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EDUCATIONS

Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea
Doctor of Philosophy in Physics

Sep 2025 — present

Imperial College London, London, UK

Oct 2022 — Jun 2025

BSc Physics with Theoretical physics (77.24% with Dean's list in 3rd year)

- 1st Year (76.49%); Electives: Mathematical analysis (84.00%)
- 2nd Year (72.74%); Electives: Mathematical methods (100.00%), Sun, stars and planet (68.18%), Philosophy and the human sciences (Pass)
- 3rd Year (80.08%); Electives: Advanced classical mechanics (84.00%), Group theory (78.00%), General relativity (86.00%), Foundations of quantum mechanics (95.00%), BSc project (80.50%)

Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Pohang, South Korea

Feb 2022 — Sep 2022

Bachelor of Sciences (Dropped out)

Modules: Calculus, Physics, Chemistry, Special relativity, Linear algebra, Practical sciences, Writing

Bellerbys College, Brighton, UK

Sep 2018 — Jun 2021

A-Levels

Physics (A*), Further Mathematics (A*), Chemistry (A*), Mathematics (A*)

EXPERIENCES

Co-founder, President

London, United Kingdom

Coding Society at Imperial College London

Jul 2023 - Oct 2024

- Founded an unofficial society for Leetcode style recreational coding puzzles discussions.
- See the detailed process: https://sihunhwang.github.io/blog_coding_society.html
- Led meetings (average attendance of 8 people) and group chat for discussion.
- Main focus of our study was dynamic programming.

Software Engineering Internship

Incheon, South Korea

Moornmo

Jul 2023 - Oct 2023

- ShapeAI: developed the backend for a website that allows one to try out various ML models including different structures of neural network with simple GUI.
- Advanced Planning and Scheduling: Added BOM (Bills of Material) logic into the system.

Software Engineering Internship

Incheon, South Korea

Moornmo

Jul 2021 - Feb 2022

- Developed an advanced planning and scheduling system for factories by implementing a Q-learning algorithm.
- Advised clients on production process and helped automating their factories.

CONFERENCES

London University Physics Conference (QUIRK)

Feb 2025

Title: Highest Weight Representation of Virasoro Algebra

Warwick Imperial Mathematics Conference (WIMP)

Nov 2024

Title: Witt Algebra in Conformal Field Theory

Video: https://youtu.be/4qE_dNfJbGI

PROJECTS

BSc Project on Quiver Gauge Theory

Oct 2024 - May 2025

Supervisor: Prof. Amihay Hanany

Notes: https://1drv.ms/o/c/4aa01366791f4b7a/EnpLH3lmE6AggEp_AQAAAAABuyCzNL0foyC18cjunwbYDg

Slides for Viva: https://sihunhwang.github.io/project_BSc_quiver_gauge_theory.html

Computing Hilbert series to study moduli spaces. We used techniques like the monopole formula and the Molien-Weyl integral, and I had to learn ring theory, classification of semisimple Lie algebras, supersymmetry, and construction of brane systems in string theory.

Conformal Field Theory Group Study

Jul 2024 - Oct 2024

Supervisor: Prof. Hee-Cheol Kim

Notes: https://sihunhwang.github.io/notes_conformal_field_theory.html

Reading course on Conformal field theory with 3 students from Postech under Prof. Hee-Cheol Kim. In weekly meetings, we took turn presenting what we had learnt.

Meow GPT

Oct 2023

Presentation Video: <https://devpost.com/software/meowgpt-team-number-on140>

IBM Z Datathon: our project was classifying cats' voices by their emotions and generating generic cats' voices with corresponding emotions. I worked on generating voices with autoencoder and convolutional neural network.

Brachistochrone through the Earth

Jul 2023 - Sep 2023

Supervisor: Dr. Frank Berkshire

Paper: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fMN0dyFuWzWiXmXja1IATrghqiGW2yp6/view?usp=sharing>

Abstract: In this study, we explore the historical context of the brachistochrone problem and extend it to address the concept of a "gravity train," examining potential tunnel paths through the Earth. We establish that a hypocycloid serves as the terrestrial brachistochrone within a uniform average density model of the Earth. Employing the Preliminary Reference Earth Model (PREM). We numerically compute the brachistochrone, revealing a root-mean-square error of just 4.2 minutes when comparing journey times between the uniform density model and PREM, with the uniform density model consistently predicting shorter durations. Additionally, we analyse the discomfort associated with these paths, employing Anderson's measure of discomfort. Our findings show that a straight path is more "comfortable" than a hypocycloid, although we conclude that this metric is inadequate for identifying the least uncomfortable journey.

Wireless Communication

Mar 2023 - Jun 2023

Presentation: <https://youtu.be/c1C798S0DDc?si=uP3CZK-GJadCC1RN>

Summer project for 1st year physicists at Imperial.

- Built an EM wave transmitter and a receiver.
- Built a filter circuit to reduce noise.
- Implemented encoding and decoding software which is connected to antennas on Arduino.

My work was mainly focused on algorithms for encoding, decoding information and controlling microchips to generate and collect data.

Svarog

Jan 2023 - Jul 2023

Imperial College Space Society

Website: <https://uk.linkedin.com/company/project-svarog-icl>

Student led solar sail project.

- Orbital analysis and research team member.
- Determining optimised values for physical quantities of the spaceship using machine learning.
- Modelling and running simulations with a focus on the solar wind using Julia.

CERTIFICATES

Qiskit Global Summer School 2025 - Quantum Excellence

Issued Aug 2025

IBM

Certificate: <https://www.credly.com/badges/bb363231-d115-4070-97fe-c367a3dc5284/>

Quantum Error Corrections, Chemistry Simulations.

Basics of Quantum Information

Issued May 2025

IBM

Certificate: <https://www.credly.com/badges/21f823e4-d909-44f1-adff-c892144c6114/>

Quantum information, Quantum circuits, Quantum Teleportation, CHSH Game.

Algorithmic Trading Course Certificate

Issued Dec 2022

Imperial College Algorithmic Trading Society

Certificate: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1D60EEhfNs0QFYvZjltik8kFCGZq7guR6/view>

Market Prediction, Time Series Data Analysis, Machine Learning Techniques.

CS50's Introduction to Artificial Intelligence with Python

Issued Mar 2021

Harvard CS50

Certificate: <https://certificates.cs50.io/94f2b44c-f5ae-4f7f-95a7-5d9bd5ec579f.pdf?size=letter>

Depth First Search, Breadth First Search, Deep Neural Networks, Pattern Recognition, Natural Language Processing.