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SHORT BIO

Chelhwon Kim is a computer vision researcher and he worked on various computer vision projects, including indoor 3D reconstruction, table-top telepresence system, image-based localization, and cross-domain mapping. He received his Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering from the University of California, Santa Cruz in 2016.

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EDUCATION

University of California, Santa Cruz, US *Sept 2010 - Dec 2016*

PH.D in Electrical Engineering.

Specialties: 3D geometry computer vision, SfM

Thesis: Indoor Manhattan Spatial Layout Recovery from Monocular Videos

Advisor: Prof. Roberto Manduchi

Sungkyunkwan University, Korea *Mar 2003 - Feb 2005*

M.S. in Computer Engineering (GPA 4.5/4.5)

Thesis: Structured light based depth edge detection for object shape recovery

Advisor: Prof. Juneho Yi

Sungkyunkwan University, Korea *Mar 1999 - Feb 2003*

B.S. in Computer Engineering (GPA 4.12/4.5, Rank 5/367)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Sony R&D Center San Jose US *Oct 2021 - Current*
Associate Staff Research Scientist *CA, US*

- Computer vision and computer graphics

Leia Inc. *Aug 2020 - Oct 2021*
Computer Vision Engineer *CA, US*

- 3D photo generation from 2D images using computer vision and deep learning techniques. Multi-camera calibration. Sensor fusion. Image classification.

FX Palo Alto Lab *April 2016 - June 2020*
Senior Research Scientist *CA, US*

- **Face-to-Music Translation Using a Distance-Preserving Generative Adversarial Network with an Auxiliary Discriminator** (Python, Tensorflow)
Developed a distance-preserving generative adversarial network (GAN) that maps complex visual information captured in an image into a perceptual audio domain.
- **Indoor Localization Using Fusion of Visual Information from Static and Dynamic Cameras** (Python, Tensorflow)
Developed a conditional deep embedding learning framework that fuses visual information captured from the user's smartphone and the surveillance camera images to enhance robustness to the unexpected environmental changes for the zone-level indoor localization task.

- **A Web-Based Remote Assistance System with Gravity-Aware 3D Hand Gesture Visualization** (Python, JavaScript)
Developed a web-based system that allows users to use a smartphone/smart-glasses to share its camera view with a remote expert. The expert's hand gesture is tracked by the Leapmotion and visualized/re-oriented (i.e. gravity-aware viz.) on the video stream in real-time to provide expressive/intuitive visual guidance on a physical task.
- **Capturing Handwritten Ink Strokes with a Fast Video Camera** (Python, Torch, Tensorflow)
Developed a camera-based handwritten ink stroke detection algorithm using CNN-LSTM deep learning framework.

Computer Vision Lab, UC Santa Cruz

Sep. 2012 - April 2016

Research Assistant

CA, US

- **Indoor Manhattan Spatial Layout Recovery from Monocular Videos** (C++, Objective-C, iOS)
Proposed a novel camera pose estimation algorithm using line features from the monocular video. Developed an end-to-end line feature-based SfM system based on the proposed algorithm that can estimate the camera poses and reconstruct the layout of the indoor scene by grouping the lines into planes.

FX Palo Alto Lab

Summer 2014

Research Intern

CA, US

- **High-Quality Capture of Documents on a Cluttered Tabletop with a 4K Video Camera** (C++, Arduino)
Developed a novel system for detecting and capturing paper documents on a tabletop using a 4K video camera mounted overhead on pan-tilt servos.

Nokia Research Center, Berkeley CA

Summer 2013

Research Intern

CA, US

- Implemented SLIC (Simple Linear Iterative Clustering) image segmentation algorithm on highly energy efficient embedded processor platform (Movidius Myriad) in assembly language (C/Assembly language)

FX Palo Alto Lab

Summer 2012

Research Intern

CA, US

- **Dewarping Book Page Spreads Captured with a Mobile Phone Camera** (C++, iOS)
Developed a system and methods for dewarping books with a mobile phone camera using the keypoint feature based structure from motion technique.

Multi-Dimensional Signal Processing Lab, UC Santa Cruz

Sep. 2010 - Sep. 2012

Research Assistant

CA, US

- **Visual Saliency in Noisy Images** (Matlab)
Proposed a novel method for estimating saliency based on a nonparametric regression framework for noisy images.

Intelligent Systems Research Center

Jan. 2009 - May 2010

Research Staff

Korea

- **Dependable Statistical Fusion for 3D Object Recognition and Pose Estimation** (C++)
Developed a novel probabilistic recognition framework (particle filtering) for recognition and pose estimation of 3D objects from 3D point cloud data and 2D line features in the robot application.

Nexteye Machine Vision

Mar. 2005 - May 2008

Research Engineer

Korea

- Developed machine vision systems for detecting and classifying manufacturing defects (e.g. defects on mobile phone LCD, bullet cartridge, fuel injector, plastic tube, etc.) (C/C++)
 - Vision based profile monitoring of plastic tube using 6 calibrated camera-laser units (calibrated the camera-laser unit with a stair-step shape calibration tool)
 - Bullet cartridge defect (dent, dirt, smear) detection system with synchronized multi-channel cameras (Matrox camera board).
 - Experienced in setting camera, light, and lens for defect inspection systems
 - Automatic guide system for installation of memory card on the motherboard (used multiple cameras with different fov lens for the multi-scale detection of memory card locations)
 - OCR system for wafers lot number/ID

Computer Vision Lab, Sungkyunkwan University

Mar. 2003 - Feb. 2005

Research Assistant

Korea

- **Using Structured Light for Efficient Depth Edge Detection** (Matlab)
Proposed a novel approach that accurately detects depth edges with cluttered inner texture edges effectively ignored by strategically projecting structured light and exploiting distortion of the light pattern in the structured light image.

