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Research Interests

My research focuses on resource-efficient multimodal generative AI spanning **text, image, audio, and video**—capabilities that serve as perceptual foundations for next-generation agentic and embodied AI systems. I investigate the principles driving capabilities, limitations, and generalization of generative models in resource-constrained settings, and explore principled approaches to building AI systems that are trustworthy, transparent, and broadly beneficial in real-world applications.

Key Areas:

- Resource-efficient multimodal generative models (**text, image, audio, video**)
- Multimodal foundations for agentic and embodied AI
- Understanding generalization and constraints of modern generative AI in practical settings
- Trustworthy and responsible deployment of AI systems for real-world adoption

I bridge fundamental research and practical system building, as exemplified by open-source projects such as Donut (6.8K+ GitHub stars), contributing both novel methodologies and production-ready tools.

Employment

Tech Lead / Applied Research Scientist, **NAVER Cloud Corp.**, Korea

May 2023–Present

- As a technical leader of both Semantic Perception and Vision Understanding teams, I lead applied research and engineering for NAVER's LLM-based multimodal products (HyperCLOVA X Vision & Video, <https://clova.ai/hyperclova>), directly managing up to 8 researchers and engineers. During this period, I have published multiple papers at top-tier venues including ICML, AAI, ICLR, ICCV, ECCV, NAACL, and EMNLP (see Publications). Selected industry achievements:

Tech Report “HyperCLOVA X 32B Think” and “HyperCLOVA X 8B Omni” Technical Reports [[Think](#)][[Omni](#)]

Tech Blog “HyperCLOVA X Vision: 눈을 뜨다 (Introducing HyperCLOVA X Vision)” [[Link](#)]

Tech Blog “HyperCLOVA X Video: Seeing through motion” [[Link](#)]

Conference Talk “[DAN 24] HyperCLOVA X Vision: Open Your Eyes, CLOVA X!” [[Session Link](#)][[Video Link](#)]

Open Model “HyperCLOVAX-SEED-Think-32B” and “HyperCLOVAX-SEED-Omni-8B” [[Think-32B](#)][[Omni-8B](#)]

Lecturer (Part-Time), **University of Seoul**, Korea

Spring 2025

- I designed and delivered “AI Engineering in Production (산업AI공학)”, a graduate course covering recent advances in generative AI models—particularly Large Language Models (LLMs)—and their industrial applications.

Course Website: <https://geewook.kim/lecture/uos25spring-91035>

Applied Research Scientist, **NAVER Corp.**, Korea

Apr. 2020–Apr. 2023

- I conducted research and developed systems for NAVER's Document AI product family, including OCR [[Link](#)] and Information Extraction [[Link](#)]. This work was featured in the conference talk “이곳에 방문 하셨군요!: 사

진속 영수증의 가게 찾기 (Identifying a store from a receipt image)” [\[Link\]](#). I also initiated and led several research and open-source projects, including [Donut](#) and [Webvicob](#).

Research part-timer/trainee, Mathematical Statistics Team, [RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project](#), Japan Sep. 2017–Feb. 2020
Supervisor: Prof. Hidetoshi Shimodaira

Research Intern, [CLOVA OCR, NAVER Corp.](#) [\[Link\]](#), Korea Aug. 2018–Oct. 2018, Aug. 2019–Sep. 2019
Supervisor: Dr. Hwalsuk Lee

ML Engineering Intern, [Recruit Holdings Co., Ltd.](#), Tokyo, Japan 2017 (2 Months)

Software Engineering Intern, [Abeja, Inc.](#), Tokyo, Japan 2016 (2 Months)

Planning Intern, [SoftBank Corp.](#), Tokyo, Japan 2015 (1 Month)

Education

Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST) Sep. 2023–Aug. 2026
Doctor of Philosophy in Artificial Intelligence, [Language & Knowledge Lab.](#) [\[Link\]](#)
Kim Jaechul Graduate School of Artificial Intelligence
(Supervisor : [Prof. Minjoon Seo](#))

