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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Statistics, Texas A&M University 2021.08 - 2026.08 (expected)

- Advisor: Anirban Bhattacharya.
- Thesis (tentative): Statistical and computational methods for nonlinear spaces.
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Master in Mathematics, Texas A&M University (dual degree) 2023.08 - 2025.12

- Advisor: Jonathan W. Siegel.
- Thesis: Statistical Analyses and minimum norm interpolation for Two-Layer Neural Networks.
- GPA: 4.0 / 4.0

Bachelor of Science and Arts, Seoul National University 2013.03 - 2020.08

- **Major**: Statistics, Economics (double). **Minor**: Computer Science and Engineering.
- Graduation with honors (Summa cum laude).
- Completed mandatory military service: 2014.09 - 2016.06.
- GPA (Overall, Major / Maximum): 3.96, 4.09 / 4.3

RESEARCH INTEREST

Statistical Learning Theory, Deep Learning Theory, Optimization, Approximation Theory, Non-Euclidean Statistics, Optimal Transport, Robust Statistics, Information Theory, Algorithmic Statistics.

PUBLICATIONS

($*$ denotes equal contribution, alphabetically ordered authorship)

Published & Accepted Articles

- **Jiyoung Park***, Jaewook J. Suh*, Bofan Wang, Anirban Bhattacharya, Shiqian Ma (2025). "Adaptive gradient descent on Riemannian manifolds and its applications to Gaussian variational inference". *ICLR 2026 (To appear).* [OpenReview]
- **Jiyoung Park**, Abhishek Roy, Jonathan W. Siegel, Anirban Bhattacharya. "Acceleration via silver step-size on Riemannian manifolds with applications to Wasserstein space". *NeurIPS 2025.* [Paper], [Codes].
- Jakwang Kim*, **Jiyoung Park***, Anirban Bhattacharya. "Robust Estimation in metric spaces: Achieving Exponential Concentration with a Fréchet Median". *AISTATS 2025.* [Paper], [Slides], [Codes].
- **Jiyoung Park**, Ian Pelakh, Stephan Wojtowytsch. "Minimum norm interpolation by perceptra: Explicit regularization and implicit bias". *NeurIPS 2023.* [Paper], [Slides].

Preprints

- **Jiyoung Park**, Günay Doğan (2024). "Probabilistic U-Net with Kendall Shape Spaces for Geometry-Aware Segmentations of Images". [Arxiv]

WORK EXPERIENCES

NSF Math Sciences Graduate Internship (MSGI). 2023.05 - 2023.07

- Hosting Facility: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg.
- Supervisor: Dr. Günay Doğan.
- Research Topic: Geometric shape analysis.

KC Machine Learning Lab, South Korea *(Research Resident).* 2019.05 - 2021.02

- Supervisor: Dr. Chan Y. Park.
- Research Topic: Graph Neural Network and GraphDB [Technical blog post].

Naver Webtoon Corp., South Korea *(Software Engineer Intern).* 2018.07 - 2018.08

- Implemented HBase APIs for log data preprocessing.

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant Texas A&M University

- Stat 632: Bayesian Modeling and Inference (Grad) Spring 2026
- Stat 650: Statistical Foundation For Data Science (Grad) Spring 2026
- Stat 633: Advanced Bayesian Modeling and Computation (Grad) Fall 2024, 2025
- Stat 689: Special topics in Statistics–Advanced Bayes (Grad) Spring 2025
- Stat 438: Bayesian Statistics (Undergrad) Spring 2024
- Stat 445/645: Applied Biostatistics and Data Analysis (Grad) Fall 2022
- Stat 642: Methods of Stat II (Grad) Spring 2022
- Stat 652: Stat In Research II (Grad) Fall 2021

INVITED TALKS & SEMINARS

Short Course and Workshop on Scientific Machine Learning and Applications [Info] 2025.12

- Talk title: Stepsize-Based Methods for Riemannian Gradient Descent with Applications to Wasserstein Space.

TAMU Stat Cafe 2025.02

- Talk title: Robust Estimation in Metric Spaces. [Video]

Princeton Machine Learning Theory Summer School (*Poster Presentation*). [Info] 2024.08
Optimal Transport Through the Midwest (*Student Participant*). [Info] 2024.07
Summer School on Optimal Transport and Applications (*Student Participant*). [Info] 2024.06
TAMU Stat Cafe 2023.11

- Talk title: Minimum Norm Interpolation by Perceptra. [Video]

Inaugural CAMDA Conference (*Poster Presentation).* [Info] 2023.05

SERVICE

Reviewer
ICML 2026, ICLR 2026, NeurIPS 2025.

AWARDS & HONORS

NeurIPS 2025 Top Reviewer Award. 2025.10
NeurIPS 2023 Scholar Award. 2023.12
Summa Cum Laude, Seoul National University. 2020.08
Samsung Convergence Software Course (SCSC). 2017.09 - 2020.08
Merit-based Scholarships, Seoul National University. 2014.03 - 2014.06, 2016.09 - 2020.02
Youndang Scholarship, Youndang Scholarship Foundation. 2017.03 - 2020.02
Work-Study Scholarship, Seoul National University. 2016.09 - 2018.08
Jeonju Scholarship, Jeonju Human Resources Development Foundation. 2016.09 - 2016.12

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming Languages Python, R, C, Java, Assembly Language (x86-64).
Software & Frameworks Pytorch, Rcpp, Linux, LaTeX, Git, SQL, HBase.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

SNU Financial and Economic Research Seminar (SFERS) 2016.09 - 2017.12

Republic of Korea Auxiliary Police 2014.09 - 2016.06
Joong-bu Security Patrol, Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency.

- Discharged as a Sugyeong (Equivalent to a Sergeant in Republic of Korea Army).

Volunteering

- Cooking Class Assistant for Students with Disabilities. 2019.03 - 2019.06
- Teaching Volunteer for Multicultural Students. 2014.03 - 2014.06

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth 1994.04.22
Citizenship Republic of Korea
Mandatory Military Service Completed (Republic of Korea Auxiliary Police)
Language Korean (Native), English (Fluent)

LIST OF REFERENCES

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