TECHNICAL STRENGTHS

Computer Languages	C/C++, Python, JavaScript, Matlab
Software & Tools	Tensorflow, Torch, OpenCV

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching assistant

CMPE16: Applied Discrete Mathematics

Winter 2016

CMPE107: Probability and Statistics for Engineers

Winter, Spring 2015

CMPE80A: Universal Access: Disability, Technology, and Society

Fall 2014

CMPE12L: Computer Systems and Assembly Language Lab

Spring 2014

PUBLICATION

C. Kim, A. Port, and M. Patel, “Face-to-Music Translation,” CVPR Sound and Sight Workshop 2021.

C. Kim, A. Port, and M. Patel, “Face-to-Music Translation Using a Distance-Preserving Generative Adversarial Network with an Auxiliary Discriminator,” arXiv preprint, 2020. arXiv:2006.13469

A. Port, **C. Kim**, and M. Patel, “Earballs: Neural Transmodal Translation,” arXiv preprint, 2020. arXiv:2005.13291

J. Song, M. Patel, A. Girgensohn, **C. Kim**, “Combining Deep Learning with Geometric Features for Image based Localization in the Gastrointestinal Tract,” arXiv preprint, 2020. arXiv:2005.05481

C. Kim, P. Chiu, and Y. Tjahjadi, “A Web-Based Remote Assistance System with Gravity-Aware 3D Hand Gesture Visualization,” ACM International Conference on Interactive Surfaces and Spaces (ISS), 2019. Demo Paper.

C. Kim, P. Chiu, J. Pena, L. Denoue, J. Shingu, and Y. Tjahjadi, “Toward Long Distance Hand-Document Telepresence,” ACM International Conference on Interactive Surfaces and Spaces (ISS), 2019. Best Poster Paper.

- C. Kim**, C. Bhatt, M. Patel, D. Kimber, and Y. Tjahjadi, "InFo: Indoor localization using Fusion of Visual Information from Static and Dynamic Cameras," International Conference on Indoor Positioning and Indoor Navigation (IPIN), 2019.
- L. Denoue, S. Carter, and **C. Kim**, "CamaLeon: Smart Camera for Conferencing in the Wild," ACM International Conference on Multimedia (MM), 2019. Demo Paper.
- P. Chiu, **C. Kim**, and H. Oda, "Recognizing Gestures on Projected Button Widgets with an RGB-D Camera Using a CNN," ACM International Conference on Interactive Surfaces and Spaces (ISS), 2018.
- C. Kim**, P. Chiu and H. Oda, "Capturing Handwritten Ink Strokes with a Fast Video Camera," International Conference on Document Analysis and Recognition (ICDAR), 2017.
- S. Ma, Q. Liu, **C. Kim** and P. Sheu, "Lift: Using Projected Coded Light for Finger Tracking and Device Augmentation," Pervasive Computing and Communications (PerCom), 2017.
- C. Kim**, R. Manduchi, "Indoor Manhattan Spatial Layout Recovery from Monocular Videos via Line Matching," Computer Vision and Image Understanding, 2016.
- T. Dunnigan, J. Doherty, D. Avrahami, J. Biehl, P. Chiu, **C. Kim**, Q. Liu, H. Tang and L. Wilcox, "Evolution of a Tabletop Telepresence System through Art and Technology", ACM Multimedia 2015.
- C. Kim**, P. Chiu and H. Tang, "High-Quality Capture of Documents on a Cluttered Tabletop with a 4K Video Camera", Proceedings of ACM DocEng 2015.
- C. Kim**, R. Manduchi, "Planar Structures from Line Correspondences in a Manhattan World", in 12th Asian Conference on Computer Vision (ACCV), 2014.
- C. Kim**, P. Chiu and S. Chandra, "Dewarping Book Page Spreads Captured with a Mobile Phone Camera," *CB DAR*, August 23, 2013.
- C. Kim** and P. Milanfar, "Visual Saliency in Noisy Images," *Journal of Vision* 13(4):5, March 11, 2013.
- C. Kim** and P. Milanfar, "Finding Saliency in Noisy Images," *SPIE Conference on Computational Imaging (8269)*, January 2012, Burlingame, CA
- J. Y. Park, **C. H. Kim**, J. K. Na, J. H. Yi, and M. Turk, "Using structured light for efficient depth edge detection," *Image and Vision Computing*, Vol. 26, Issue 11, pp 1449-1550, 2008.
- J. Y. Park, **C. H. Kim**, J. H. Yi, and M. Turk, "Efficient depth edge detection using structured light," *Lecture Notes in Computer Science*, Vol. 2869, pp. 413-420, 2005.
- C. H. Kim**, J. Y. Park, J. H. Yi, and M. Turk, "Structured light based depth edge detection for object shape recovery," *IEEE CVPR Workshop on Projector-Camera Systems*, 2005.
- J. H. Yi, D. Y. Lee, **C. H. Kim**, "A 2D plane of RGB color space for color histogram based skin color segmentation," *6th Asian Conference on Computer Vision*, pp 926-930, 2003.