Kyoto University Apr. 2018–Mar. 2020
Master of Informatics, [Statistical Intelligence Lab.](#) [\[Link\]](#)
Graduate School of Informatics
(Supervisor : [Prof. Hidetoshi Shimodaira](#))

Kyoto University Apr. 2014–Mar. 2018
Bachelor of Engineering, [Applied Mathematics and Physics Course](#) [\[Link\]](#)
School of Informatics and Mathematical Science
(Supervisor : Prof. Hidetoshi Shimodaira)

Publications

Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=1a2QbgEAAAAJ>

19 peer-reviewed international conference papers, 4 workshop papers, 4 technical reports, and 8 patents. Two papers have each received 800+ Google Scholar citations, with open-source projects accumulating 10K+ GitHub stars combined.

Peer-Reviewed International Conferences (19 papers)

- [C19] Minsik Choi* and **Geewook Kim***[†] (co-first and corresponding author), “*Decentralized Instruction Tuning: Conflict-Aware Splitting and Weight Merging*”, Proceedings of the Forty-Third International Conference on Machine Learning, 2026 (to appear). ICML 2026
- [C18] Hyunji Lee, Seunghyun Yoon, Yunjae Won, Hanseok Oh, **Geewook Kim**, Trung Bui, Franck Dernoncourt, Elias Stengel-Eskin, Mohit Bansal, and Minjoon Seo, “*Instruction Tuning with and without Context: Behavioral Shifts and Downstream Impact*”, Proceedings of the 2026 Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2026. EACL 2026
- [C17] **Geewook Kim** and Minjoon Seo, “*State-Space Hierarchical Compression with Gated Attention and Learnable Sampling for Hour-Long Video Understanding in Large Multimodal Models*”, Proceedings of the Fortieth AAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2026. AAI 2026
Oral Presentation (1089/23678=4.60%)
- [C16] Gio Paik, **Geewook Kim**, and Jinbae Lim, “*MMRefine: Unveiling the Obstacles to Robust Refinement in Multimodal Large Language Models*”, Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2025. ACL Findings 2025
- [C15] Sanghee Park*, **Geewook Kim***[†] (co-first and corresponding author), “*Evaluating Multimodal Generative AI with Korean Educational Standards*”, Proceedings of the 2025 Conference of the Nations of the Americas Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, 2025. NAACL-HLT 2025
- [C14] Seongyun Lee* , **Geewook Kim*** (co-first author), Jiyeon Kim* (co-first author), Hyunji Lee, Hoyeon Chang, Sue Hyun Park, and Minjoon Seo, “*How Does Vision-Language Adaptation Impact the Safety of Vision Language Models?*”, Proceedings of the Thirteenth International Conference on Learning Representations, 2025. ICLR 2025
- [C13] **Geewook Kim** and Minjoon Seo, “*On Efficient Language and Vision Assistants for Visually-Situated Natural Language Understanding: What Matters in Reading and Reasoning*”, Proceedings of the 2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, 2024. EMNLP 2024
- [C12] Seongyun Lee, Seungone Kim, Sue Hyun Park, **Geewook Kim**, and Minjoon Seo, “*Prometheus-Vision: Vision-Language Model as a Judge for Fine-Grained Evaluation*”, Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics, 2024. ACL Findings 2024
- [C11] Yamato Okamoto, Youngmin Baek, **Geewook Kim**, Ryota Nakao, DongHyun Kim, Moon Bin Yim, Seunghyun Park, and Bado Lee, “*CREPE: Coordinate-Aware Cost-Efficient Document Parsing End-to-End Model*”, Proceedings of the International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition, 2024. ICDAR 2024

