Yunbum Kook

RESEARCH INTEREST

Algorithms, Optimization, Machine Learning, and Data Mining

EDUCATION

09/2021 -	Georgia Institute of Technology, GA, United States ○ Ph.D. in Computer Science
03/2015 - 08/2021	Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), Daejeon, Korea
	o B.S. in Mathematical Sciences (Advanced program) & Graduation with Honor (Summa Cum Laude)
	○ Left for mandatory military service (Jan 2017–Oct 2018)
03/2012 - 02/2015	Korea Science Academy of KAIST (KSA), Busan, Korea
	o Graduated as salutatorian in mathematics; Graduated with distinction in GPA

Publications

Conferences

- [1] Vertex Sparsification for Edge Connectivity with Parinya Chalermsook, Syamantak Das, Bundit Laekhanukit, Yang P. Liu, Richard Peng, Mark Sellke, and Daniel Vaz SODA 2021, available at DOI:10.1137/1.9781611976465.74
- [2] Evolution of Real-world Hypergraphs: Patterns and Models without Oracles (full)

 Yunbum Kook, Jihoon Ko, and Kijung Shin

 IEEE ICDM 2020, available at DOI:10.1109/ICDM50108.2020.00036 (Selected as one of the best papers for possible publication in the Knowledge and Information Systems (KAIS) Journal, Springer)
- [3] Incremental Lossless Graph Summarization Yunbum Kook*, Jihoon Ko*, and Kijung Shin KDD 2020, available at DOI:10.1145/3394486.3403074

TALKS

01/2021	Vertex Sparsification for Edge Connectivity, SODA 2021, Virtual
11/2020	Evolution of Real-world Hypergraphs: Patterns and Models without Oracles, IEEE ICDM 2020, Virtual
08/2020	Incremental Lossless Graph Summarization, KDD 2020, Virtual
08/2020	Vertex Sparsification for Edge Connectivity, Discrete Math Seminar, IBS Discrete Mathematics
	Group, Daejeon, Korea

Honors & Awards

Scholarships/Fellowships

08/2020	KFAS Graduate Scholarship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies
	o For graduate study abroad (4 students selected in CS nationwide) (\$20,000/year)
06/2020 - 08/2021	General Alumni Scholarship, KAIST Alumni Association
	$\circ~$ For undergraduate study (\$16,000 + mentorship by prominent alumni of KAIST)
03/2020	Department Senior Scholarship, Dept. of Mathematical Science, KAIST
	 Awarded to the top student in a previous semester
03/2019 - 08/2021	KFAS Undergraduate Scholarship, Korea Foundation for Advanced Studies
	o For undergraduate study (4 students selected in Mathematics nationwide) (\$8,500)
03/2015 - 08/2021	KAIST Presidential Fellowship (KPF), KAIST

Granted to top 3% students. Grantees choose a mentor professor for academic consultation, join KPF honor society, and receive financial support for research and academic travels (\$30,000)
 KPF Mentor: Prof. Sang-il Oum
 03/2015 - 12/2016
 National Science & Technology Scholarship, Korea Student Aid Foundation

08/2016

Others	
11/2020	Best Paper Candidate for KAIS Publication, IEEE ICDM 2020
10/2020	Patent, Korean Patent Application 10-2020-0087574
	 With Jihoon Ko and Kijung Shin, "Electronic Device for Incremental Lossless Summarization of Massive Graphs and Operation Method Thereof"
06/2019	Undergraduate Research Program, KAIST
	 Research grant for project "Graph summarization for dynamic graphs" (\$5,000)
2019, 2015	Dean's List, KAIST
	o Dept. of Mathematical Sciences, KAIST (Spring 2019)
	 School of Freshmen, KAIST (Spring 2015)
12/2018	Silver, The College Students Mathematics Competition, Korean Mathematical Society

1st Prize, KAIST Math Problem of the Week

TEACHING & WORK EXPERIENCE

Spring 2019	Teaching Assistant, Linear Algebra (MAS212), KAIST
12/2018 - 02/2019	Machine Learning Engineer Intern, Kakao Corporation, Seongnam, Korea
	• Enhance a large-scale recommendation system for <i>Brunch</i> service via solving contextual multi-armed bandit (MAB) problems; offered a full-time position
01/2017 - 10/2018	Korean Augmentation to the U.S. Army, Republic of Korea Army
Fall 2016	Undergraduate T.A., Calculus II (MAS102), KAIST

o Weekly math problem challenges run by Dept. of Mathematical Sciences during each semester

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