

Email: jinheon.baek@kaist.ac.krHomepage: <https://jinheonbaek.github.io>Google Scholar: [/JinheonBaek](#)RESEARCH
INTEREST

My research interest lies in machine learning for languages, knowledge, and their intersections at scale. Previous work includes modeling interconnected data structures (texts and graphs), and retrieving them to augment language models, while verifying and personalizing their outputs, for practical natural language applications.

EDUCATION

KAIST

Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence

Seoul, South Korea

Mar 2022 – Present

M.S. in Artificial Intelligence

Mar 2020 – Feb 2022

Thesis: Toward Accurate Learning of Graph Representations, GPA: 4.22/4.30

Korea University

Seoul, South Korea

B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

Mar 2016 – Feb 2020

B.E. in Software Technology and Enterprise Program (Interdisciplinary Program)

GPA: 4.40/4.50, GPA of Computer Science and Engineering: 4.48/4.50

EMPLOYMENT

Research Intern, Google Gemini

Sep 2024 - Nov 2024

- Conducting research on optimizing in-context for long-context large language models, for their efficiency.

Research Intern, IBM Research

May 2024 - Aug 2024

- Conducting research on foundation models for structured data in enterprise data lakes over cloud services.

Research Assistant, KAIST (Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang)

Jul 2019 - Present

- Conducting research on machine learning for graphs (representation, reconstruction, generation, and retrieval), and their applications to natural language (knowledge graphs) and computer vision (object graphs).

Research Intern, Microsoft Research

Jun 2023 - Sep 2023

- Conducted research on augmenting large language models for personalization for search query suggestions.

Applied Scientist II Intern, Alexa AI, Amazon

Aug 2022 - Nov 2022

- Conducted research on knowledge-augmented large language models with retrieval from knowledge graphs.

Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Jobshopper

Jul 2018 - Feb 2020

- Co-founded an education-technology startup for student careers, led a research & development group, exited the big-data-based university information platform (Majormap), and now only advising technical directions.

Undergrad. Research Assistant, Korea University (Advisor: Prof. Jaewoo Kang)

Mar 2018 - Jun 2019

- Conducted research on representing interconnected knowledge (food ingredients and academic majors) for their recommendations, and research on investigating the spatial reasoning ability of neural models.

Research Intern, Smart Data Research Group, ETRI

Jan 2019 - Feb 2019

- Researched an open data distribution platform with the international standard (DCAT), and utilized DevOps tools (Ansible, AWX, and Traefik) to manage nodes on a cloud, in a National AI Research Institute in Korea.

PUBLICATIONS

International Publications (*: equal contribution; †: corresponding author)

- [34] ResearchAgent: Iterative Research Idea Generation over Scientific Literature with Large Language Models
[Jinheon Baek](#), Sujay Kumar Jauhar, Silviu Cucerzan, and Sung Ju Hwang
arXiv preprint
- [33] Retrieval-Augmented Data Augmentation for Low-Resource Domain Tasks
Minju Seo*, [Jinheon Baek](#)*, James Thorne, and Sung Ju Hwang
arXiv preprint
- [32] Database-Augmented Query Representation for Information Retrieval
Soyeong Jeong, [Jinheon Baek](#), Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park
arXiv preprint
- [31] The BiGGen Bench: A Principled Benchmark for Fine-grained Evaluation of Language Models with Language Models
Seungone Kim, Juyoung Suk, Ji Yong Cho, Shayne Longpre, Chaeun Kim, Dongkeun Yoon, Guijin Son, Yejin Cho, Sheikh Shafayat, [Jinheon Baek](#), ..., Graham Neubig, Moontae Lee, Kyungjae Lee, and Minjoon Seo
arXiv preprint

