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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Generative AI, Foundation Models, Multimodal LLMs, Recommender Systems, Adversarial Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing, Tensor Analysis, Data Science

EDUCATION

Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA

■ Ph.D. in Computer Science

Aug. 2019 – May 2024

• Advisor: Prof. Srijan Kumar

Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea

■ Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Computer Science and Engineering

Mar. 2012 – Aug. 2018

Advisor: Prof. U Kang

WORK EXPERIENCE

GenAI/ML Research Scientist, Netflix

Manager: Sudarshan Lamkhede

June 2024 – Present

• Role: Developing Foundation Models for Netflix Applications

Projects: Personalizing LLMs, User Intent Prediction, Knowledge Transfer via Model Distillation

Machine Learning Research Intern, Netflix

Mentors: Dr. Moumita Bhattacharya & Dr. Yesu Feng

May 2023 – Aug. 2023

• [Research Project] IntentRec: Predicting User Session Intent in Netflix

Data Science Research Intern, The Home Depot

■ Mentors: Dr. Xiquan Cui & Dr. Amin Javari & Rebecca West

May 2021 - Aug. 2021

• [Research Project] Real-time Intention-aware Personalized Recommendation

Data Science Research Intern, Adobe Research

■ Mentors: Dr. Sungchul Kim & Dr. Ryan Rossi

May 2020 – Aug. 2020

• [Research Project] Influence-guided Data Augmentation for Neural Tensor Completion

Graduate Research Assistant, Georgia Institute of Technology

Aug. 2019 – May 2024

• [Research Area] Recommender System, Adversarial ML, and Natural Language Processing

Undergraduate Research Intern, Data Mining Lab., Seoul National University July 2016 – May 2018

• [Research Area] Tensor Analysis, Recommender System, and High-performance Computing

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

JOURNAL PAPERS

- [J3] Sejoon Oh, Julian McAuley, Berk Ustun, and Srijan Kumar, "FINEST: Stabilizing Recommendations by Rank-Preserving Fine-Tuning", ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data (**TKDD**), 2024.
- [J2] Kijung Shin, <u>Sejoon Oh</u>, Jisu Kim, Bryan Hooi, and Christos Faloutsos, "Fast, Accurate and Provable Triangle Counting in Fully Dynamic Graph Streams", ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data **(TKDD)**, 2020.
- [J1] **Sejoon Oh**, Namyong Park, Jun-Gi Jang, Lee Sael, and U Kang, "High-Performance Tucker Factorization on Heterogeneous Platforms", IEEE Transactions on Parallel and Distributed Systems **(TPDS)**, 2019.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

- [C7] Sejoon Oh, Yiqiao Jin, Megha Sharma, Ethan Kim, Eric Ma, Gaurav Verma, and Srijan Kumar "UniGuard: Towards Universal Safety Guardrails for Jailbreak Attacks on Multimodal Large Language Models", Deployable AI Workshop at AAAI, 2025.
- [C6] Sejoon Oh, Gaurav Verma, and Srijan Kumar, "Adversarial Text Rewriting for Text-aware Recommender Systems", ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), 2024.
- [C5] Gaurav Verma, Minje Choi, Kartik Sharma, Jamelle Watson-Daniels, **Sejoon Oh**, Srijan Kumar, "Cross-Modal Projection in Multimodal LLMs Doesn't Really Project Visual Attributes to Textual Space", Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics *(ACL)*, 2024.

- [C4] **Sejoon Oh**, Julian McAuley, Berk Ustun, and Srijan Kumar, "Rank List Sensitivity of Recommender Systems to Interaction Perturbations", ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management *(CIKM)*, 2022.
- [C3] Walid Shalaby, Sejoon Oh, Amir Hossein Afsharinejad, Xiquan Cui, and Srijan Kumar, "M2TRec: Metadata-aware Multi-task Transformer for Large-scale and Cold-start free Session-based Recommendations", ACM Conference on Recommender Systems (RecSys) Late-Breaking Result, 2022.
- [C2] Sejoon Oh, Sungchul Kim, Ryan Rossi, and Srijan Kumar, "Influence-guided Data Augmentation for Neural Tensor Completion", ACM International Conference on Information and Knowledge Management (CIKM), Queensland, Australia, 2021.
- [C1] **Sejoon Oh**, Namyong Park, Lee Sael, and U Kang, "Scalable Tucker Factorization for Sparse Tensors Algorithms and Discoveries", *IEEE International Conference on Data Engineering* (*ICDE*), Paris, France, 2018.

DRAFTS

[D1] Sejoon Oh, Moumita Bhattacharya, Yesu Feng, and Sudarshan Lamkhede "IntentRec: Predicting User Session Intent with Hierarchical Multi-Task Learning", BayLearn, 2024.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

■ **Kwanjeong Educational Foundation Ph.D. Fellowship** Aug. 2019 – May 2024 One of the most prestigious fellowships in Korea, which supports up to \$30*K* USD per year

■ SIGIR Student Travel Award for CIKM 2021 and 2022
Funded by SIGIR to attend 2021 and 2022 ACM CIKM conference

Sept. 2021, 2022

■ **2021 Machine Learning at Georgia Tech (ML@GT) Fellow**Supports 50% of the RA salary; acceptance Ratio: 24% (6/25).

May 2021

■ Twitch Research Fellowship
Finalist Award - \$5K USD

Jan. 2021

Best Thesis Award (among all CSE undergraduate students)
 Awarded by Seoul National University, Korea

Aug. 2018

Humantech Paper Award (Gold Prize, 1st in Computer Science)
 Awarded by Samsung, Korea

Feb. 2018

Silver Medalist of Asia-Pacific Informatics Olympiad
 Awarded at the 5th Asia-Pacific Informatics Olympiad (APIO), Iran

May 2011

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Journal Reviewer

 European Conference on Machine Learning and Principles and Practice of Knowledge Discovery in Databases (ECML-PKDD 2018; Guest Reviewer)
 Mar. 2018

Conference Reviewer

 ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining 	Feb. 2024
■ The 38th Annual AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI-24)	Oct. 2023
 ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining 	Feb. 2023

PATENTS USA

- Moumita BHATTACHARYA, Yesu FENG, Sudarshan LAMKHEDE, **Sejoon Oh**, "PREDICTING USER SESSION INTENT WITH HIERARCHICAL MULTI-TASK LEARNING", Provisional.
- Walid Shalaby, Sejoon Oh, Amir Hossein Afsharinejad, Xiquan Cui, "MACHINE LEARNING-BASED USER SELECTION PREDICTION BASED ON SEQUENCE OF PRIOR USER SELECTIONS", Filed.
- Sungchul Kim, Sejoon Oh, Ryan Rossi, "ENHANCING NEURAL-BASED PREDICTION OF MULTI-DIMENSIONAL DATA VIA INFLUENCE AND DATA AUGMENTATION", Patent number: US20230244926A1.

KOREA

■ **Sejoon Oh**, Namyong Park, U Kang, "Apparatus for Supporting Multi-dimensional Data Analysis through Parallel Processing and Method for the Same", Korean patent number: 10-2017-0158951.

TEACHING Teaching Assistant

■ DSN: Data Science for Social Networks (Georgia Tech - CSE 8803)

■ Web Search and Text Mining (Georgia Tech - CSE 6240)

Spring 2021