- [C10] **Geewook Kim**[†], Hodong Lee, Daehee Kim, Haeji Jung, Sanghee Park, Yoonsik Kim, Sangdoo Yun, Taeho Kil, Bado Lee, and Seunghyun Park, “*Cream: Visually-Situated Natural Language Understanding with Contrastive Reading Model and Frozen Large Language Models*”, Proceedings of the 2023 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, 2023. EMNLP 2023
- [C9] Daehee Kim, Yoonsik Kim, DongHyun Kim, Yumin Lim, **Geewook Kim**, and Taeho Kil, “*SCOB: Universal Text Understanding via Character-wise Supervised Contrastive Learning with Online Text Rendering for Bridging Domain Gap*”, IEEE/CVF International Conference on Computer Vision, 2023. ICCV 2023
- [C8] Donghyun Kim, Teakgyu Hong, Moonbin Yim, Yoonsik Kim, and **Geewook Kim**[†] (corresponding author), “*On Web-based Visual Corpus Construction for Visual Document Understanding*”, International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition, 2023. ICDAR 2023
- [C7] **Geewook Kim**[†], Teakgyu Hong, Moonbin Yim, Jeongyeon Nam, Jinyoung Park, Jinyeong Yim, Wonseok Hwang, Sangdoo Yun, Dongyoon Han, and Seunghyun Park, “*OCR-free Document Understanding Transformer*”, European Conference of Computer Vision, 2022. ECCV 2022
930+ citations, 6.8K+ stars at GitHub
- [C6] Wonseok Hwang, Hyunji Lee, Jinyeong Yim, **Geewook Kim**, and Minjoon Seo, “*Cost-effective End-to-end Information Extraction for Semi-structured Document Images*”, Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing, 2021. EMNLP 2021
- [C5] Sungrae Park, **Geewook Kim**, Junyeop Lee, Junbum Cha, Ji-Hoon Kim, and Hwalsuk Lee, “*Scale down Transformer by Grouping Features for a Lightweight Character-level Language Model*”, International Conference on Computational Linguistics, 2020. COLING 2020
- [C4] Jeonghun Baek, **Geewook Kim**, Junyeop Lee, Sungrae Park, Dongyoon Han, Sangdoo Yun, Seong Joon Oh, Hwalsuk Lee, “*What is wrong with scene text recognition model comparisons? dataset and model analysis*”, International Conference on Computer Vision, 2019. ICCV 2019
840+ citations, 3.9K+ stars at GitHub
Oral Presentation (187/4304=4.3%)
- [C3] **Geewook Kim**, Akifumi Okuno, Kazuki Fukui, and Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “*Representation Learning with Weighted Inner Product for Universal Approximation of General Similarities*”, International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence, 2019. (Presented as both **oral** and **poster**). IJCAI 2019
- [C2] **Geewook Kim**, Kazuki Fukui, Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “*Segmentation-free Compositional n-gram Embedding*”, North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics: Human Language Technologies, 2019. NAACL-HLT 2019
- [C1] Akifumi Okuno, **Geewook Kim**, and Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “*Graph Embedding with Shifted Inner Product Similarity and Its Improved Approximation Capability*”, International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics, 2019. AISTATS 2019

Peer-Reviewed Workshop Papers

- [W4] **Geewook Kim***, Shuhei Yokoo* (co-first author), Sukmin Seo, Atsuki Osanai, Yamato Okamoto, and Youngmin Baek, “*On Text Localization in End-to-End OCR-Free Document Understanding Transformer Without Text Localization Supervision*”, International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition Workshops, 2023. ICDAR-W 2023
- [W3] **Geewook Kim**, Wonseok Hwang, Minjoon Seo, and Seunghyun Park, “*Semi-Structured Query Grounding for Document-Oriented Databases with Deep Retrieval and Its Application to Receipt and POI Matching*”, AAAI Workshop on Knowledge Discovery from Unstructured Data in Financial Services, 2022. AAAI-W 2022
- [W2] Masahiro Naito, Sho Yokoi, **Geewook Kim**, Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “*Revisiting Additive Compositionality: AND, OR and NOT Operations with Word Embeddings*”, ACL-IJCNLP 2021 Student Research Workshop, 2021. ACL-SRW 2021
- [W1] **Geewook Kim**, Kazuki Fukui, and Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “*Word-like Character n-gram Embedding*”, EMNLP Workshop on Noisy User-generated Text, 2018. EMNLP-W 2018