- [30] CVQA: Culturally-diverse Multilingual Visual Question Answering Benchmark
David Romero, Chenyang Lyu, Haryo Akbarianto Wibowo, Teresa Lynn, Injy Hamed, Aditya Nanda Kishore, ..., [Jinheon Baek](#), ..., Soyeong Jeong, ..., Thamar Solorio, and Alham Fikri Aji
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2024 (**Oral**)
- [29] An Empirical Study of Multilingual Reasoning Distillation for Question Answering
Patomporn Payoungkhamdee, Peerat Limkonchotiwat, [Jinheon Baek](#), Potsawee Manakul, Can Udomcharoenchaikit, Ekapol Chuangsuwanich, and Sarana Nutanong
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), 2024
- [28] Rethinking Code Refinement: Learning to Judge Code Efficiency
Minju Seo*, [Jinheon Baek*](#), and Sung Ju Hwang
Findings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**Findings of EMNLP**), 2024
- [27] Adaptive-RAG: Learning to Adapt Retrieval-Augmented Large Language Models through Question Complexity
Soyeong Jeong, [Jinheon Baek](#), Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park
Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**NAACL**), 2024
- [26] Knowledge-Augmented Large Language Models for Personalized Contextual Query Suggestion
[Jinheon Baek](#), Nirupama Chandrasekaran, Silviu Cucerzan, Allen Herring, and Sujay Kumar Jauhar
The Web Conference (**WWW**), 2024
- [25] Knowledge-Augmented Language Model Verification
[Jinheon Baek](#), Soyeong Jeong, Minki Kang, Jong C. Park, and Sung Ju Hwang
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), 2023
- [24] Test-Time Self-Adaptive Small Language Models for Question Answering
Soyeong Jeong, [Jinheon Baek](#), Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park
Findings of Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**Findings of EMNLP**), 2023
- [23] Knowledge-Augmented Reasoning Distillation for Small Language Models in Knowledge-Intensive Tasks
Minki Kang, Seanie Lee, [Jinheon Baek](#), Kenji Kawaguchi, and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2023
- [22] Direct Fact Retrieval from Knowledge Graphs without Entity Linking
[Jinheon Baek[†]](#), Alham Fikri Aji, Jens Lehmann, and Sung Ju Hwang
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL**), 2023
- [21] Phrase Retrieval for Open-Domain Conversational Question Answering with Conversational Dependency Modeling via Contrastive Learning
Soyeong Jeong, [Jinheon Baek](#), Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park
Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**Findings of ACL**), 2023
- [20] Knowledge-Augmented Language Model Prompting for Zero-Shot Knowledge Graph Question Answering
[Jinheon Baek[†]](#), Alham Fikri Aji, and Amir Saffari
Natural Language Reasoning and Structured Explanations Workshop at ACL (**NLRSE @ ACL**), 2023 (**Best Paper**)
Matching from Unstructured and Structured Data Workshop at ACL (**MATCHING @ ACL**), 2023 (**Oral**)
- [19] Personalized Subgraph Federated Learning
[Jinheon Baek*](#), Wonyong Jeong*, Jiongdao Jin, Jaehong Yoon, and Sung Ju Hwang
International Conference on Machine Learning (**ICML**), 2023
- [18] Realistic Conversational Question Answering with Answer Selection based on Calibrated Confidence and Uncertainty Measurement
Soyeong Jeong, [Jinheon Baek](#), Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park
Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**EACL**), 2023
- [17] Graph Self-supervised Learning with Accurate Discrepancy Learning
Dongki Kim*, [Jinheon Baek*](#), and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2022
- [16] Object Detection in Aerial Images with Uncertainty-Aware Graph Network
Jongha Kim, [Jinheon Baek](#), and Sung Ju Hwang
Visual Object-oriented Learning meets Interaction Workshop at ECCV (**VOLI @ ECCV**), 2022

- [15] Knowledge Graph-Augmented Language Models for Knowledge-Grounded Dialogue Generation
Minki Kang*, Jin Myung Kwak*, Jinheon Baek*, and Sung Ju Hwang
Knowledge Retrieval and Language Models Workshop at ICML (**KRLM @ ICML**), 2022
 - [14] KALA: Knowledge-Augmented Language Model Adaptation
Minki Kang*, Jinheon Baek*, and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**NAACL**), 2022 (**Oral**)
 - [13] Augmenting Document Representations for Dense Retrieval with Interpolation and Perturbation
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL**), 2022 (**Oral**)
 - [12] Edge Representation Learning with Hypergraphs
Jaehyeong Jo*, Jinheon Baek*, Seul Lee*, Dongki Kim, Minki Kang, and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2021
 - [11] Task-Adaptive Neural Network Retrieval with Meta-Contrastive Learning
Wonyong Jeong*, Hayeon Lee*, Geon Park*, Eunyoung Hyung, Jinheon Baek, and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2021 (**Spotlight**)
 - [10] Unsupervised Document Expansion for Information Retrieval with Stochastic Text Generation
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, ChaeHun Park, and Jong C. Park
Scholarly Document Processing Workshop at NAACL (**SDP @ NAACL**), 2021 (**Oral**)
 - [9] Accurate Learning of Graph Representations with Graph Multiset Pooling
Jinheon Baek*, Minki Kang*, and Sung Ju Hwang
International Conference on Learning Representations (**ICLR**), 2021
 - [8] Exploring The Spatial Reasoning Ability of Neural Models in Human IQ Tests
Hyunjae Kim*, Yookyung Koh*, Jinheon Baek, and Jaewoo Kang
Neural Networks, 2021
 - [7] Learning to Extrapolate Knowledge: Transductive Few-shot Out-of-Graph Link Prediction
Jinheon Baek, Dong Bok Lee, and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (**NeurIPS**), 2020
- Domestic Publications**, mostly written in Korean
- [6] Artificial Intelligence-Based High School Course and University Major Recommendation System for Course-Related Career Exploration
Jinheon Baek, Hayeon Kim, and Kiwon Kwon
KIPS Transactions on Software and Data Engineering (KTSDE), 2021
 - [5] Graph Representation Learning with Attention-based Set Pooling
Jinheon Baek, Minki Kang, and Sung Ju Hwang
Conference of Korean Artificial Intelligence Association (CKAIA), 2020 (**Best Paper**)
 - [4] Embedding Academic Majors and Lectures for Analyzing Departments in University
Jinheon Baek, Gwanghoon Jang, Soyeong Jeong, Donghyeon Park, Kiwon Kwon, and Jaewoo Kang
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2019 (**Oral**)
 - [3] Embedding Food Ingredients Based on Chemical Combination in Dense Vector Space
Donghyeon Park, Yonggyu Park, Buru Chang, Jinheon Baek, and Jaewoo Kang
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2018 (**Best Paper**)
 - [2] Multimodal Approach for Blocking Obscene and Violent Contents
Jinheon Baek, Dakyeong Lee, Chaeyeon Hong, and Byeongtae Ahn
Journal of Convergence for Information Technology (JCIT), 7(6), 2017
- Thesis**
- [1] Toward Accurate Learning of Graph Representations
Jinheon Baek
Master's Thesis, KAIST, 2022

