박은화\*, 이상선\*, 김선. 신약개발과 맞춤의학을 위한 그래프 학습 기술. 한국정보과학회지 제40권 제3호, pp.30-40. 2022.
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한국정보과학회 2020 한국컴퓨터종합학술대회 논문집, Vol.47, pp.569-571. Jul., 2020.

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## GRANTS

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**산학과제.** (주)아이겐드릭, Jul., 2023 – Jun., 2024.

**창의·도전연구.** 학문균형발전지원사업, 한국연구재단, Jun., 2023 – May., 2026.

**산학과제.** (주)아이겐드릭, Oct., 2022 – Mar., 2023.

**산학과제.** (주)아이겐드릭, Mar., 2022 – Feb., 2023.

**박사후국내연수.** 학문후속세대지원사업, 한국연구재단, Sep., 2021 – Aug., 2023.

**Google Education/Course Grant (Co-instructor).** Google, Oct., 2020.

## AWARDS

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**BIOINFO 2022 우수포스터상.** 한국생명정보학회. Oct. 21, 2022.

**The AI Korea 2022 포스터 세션 대상.** 한국정보과학회 인공지능소사이어티. Aug. 18, 2022.

**목암 인공지능 심포지움 Best Poster 우수상.** 목암생명과학연구소. Jun. 29, 2022.

**KCC2021 우수논문상.** 한국정보과학회. Jun. 25, 2021.

**스탠다임 우수논문상.** 한국생명정보학회. Aug. 20, 2020.

**Best Paper Award (Bronze).** 한국정보과학회 인공지능소사이어티 The AI KOREA 2019. Jul. 26, 2019.

**Best Paper Award on Bioinformatics.** IEEE International Conference on Big Data and Smart Computing (BigComp) 2017. Feb. 16, 2017.

**Domestic Scholarship.** 관정 이종환 교육재단. 2014-2015.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Co-lecturer:** Drug target prediction and drug repurposing with graph learning, 2024 Feb, KSBi-BIML 2024  
생물정보학 & 머신러닝 워크샵

**Guest lecturer:** AI-BIO 연구인력 양성과정, 2023 Fall, Artificial Intelligence Institute, Seoul National University, Korea

**Co-lecturer:** Drug target prediction and drug repurposing with graph learning, 2023 Feb, KSBi-BIML 2023 생물정보학 & 머신러닝 워크샵

**Co-lecturer:** Graph Learning for Personalized Medicine and Drug Discovery, 2023 Jan, The AI KOREA, 2023 PRML 겨울학교

**Guest lecturer:** AI-BIO 연구인력 양성과정, 2022 Fall, Artificial Intelligence Institute, Seoul National University, Korea

**Co-lecturer:** Graph Learning for Personalized Medicine and Drug Discovery, 2022 Aug, The AI KOREA, 2022

**Guest lecturer:** Machine Learning in Bioinformatics, 2022 Spring, Seoul National University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** Machine Learning in Bioinformatics, 2021 Spring, Seoul National University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** 생물정보학을 위한 IT기초, 2020 Spring, Seoul National University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** 휴먼바이오공학기초, 2020 Spring, Ewha Womans University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** 기계학습의 이해, 2019 Oct, Big Data Academy, Seoul National University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** 휴먼바이오공학기초, 2019 Spring, Ewha Womans University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** 기계학습의 이해, 2018 Jul, Big Data Academy, Seoul National University, Korea

**Guest lecturer:** Deep Learning for Bioinformatics, 2018 Feb, KSBi-BIML 2018 (생물정보학&머신러닝/인공지능 워크샵), Korea