

# Sehyun CHOI

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## EDUCATION

### The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST)

**Hong Kong**

*Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Computer Science (Offer Accepted)*

09/2022 – 06/2024 (Exp.)

*Bachelor of Engineering (BEng) in Computer Science, Minor in Bioengineering*

09/2017 – 06/2022 (Exp.)

- **CGA:** 3.96/4.30 (First Class Honours Equivalent; Expected Dean's List & Academic Achievement Medal Awardee)

- **Relevant Coursework:** Machine Learning for NLP, Deep Learning in Computer Vision, Big Data Management, Honours Software Engineering, Honours Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Honours Object Oriented Programming & Data Structures, Linear Algebra

### Handong International School

**South Korea**

*Advanced Placement (AP) by College Board & ACT*

02/2011 – 02/2016

- **Subject:** Physics I (5/5), Physics II (5/5), Calculus BC (5/5), Statistics (5/5) | ACT (34/36)

## PROFESSIONAL & RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

### Naver Corporation

**South Korea**

*Machine Learning Research Intern*

12/2021 – 02/2022

- Experimented with various Deep Active Learning approaches of querying the most important data points from unlabelled pool of dataset in Computer Vision and Natural Language Understanding fields to Machine Translation (MT) tasks
- Improved the efficiency of fine-tuning process by selecting and training on the most informative data examples, utilizing corpus statistics, pre-trained MT Transformer model's output uncertainty, and the model's encoder representation of sentences
- Identified important aspects of data selection processes in Active Learning such as uncertainty, representativeness & diversity and devised metrics to quantify them in effective manner

### KAIST Artificial Intelligence (AI) Lab

**South Korea**

*Summer Research Intern*

07/2021 – 08/2021

- Supported the language model detoxification project by researching the literatures of eXplainable AI to detect potentially offensive concepts captured in the language models and ablate them
- Proposed a novel framework for detecting the activation of offensive concepts in language models from non-offensive sentences

### HKUST Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

**Hong Kong**

*Student Researcher* (<https://github.com/HKUST-KnowComp/CSKB-Population>)

02/2021 – 12/2021

- Developed novel methods using Graph Neural Networks (GNN) and pre-trained language models (PTLMs) applied on Commonsense Knowledge Graphs (CKG) and achieved a significant improvement of performance over the previous baselines in CKG Population task
- Performed hyperparameter optimization and ablation study over network components such as different PTLMs or GNN design to find the best performing model and attribute the improvement to each component quantitatively

### Skelter Labs

**South Korea**

*Machine Learning Engineer Intern*

12/2019 – 07/2020

- Conducted experiments to improve the quality of deep learning based speech synthesis models, such as introducing a new module into network structures, employing data augmentations, and fine-tuning with different datasets
- Utilized data pipelines, microservices and cloud services such as Spark, Kubernetes, and GCP to perform large scale training jobs
- Participated in collaborative software development processes using Git and code review systems

## PUBLICATION

### Benchmarking Commonsense Knowledge Base Population with an Effective Evaluation Dataset

*EMNLP 2021 Main Conference (3rd Author)*. Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.18653/v1/2021.emnlp-main.705>

## AWARD & CERTIFICATE

### Naver Clova AI Rush 2021

**South Korea**

*First Runner-Up in Smart Grammar Editor Task*

05/2021 – 07/2021

- Improved the benchmark GLEU score by 33% over the vanilla Transformer baseline in Korean Grammatical Error Correction (GEC) task by implementing pseudo-data creation with back-translation, two-stage pre-training, and data-mixing in fine-tuning

### EY Next Wave Data Science Competition

**Hong Kong**

*Country Finalist - Hong Kong* ([https://github.com/syncdoth/EY\\_DataWave\\_Challenge](https://github.com/syncdoth/EY_DataWave_Challenge))

04/2019 – 05/2019

- Performed feature engineering and cleaning of raw data using data handling packages and developed a Recurrent Neural Network Model (LSTM) using eras to predict the behavior of city travelers at a specific time window

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY

### HKUST KSA Machine Learning Study Club

**Hong Kong**

*Founding Member & President* ([https://github.com/syncdoth/ML\\_STUDY\\_2020](https://github.com/syncdoth/ML_STUDY_2020))

10/2020 – Present

- Organized a machine learning study club of more than 20 students and currently teaching with a self-implemented curriculum, covering Python language, linear algebra, deep learning in tensorflow API, and real-world application projects using state-of-the-art models

### J.P. Morgan - Code for Good 2020

**Hong Kong**

*Participant*

10/2020 – 10/2020

- Designed a NoSQL schema for Firestore database and developed React front-end components that visualizes the submissions of each student within the administrative website for centralized communication and progress reporting

## SKILL & INTEREST

**Language:** English (Native) | English (Fluent)

**Technology:** Python | PyTorch | Tensorflow | Transformers | git | bash | OOP

**Interest:** NLP | XAI | Knowledge Graph | Reasoning Ability of AI | AI Privacy | Music | Photography | Neuroscience