PATENTS

- [7] Apparatus and Method for Providing Interactive Question and Answer Service
Jong C. Park, Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sung Ju Hwang, and Sukmin Cho
Korean patent number: 10-2024-0053617, filed on Apr 22, 2024
- [6] Method and Apparatus for Language Model Verification
Sung Ju Hwang, Jinheon Baek, Soyeong Jeong, Minki Kang, and Jong C. Park
Korean patent number: 10-2024-0036737, filed on Mar 15, 2024
- [5] Contextualization of Generative Language Models Based on Entity Resource Identifiers
Jinheon Baek, Sujay Kumar Jauhar, Silviu Cucerzan, Nirupama Chandrasekaran, and Allen Herring
USSN: 18/529,910, filed on Dec 05, 2023
- [4] Entity-Based Personalization of Generative Language Models
Jinheon Baek, Sujay Kumar Jauhar, Silviu Cucerzan, Nirupama Chandrasekaran, and Allen Herring
USSN: 63/545,909, filed on Nov 03, 2023
- [3] Electronic Apparatus and Method for Controlling Thereof
Sung Ju Hwang, Jinheon Baek, Wonyong Jeong, Hyeonuk Kim, Jiongdoo Jin, and Jaehong Yoon
Korean patent number: 10-2022-0175165, filed on Dec 14, 2022
- [2] Method for Building an Artificial Intelligence based Research Topics Database
Kiwon Kwon, and Jinheon Baek
Korean patent number: 10-2021-0017765, filed on Feb 08, 2021, and registered on Apr 19, 2022
- [1] Method for Consulting on Exploration Activities based on Target Departments and Curriculum Achievement Standards
Kiwon Kwon, and Jinheon Baek
Korean patent number: 10-2021-0017764, filed on Feb 08, 2021, and registered on Jun 17, 2022

HONORS AND AWARDS

Awarded the Presidential Science Scholarship for Graduate Study	2024-2026
Awarded the Travel Grant from KAIST-Google Partnership Program for WWW 2024	2024
Received the Best Poster Presentation Award at Samsung AI Forum 2023	2023
Received the Best Paper Award at NLRSE Workshop in ACL 2023	2023
Awarded the ICML Travel Grant for ICML 2023	2023
Awarded the Google Travel Grant for NeurIPS 2022	2022
Selected as One of the Top Reviewers (Top 10%) of NeurIPS 2022	2022
Selected as One of the Highlighted Reviewers (Top 10%) of ICLR 2022	2022
Selected as One of the Best Reviewers (Top 10%) of ICML 2021	2021
Received the Best Paper Award at CKAIA 2020	2020
Awarded the Samsung Dream Scholarship	2016-2020
Received the First Prize in the Graduation Project Competition at Korea University	2019
Received the Academic Excellence Award (highest GPA) at Korea University	2019
Received the Second Prize for Excellence in the Microsoft Student Partners Activities	2018
Nominated as the Representative of Korean for Excellence in Microsoft Student Partners Activities	2017

