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Research Interests

Computer Vision, Multimodal Learning, Embodied AI, Efficient ML

Education

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST)

Mar 2017-Feb 2021

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering

Advisor: Steven E. Whang

Bachelor of Science in Mathematical Sciences

GPA: 3.61/4.00; major: 3.66/4.00

Korea Science Academy of KAIST

Mar 2014-Feb 2017

High school for gifted students in mathematics and science

Publications

1. **Texture Learning Domain Randomization for Domain Generalized Segmentation** [[paper](#)]

Sunghwan Kim, Dae-hwan Kim, Hoseong Kim

International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023

2. **Data Gathering Trials for the Development of Military Imaging Systems** [[paper](#)]

Maria Niebla, Duncan L. Hickman, Eunjin Koh, Chanyong Lee, Hoseong Kim, Chaehyoen Lim, Sunghwan Kim

Proc. SPIE Vol. 12737, Electro-Optical and Infrared Systems, 2023

Works In-preparation

1. **Context-enhanced Decoder via Language Guidance for Domain Generalized Segmentation**

Sunghwan Kim, Byunghyun Pak, Byungju Woo, Hoseong Kim

- Designed a segmentation decoder for capturing contextual information leveraging pre-trained language models.

Patent

1. **Method and System for Detecting Target Using Time Series Images**

Chaehyeon Lim, Sunghwan Kim, Hoseong Kim, Eunjin Koh

KR Patent, 2023 (1025640380000)

Work Experience

Republic of Korea Army (ROKA)

Jun 2021-Present

First Lieutenant

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- Selected one of the 20 officers in Korea dedicated to science and technology research for national defense.
- Assigned to ADD, the South Korean counterpart to the U.S. DARPA, for the development of defense technology.
- Mentored a number of junior officers and advised them on their research projects on machine learning.

Agency for Defense Development (ADD)

Jun 2021-Present

Machine Learning Engineer

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- **Object detection in infrared imagery:** Designed real-time object detection models for UAVs. Generated synthetic infrared images using a 3D engine for training data, and established an end-to-end training pipeline.
- **Model acceleration on edge devices:** Implemented model compression techniques such as feature distillation and structural pruning to accelerate ML models on edge devices, including NPU, FPGA board and edge GPU.
- **ML-integrated software for UAVs:** Developed multi-threading C++ software that optimizes CPU and NPU resources during the inference phase of ML models, interfacing with the flight control system of UAVs.
- **UAVs Flight Test:** Conducted various 3D simulations that emulate actual operation environments, along with real-world flight tests of UAVs, to verify the stability of ML models for deployment.

Bluepoint Partners*Research Assistant*

Aug 2020-Mar 2021

Seoul, Republic of Korea

- Bluepoint Partners is an early-stage venture capital firm that invests in deep tech sectors, such as AI and robotics.
- Conducted market analysis on ongoing investments and researched overall technological trends.

Intelligent Network Architecture (INA) Lab at KAIST*Machine Learning Engineer*

Oct 2018-Apr 2019

Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- Implemented a real-time super-resolution algorithm that combines ML-based super-resolution with traditional video codecs to achieve real-time capability on edge devices.

Neosapience*Machine Learning Engineer*

Dec 2017-Feb 2018

Seoul, Republic of Korea

- Neosapience is a Series B startup that operates an AI-powered virtual actor service, specializing in ML-based audio and video synthesis technology.
- Constructed an audio and text pair dataset for training Korean Text-to-Speech models.

Honor

Korea Army Startup Challenge Gold Prize

Oct 2021

Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF) Scholarship

Mar 2020

Korea National Scholarship of Excellence in Science and Technology

Mar 2019-Feb 2021

- Total \$ 20,000 (Full-Ride)

National Scholarship for Undergraduate Study

Mar 2017-Feb 2019

- Total \$ 13,500 (Full-Tuition)

Community Involvement

KAIST Freshman Coach Senior

Feb 2020-Feb 2021

Samsung Semiconductor Education Program and Scholarship

Jun 2019-Present

Research Officers for National Defense (ROND) cadat

Dec 2018-May 2021

KAIST Electrical Engineering Department Student Council

Mar 2018-Feb 2019

KAIST Cyber Tutoring Program

Feb 2018-Jun 2018

KAIST Foreign Buddy Program

Sep 2017-Dec 2017

KAIST Automobile Maker Club

Mar 2017-Aug 2018

Selected Coursework

Electrical Engineering: Deep Learning, Database and Bigdata System, Signal Processing, Computer Architecture, Operating System, Computer Network, Digital System, Electrical Circuits, Electromagnetics, Physical Electronics

Mathematical Sciences: Linear Algebra, Mathematical Analysis, Probability Theory, Statistics, Convex Optimization, Numerical Analysis, Discrete Mathematics, Mathematical Modeling, Differential Geometry, Modern Algebra

Skills

Programming Languages: Python, C/C++, JavaScript, MATLAB

Frameworks & Tools: Pytorch, Tensorflow, NumPy, OpenCV, Docker, Git

References

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Dr. Hoseong Kim, Senior Reseacher at ADD

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