Tech Reports

- [T4] NAVER Cloud HyperCLOVA X Team, “*HyperCLOVA X 32B Think Technical Report*”, 2026. Tech Report 2026
- [T3] NAVER Cloud HyperCLOVA X Team, “*HyperCLOVA X 8B Omni Technical Report*”, 2026. Tech Report 2026
- [T2] HyperCLOVA X Team, “*HyperCLOVA X THINK Technical Report*”, 2025. Tech Report 2025
- [T1] HyperCLOVA X Team, “*HyperCLOVA X Technical Report*”, 2024. Tech Report 2024

Preprints, Tech Blogs, and Domestic Publications

- [O6] **Geewook Kim** and Minjoon Seo, “*Does Audio Matter for Modern Video-LLMs and Their Benchmarks?*”, arXiv preprint, 2025. Preprint 2025
- [O5] NAVER Cloud Vision Understanding Team, “*HyperCLOVA X Video: Seeing through motion*”, CLOVA AI Tech Blog, 2025. Tech Blog 2025
- [O4] NAVER Cloud Vision Understanding Team, “*Introducing HyperCLOVA X Vision*”, CLOVA AI Tech Blog, 2024. Tech Blog 2024
- [O3] Morihiro Mizutani, Akifumi Okuno, **Geewook Kim**, Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “*Stochastic Neighbor Embedding of Multimodal Relational Data for Image-Text Simultaneous Visualization*”, arXiv preprint, 2020. Preprint 2020

- [O2] **Geewook Kim**, Sho Yokoi, and Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “[単語埋め込みの二種類](#)の加法構成性 (**Two Types of Additive Compositionality in Word Embedding**)”, Annual Meeting of the Association for Natural Language Processing (in Japanese), 2020. ANLP 2020
- [O1] **Geewook Kim**, Akifumi Okuno, and Hidetoshi Shimodaira, “[擬ユークリッド空間への単語埋め込み](#) (*Embedding Words into Pseudo-Euclidean Space*)”, Annual Meeting of the Association for Natural Language Processing (in Japanese), 2019. (Selected to receive both awards: **Young Researcher Award** ^[Link] and **Best Poster Award**).

Patents

- [P8] **Geewook Kim**, Hodong Lee, Daehee Kim, Sanghee Park, Yoonsik Kim, Sangdoon Yun, Bado Lee, and Seunghyun Park, “[METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR ENHANCING IMAGE UNDERSTANDING](#)”, KR Patent KR1020230117309A, filed in September 2023. Sep. 2023
- [P7] **Geewook Kim** and Youngmin Baek, “[METHOD, COMPUTER DEVICE, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM FOR TEXT LOCALIZATION IN END-TO-END DOCUMENT UNDERSTANDING MODEL](#)”, KR Patent KR1020230075133A, filed in June 2023. Jun. 2023
- [P6] Daehee Kim, Yoonsik Kim, DongHyun Kim, Yumin Lim, **Geewook Kim**, and Taeho Kil, “[METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PERFORMING OCR USING CHARACTER-WISE SUPERVISED CONTRASTIVE LEARNING MODEL](#)”, KR Patent KR1020230037945A, filed in March 2023. Mar. 2023
- [P5] **Geewook Kim**, Teakgyu Hong, Moonbin Yim, and Seunghyun Park, “[METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTRACTING STRUCTURED INFORMATION FROM SEMI-STRUCTURED DOCUMENTS THROUGH DEEP-LEARNING](#)”, KR Patent KR102784722B1, filed in January 2022 and granted in March 2025. Jan. 2022
- [P4] **Geewook Kim**, Wonseok Hwang, and Minjoon Seo, “[METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DATA SEARCHING](#)”, KR Patent KR102684423B1, filed in August 2021 and granted in July 2024 (also granted as JP Patent JP7367139B2, filed in July 2022 and granted in October 2023). Aug. 2021
- [P3] **Geewook Kim**, Seung Shin, Youngmin Baek, Hyosun Wang, Jungun Kim, and Seungbeom Choi, “[CHARACTER RECOGNITION METHOD AND SYSTEM ROBUST TO ERRORS OF CHARACTER RECOGNITION THAT RECOGNIZE INFORMATION INCLUDED IN TABLES](#)”, KR Patent KR102697516B1, filed in July 2021 and granted in August 2024 (also granted as JP Patent JP7398526B2, filed in July 2022 and granted in December 2023). Jul. 2021
- [P2] Wonseok Hwang, Jinyeong Yim, **Geewook Kim**, Minjoon Seo, and Hyunji Lee, “[METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXTRACTING INFORMATION FROM SEMI-STRUCTURED DOCUMENTS](#)”, KR Patent KR102649429B1, filed in May 2021 and granted in March 2024. May 2021