ACADEMIC SERVICES

Reviewer of NeurIPS (Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems)	2021-2024
Reviewer of ICML (International Conference on Machine Learning)	2021-2024
Reviewer of ICLR (International Conference on Learning Representations)	2022-2024
Reviewer of ACL ARR (Association for Computational Linguistics Rolling Review)	2023-2024
Reviewer of WWW (The Web Conference)	2024
Reviewer of TMLR (Transactions on Machine Learning Research)	2022-2024
Reviewer of LoG (Learning on Graphs Conference)	2022-2024
Reviewer of COLM (Conference on Language Modeling)	2024
Reviewer of EACL (Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics)	2023
Reviewer of TKDE (IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering)	2023-2024
Reviewer of SMCA (IEEE Transactions on Systems, Man and Cybernetics: Systems)	2024
Reviewer of T-IFS (IEEE Transactions on Information Forensics & Security)	2024
Reviewer of TPAMI (IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence)	2023
Reviewer of TNNLS (IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems)	2023
Reviewer of TETCI (IEEE Transactions on Emerging Topics in Computational Intelligence)	2023
Reviewer of Big Data Research	2023
Reviewer of NLRSE (Natural Language Reasoning and Structured Explanations Workshop)	2023-2024

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE	Oxford COVID-19 Government Response Tracker (OxCGRT)	Jan 2022 - Mar 2023
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collected systematic data on policy measures that governments took to tackle COVID-19, aiding decision-makers and citizens in understanding governmental responses over 180 countries. Research papers: [a, b]. 	
	WoonWha - Education Volunteer Club, Korea University	Jul 2016 - Jul 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteered for 10 middle school students vulnerable to education twice a week, about 300 hours in total. 	
TALKS AND SEMINARS	5th Volunteering Program, Samsung Dream Scholarship Foundation	Jan 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteered for children in Cambodia by teaching students and exchanging cultures for two weeks. 	
	Knowledge-Augmented (Large) Language Models	
	Thia University	May 2024
	ETRI	Oct 2023
	Microsoft Research	Aug 2023
	Knowledge-Augmented Language Model Verification	
	Korea Software Congress (KSC)	Dec 2023
	Samsung AI Forum	Nov 2023
	Direct Fact Retrieval from Knowledge Graphs & Personalized Subgraph Federated Learning	
	Korea Software Congress (KSC)	Dec 2023
	POSTECH ML Lab	Jul 2023
	Representation Learning on Graphs with Their Real-World Applications	
	Modulabs	Jul 2022
	Edge Representation Learning with Hypergraphs	
	KAIST AI Workshop	Jan 2022
	Accurate Learning of Graph Representations with Graph Multiset Pooling	
	KAIST AI Workshop	Jan 2022
	ICLR Social - ML in Korea	May 2021
	Introduction of Graph Neural Networks	
	Modulabs	Jan 2022
	Special Talk in Artificial Intelligence as an Alumnus	
	Korea University	Aug 2021
	Learning to Extrapolate Knowledge: Transductive Few-shot Out-of-Graph Link Prediction	
	Korean Conference on Computer Vision (KCCV)	Aug 2021
	NeurIPS Social - ML in Korea	Dec 2020
	Basic Algorithms of Machine Learning and Deep Learning with Python Code Challenges	
	Microsoft Coding Education Volunteer Group Seminar	Jul 2018
	Microsoft Student Partner Newcomer Tech Seminar	May 2018
	IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service) in Microsoft Azure	
	Microsoft Student Partner Newcomer Tech Seminar	Apr 2018
	Phishing Website Detection with Microsoft Azure Machine Learning Studio	
	KUSISWALL: Joint Seminar of Korea, Sookmyung and Hanyang Universities	Feb 2018
	Basic Algorithms of Machine Learning with Azure Machine Learning Studio	
	Microsoft Student Partner Evangelism	Nov 2017, Nov 2016
	Azure Cognitive Services with Serverless Cloud Computing using JavaScript and Python	
	Microsoft Student Partner Evangelism	Nov 2017
	Windows Hello: Microsoft Face Recognition System in Windows 10	
	Microsoft Student Partner Inner Tech Seminar	Oct 2016
EXTRA- CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES	Lead & Representative of Korea, Microsoft Student Partner	Jul 2016 - Jul 2020
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a leader, promoted Microsoft products, recruited members, planned programs, and reviewed projects. 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As a representative of Korea on a global summit program, invited to Microsoft Build in 2017 which is the biggest annual conference held by Microsoft, and conducted a role as a technical ambassador. 	
	Chairman, Inc0gnito Hacking Conference	Mar 2018 - Feb 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organized the information security conference in Korea held by undergraduate students over 10 universities, which covers techs, news, and trends on information security areas. 	
	8th Trainee, SW Maestro	Jul 2017 - Dec 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Researched and developed systems that automatically block obscene and violent movie content with machine learning, within the SW Maestro program that aims to train talented students on software in Korea. 	

SKILLS

Languages: Korean (mother tongue), English (fluent)
Programming (Coding): Python, JavaScript, Java, and C