Sunghwan Kim

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Research Interests

Multimodal learning, Visual Perception, Zero-shot Generalization, Embodied AI

Education

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) Feb 2017-Feb 2021
B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Mathematical Sciences (double major) Advisor: Steven E. Whang
GPA: overall 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

2. Texture Learning Domain Randomization for Domain Generalized Segmentation [paper]
   Sunghwan Kim, Dae-hwan Kim, and Hoseong Kim
   International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV), 2023

1. 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**
   SPIE Sensors+Imaging, 2023

Patent

1. Method and System for Detecting Target Using Time Series Images
   Chaehyeon Lim, **Sunghwan Kim**, Hoseong Kim, and Eunjin Koh
   KR Patent, 2023 (1025640380000)

Work Experience

Agency for Defense Development (ADD) Jun 2021-Present
First Lieutenant and Machine Learning Engineer Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- Selected as one of the exclusive 20 military officers in Korea who fulfill military service as a research engineer at the ADD, Korea's counterpart to U.S. DARPA.
- **Object detection in infrared imagery**: Designed real-time object detection algorithms 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 object detection models on edge devices like NPUs and FPGA boards.
- **ML-integrated software for UAVs**: Developed multi-threading C++ software that optimizes CPU and NPU resources during ML model inference, interfacing with the flight control unit of UAVs.

Bluepoint Partners Aug 2020-Mar 2021
Research Assistant 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.

Neosapience Dec 2017-Feb 2018
Machine Learning Engineer 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 a paired dataset of Korean audio and text for training Korean Text-to-Speech models.

Research Projects

Agency for Defense Development (ADD) Jun 2022-Present
Machine Learning Researcher Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- **Domain generalization on synthetic data**: Explored methods for training robust models on images generated by 3D rendering engines, aiming to ensure effective performance on diverse real-world images.
- **Language models for dense vision tasks**: Designed semantic segmentation models with domain invariance capabilities by leveraging pre-trained language models.

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) Oct 2018-Apr 2019
Undergraduate researcher in Intelligent Network Architecture (INA) lab Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- **Super-resolution on edge devices**: Implemented an algorithm that combines ML-based super-resolution with traditional video codecs to enhance streaming quality on edge devices.

Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST) Jun 2016-Aug 2016
Invited researcher in Center for Axion and Precision Physics Center Daejeon, Republic of Korea

- Researched axion detection using resonant frequency measurements in a cylindrical cavity.

Honor

Korea Army Startup Challenge Gold Prize ($3000)
Korea Student Aid Foundation (KOSAF) Scholarship ($1500)
Korea National Scholarship of Science and Technology ($10000)
KAIST scholarship (Full tuition)

Community Involvement

KAIST Freshman Coach Senior	Feb 2020-Feb 2021
Samsung Semicoductor Education Program and Scholarship	Jun 2019-Present
Research Officiers 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

Mathematics: 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

Dr. Steven E. Whang, Associate Professor at KAIST
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Dr. Eunjin Koh, Principal Researcher at ADD
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Dr. Hoseong Kim, Senior Reseacher at ADD
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