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ABOUT ME -

I am in the final year of Ph.D. program at NLP Section, Department of Computer Science, University of Copenhagen. I work on explainability focusing on language models' factuality.

RESEARCH INTERESTS -

Explainability of Language Models (XAI)

Mechanistic Interpretability

Factuality

Knowledge Conflict, Parametric Knowledge Elucidation, Knowledge Editing/Unlearning

EDUCATION -

9/2023 - Present Ph.D. in Computer Science University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Natural Language Processing (NLP) Section

Supervised by Prof. Isabelle Augenstein and Prof. Pepa Atanasova

Work on 'Explainable and Robust Automatic Fact Checking (ExplainYourself)' project

3/2021 - 2/2023

M.Sc. in Computer Science and Engineering

Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea

Supervised by Prof. Youngjoong Ko

Thesis: Dialogue State Tracking System with Graph-structured Discourse Information

Honors: Korea Telecom (KT) Al Scholarship

<u>GPA</u>: 4.39/4.5

3/2017 - 2/2021

B.A. in Global Korean Studies & B.Sc. Data Science

Sogang University, South Korea

Honors: Cum Laude

GPA: 3.6/4.3

EXPERIENCE -

9/2025 - 12/2025 PhD Intern

Nokia Bell Labs, Belgium

Investigate how the knowledge estimation of language models can help increase the trustworthiness of models for industry applications.

LLMs / Interpretability

2/2023 - 8/2023 Assistant Research Engineer

Korea Telecom (KT) AI2XL Lab., South Korea

Developed Question Answering System with passage retriever.

Developed a Korean knowledge grounded conversation dataset in financial domain.

LLMs / Retrieval-Augmented Generation / Information Retrieval

PUBLICATIONS

Conferences

- [1] L. Hagström, S. V. Marjanovic, Haeun Yu, A. Arora, C. Lioma, M. Maistro, P. Atanasova, and I. Augenstein. "A Reality Check on Context Utilisation for Retrieval-Augmented Generation". In: Proceedings of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (Volume 1: Long Papers). Ed. by W. Che, J. Nabende, E. Shutova, and M. T. Pilehvar. Vienna, Austria: Association for Computational Linguistics, July 2025, pp. 19691–19730. ISBN: 979-8-89176-251-O. DOI: 10.18653/v1/2025.acl-long.968. URL: https://aclanthology.org/2025.acl-long.968/.
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- [7] B. Kim, H. Choi, Haeun Yu, and Y. Ko. "Query Reformulation for Descriptive Queries of Jargon Words Using a Knowledge Graph based on a Dictionary". In: Proceedings of the 30th ACM International Conference on Information & Knowledge Management. 2021. URL: https://doi.org/10.1145/3459637.3482382.

Journals

- [8] **Haeun Yu** and Y. Ko. "Enriching the dialogue state tracking model with a asyntactic discourse graph". In: *Pattern Recog*nition Letters 169 (2023), pp. 81-86. ISSN: 0167-8655. URL: https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/ S0167865523000958.
- [9] B. Kim, H. Choi, Haeun Yu, and Y. Ko. "Graph-based query reformulation system for descriptive queries of jargon words using definitions". In: Expert Systems with Applications 214 (2023), p. 119149. ISSN: 0957-4174. URL: https:// www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0957417422021674.
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- [11] Haeun Yu and Y. Ko. "Entity Graph Based Dialogue State Tracking Model with Data Collection and Augmentation for Spoken Conversation". In: Journal of KIISE 49.10 (Oct. 2022), pp. 891-897. ISSN: 2383-6296. URL: http://dx.doi.org/ 10.5626/JOK.2022.49.10.891.

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ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

2022 Participation in Dialogue System Track Challenge 11 (DSTC11) Track 3.

Augmented the dialogue using new ontology crawled from wikipedia to train the model with various

named entities.

Teaching Assistant of Data Structure & Algorithms at Sungkyunkwan University

Participation in Dialogue System Track Challenge 10 (DSTC10) Track 2 Task 1. 2021

Achieved rank 5th out of 11 entries in Track 2 Task 1 Dialogue State Tracking (Team AO9)

Teaching Assistant of Natural Language Processing at Sungkyunkwan University

Exchange student at Umeå University, Umeå, Sweden 2019

SKILLS

- Extensive programming experience with Python.
- Experience working with NLP, machine learning algorithms and tools, including HuggingFace, PyTorch, scikit-learn, NLTK, deep graph library, wandb and spaCy
- Goal-oriented, organized, excellent at prioritization