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Research Statement

Hi there! I'm a PhD student at Robotics Innovatory, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea, under the supervision of Prof. Hyouk Ryeol Choi. My research focuses on designing a versatile robotic gripper for logistics. These days, I'm interested in developing a robotic system that can interact with the external environment for grasping or manipulation, so I'm considering various methods such as gripper design and imitation learning.

EDUCATION

• Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU) Ph.D in Mechanical Engineering

• Hanyang University (ERICA) B.S in Mechanical Engineering

Mar. 2022 - Present Suwon, Republic of Korea Mar. 2018 - Feb. 2022 Ansan, Republic of Korea

PUBLICATIONS

J=JOURNAL, C=CONFERENCE, S=IN SUBMISSION, P=PATENT, T=THESIS

[J.3] Corner-Grasp: Multi-Action Grasp Detection and Active Gripper Adaptation for Grasping in Cluttered Environments

Yeong Gwang Son, <u>Seunghwan Um</u>, Juyong Hong, Tat Hieu Bui, Hyouk Ryeol Choi*. *ArXiv*, 2025.

- [J.2] Development of Adaptive Gripper Enhancing Power Grasp Range and Linearity Issac Rhee, Chun Soo Kim, Heeyeon Jeong, Seunghwan Um, and Hyouk Ryeol Choi* et al. IEEE Access, 2024.
- [J.1] ReC-Gripper: A Reconfigurable Combined Suction and Fingered Gripper for Various Logistics Picking and Stowing Tasks

Seunghwan Um, Heeyeon Jeong, Chun Soo Kim, Issac Rhee, and Hyouk Ryeol Choi* *IEEE Robotics and Automation Letters (RA-L), Presented in ICRA 2024.*

- [C.1] Overcoming Heavy Clutter: Utilizing the Hybrid Grasping Network and Gripper Seunghwan Um, Yeong Gwang Son, Tat Hieu Bui, Ho Sang Jung, and Hyouk Ryeol Choi* IEEE/RSJ International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems (IROS), 2024 Workshop: Benchmarking via Competitions in Robotic Grasping and Manipulation Iset Extended Abstract]
- [S.2] Toward Reliable Bin-Picking: Collision-Aware Robotic Design and Control Strategy for Heavily Cluttered Environment

Seunghwan Um, Yeong Gwang Son, Jaeyoon Shim, Hyouk Ryeol Choi* The manuscript was invited to be published in *IEEE Robotics and Automation Practice (RA-P)*.

[S.1] Title: T.B.A. Seunghwan Um, Yeong Gwang Son, Juyong Hong, Chun Soo Kim, et al. and Hyouk Ryeol Choi*. Manuscript submitted for publication in *IEEE/ASME Transactions on Mechatronics (TMECH)*.

PATENTS

- [P.3]Hybrid Gripper Capable of Bin Picking and Shelf Picking.
Seunghwan Um, Heeyeon Jeong, Chun Soo Kim, Issac Rhee, and Yoon Haeng Lee.
Korean Intellectual Property Office, Patent No. 10-2023-0076248. Publication Date: 2024.12.23.
- [P.2] Adaptive Gripper Capable of Parallel Motion. Issac Rhee, Chun Soo Kim, Seunghwan Um, Heeyeon Jeong, and Yoon Haeng Lee. Korean Intellectual Property Office, Patent No. 10-2023-0077512. Registration Date: 2023.12.06.
- [P.1]Suction Gripper Capable of Translational and Rotational Movements.
Chun Soo Kim, Issac Rhee, Seunghwan Um, Heeyeon Jeong, and Yoon Haeng Lee.
Korean Intellectual Property Office, Patent No. 10-2023-0093340. Registration Date: 2023.10.18.

EXPERIENCE

AIDIN ROBOTICS - Cobot Solution Team May 2022 - Present Researcher Anyang-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea • Designed grippers for shelf-picking solutions, contributing to efficient logistics automation. Korea Institute of Industrial Technology (KITECH) October 2021 - December 2021 Research Student Ansan-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea • Designed and developed control systems for a 2-DoF manipulator, enhancing its performance and accuracy. • Wall Climbing Car (WCC) [Undergraduate Project] Team Leader Ansan-si, Gyeonggi-do, Republic of Korea • Designed a wall-climbing car's propeller frame and control system. **PROJECTS** • Development of Smart Vision System and All-in-One Universal Gripper May 2022 - Present for Multi-Various Random Piece Picking Participating organizations: AIDIN ROBOTICS, SKKU, KITECH, CJ Logistics Republic of Korea • Research Objective: Developing robotic picking system including a gripper and vision system for piece picking in a logistics environment.

- Designing an integrated gripper capable of various grasping strategy for a shelf environment among logistics environments
- Researching grasping strategy that can pick objects while avoiding external constraints in a shelf environment

HONORS AND AWARDS

• 🌢 Samsung Humantech Paper Award	Feb. 2025
Samsung Electronics Co., Ltd.	[Samsung Humantech 🏶]
• ⁶ 9 th Robotic Grasping of Manipulation Competition - Picking in Clutter IEEE, IEEE RAS	May. 2024 [RGMC 2024 ()]
Solution Solution Solution Solution The Korean Society of Mechanical Engineers (KSME)	<i>Oct.</i> 2021 [YouTube ⊕]
	<i>Sep.</i> 2021 [YouTube ♣]
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BK21 Research Encouragement Scholarship CBK21mm

• Brain Hanyang, Academic Excellence Scholarship

Fall. 2024 Spring. 2018

December 2020 - October 2021