- [P1] Seonghyeon Kim, **Geewook Kim**, Jaeheung Surh, Daehyun Nam, Seungbeom Choi, Seung Shin, Youngmin Baek, and Hyosun Wang, “*METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR RECOGNIZING TABLES*”, KR Patent KR102699224B1, filed in March 2021 and granted in August 2024. Mar. 2021

Teaching

Lecturer, **AI Engineering in Production** Spring 2025
 University of Seoul
 Graduate course, 3 credits, 28 students enrolled
 Course Website: <https://geewook.kim/lecture/uos25spring-91035>

Invited Talks & Seminars

- HyperCLOVA X Vision: Open Your Eyes, CLOVA X! Nov. 2024
 TEAM NAVER CONFERENCE DAN 24 [\[Session Link\]](#)[\[Slide\]](#)
- HyperCLOVA X Vision: Open Your Eyes, CLOVA X! Oct. 2024
 NAVER ENGINEERING DAY
- Vision-Language Models for Context-Rich Image Understanding Tasks Apr. 2024
 University of Seoul [\[Slide\]](#)[\[Session Link\]](#)
- Fine-Grained Evaluation of Vision-Language Models through VLM as a Judge Feb. 2024
 NAVER Tech Meetup [\[Slide\]](#)
- Recent Advances in Document AI Mar. 2023
 Korea University
- Recent Advances in Document AI Dec. 2022
 Kookmin University
- OCR-Free Document Understanding Transformer Nov. 2022
 Microsoft [\[Slide\]](#)
- Identifying a store from a receipt image 2021
 DEVIEW Conference [\[Video\]](#)[\[Slide\]](#)[\[Session Link\]](#)
- Representation Learning with Weighted Inner Product for Universal Approximation of General Similarities 2019
 Michinoku Communication Science Seminar, Tohoku University [\[Session Link\]](#)

Academic Services

Journal Reviewer:

IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI) (since 2025),
Pattern Recognition (PR) (since 2025), *ACM Computing Surveys (CSUR)* (since 2025), *Expert Systems with Applications (ESWA)* (since 2025),
Journal of Medical Internet Research (JMIR) (since 2026), *IEEE Access* (since 2023)

Conference Reviewer:

ICML (since 2026), *BMVC* (since 2026), *AAAI* (since 2025), *ICCV* (since 2025), *CVPR* (since 2024),

ACL ARR (ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, COLING) (since 2024),
Industry Track of ACL, EMNLP, NAACL, EACL, COLING (since 2022)

Selected Honors and Awards

Seiwa International Students Scholarship [\[Link\]](#) 2019

Korea-Japan Joint Government Scholarship [\[Link\]](#) 2013–2018
Admission and tuition fees, and living costs covered for a year of preliminary education and four years of Bachelor's studies

Young Researcher Award at Annual Meeting of the Association for Natural Language Processing [\[Link\]](#) 2019