Research Interests

My research interests encompass machine learning and natural language processing. I focus on advancing methodologies for understanding and modeling human and Al-driven communication. I am interested in applying Bayesian models and artificial neural networks to evaluate Al-generated content and simulate human behavior. I am also interested in uncovering latent patterns and insights from large-scale datasets, such as conversational corpora. ¹

Employment

Associate Professor

Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU)

Suwon, South Korea

Sep 2024 - Present

Assistant Professor

SKKU

Suwon, South Korea

Sep 2020 - Aug 2024

I am working as a professor in the College of Computing and Informatics at Sungkyunkwan University. I am the leader of the Human Language Intelligence Lab².

Junior Data Scientist

United Nations Global Pulse Lab

Jakarta, Indonesia

June 2016 - Aug 2016

I interned with Dr. Jonggun Lee in the United Nations Global Pulse Lab Jakarta. I developed a topic model-based methodology for expanding relevant keywords for specific subjects to identify related tweets on Twitter. This work is published at ICML 2017 workshop [49].

Research Intern

Microsoft Research Asia

Beijing, China

Sep 2013 - Feb 2014

I interned with Dr. Chin-Yew Lin in the Knowledge Mining group at Microsoft Research Asia. I developed a topic model to identify self-disclosure in Twitter conversations. This work is published at EMNLP 2014 as a full paper [51].

Education

KAIST, Ph.D., School of Computing, Mar 2013 - Aug 2020

Dissertation: Speaker oriented Conversation Model and its Evaluation [42]

Dissertation committee: Prof. Alice Oh, Dr. Chin-Yew Lin, Prof. Kee-Eung Kim,

Prof. Meeyoung Cha, and Prof. Sung-Hyon Myaeng

Outstanding PhD Thesis Award

KAIST, M.S., Computer Science, Feb 2011 - Feb 2013

GPA: 3.98/4.30

Thesis: Distributed Online Learning for Topic Models [52]

Thesis committee: Prof. Alice Oh, Prof. Sung-Eui Yoon, and Prof. Sung-Hyon Myaena

Sungkyunkwan University, B.S., Computer Engineering, Mar 2004 - Feb 2011

GPA: 4.45/4.50

Graduation project: On-Line LEcture Allocation³, Worked with Byung II Woo,

Best Project Award

SKKU Academic Excellence Scholarship (Fall 2004), Udeok Scholarship (Mar 2008 - Feb 2011)

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COLING 2020, 2022, 2024, 2025

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IEIE 2024

JOK 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024

KCC 2025

KSC 2023, 2024

LaTeCH-CLfL 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

LREC 2022, 2024

NAACL 2019, 2021, 2024, 2025

NeurIPS 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025

NN 2024

SAC 2021, 2024, 2025

TASLP 2022, 2023

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WiNLP 2024, 2025

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IJCAI 2024 Workshop and Tutorial Coordinators

Volunteer ACL 2020 Birds of a Feather Meetup

ACL 2020 Group Mentor
ACL 2020 Micro-blogging
ICLR 2020 Student Volunteer
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Projects

"Al Star Fellowship Support Program", IITP, Jul 2025 - Present

"Al Plus K-Construction Infrastructure Resilience (Al+KCIR) Global Research Center", NRF, Jun 2025 - Present

"Detection and Prediction of Emerging and Undiscovered Voice Phishing", IITP, Apr 2025 - Present

"Offsite AI Model Learning Algorithm for ensuring model and data confidentiality and performance", NRF, Mar 2025 - Present

"Enhancing Cultural Alignment in Large Language Models with Human Values and Safety", Microsoft Research Asia, Mar 2025 - Present

"Al Guardians: Development of Robust, Controllable, and Unbiased Trustworthy Al Technology", IITP, Aug 2024 - Present

"Demonstration and commercialization of a large-scale Al-based mental health service to eliminate blind spots in mental health", NIPA, Jul 2024 - Dec 2024

"Collaborative Research Projects with Microsoft Research", IITP, Apr 2024 - Present

"Enhancing Language Model Alignment with Human Values and Safety", Microsoft Research Asia, May 2024 - Present

"Research on the reliability and coherence of outcomes produced by Generative AI", IITP, Apr 2024 - Present

"Development of an Artificial Intelligence Model for Integrated Depression Diagnosis Technology based on Depression Behavior Characteristics Dataset", NRF, Aug 2023 - Dec 2024

"A study on DetectGPT to detect plagiarism of codes and texts from large language models", Elice, June 2023 - June 2023

"Integrating Human Values into Language Models: Generating Human Value-Aligned Arguments", Microsoft Research Asia, June 2023 - Present

"Language Localization Neural Machine Translation Model for User Generated Text", NRF, June 2023 - May 2024

"A study on large Al de-biasing algorithms", KT, Dec 2022 - Sep 2023

"A study on explainable automatic evaluation model for generated natural language texts in terms of factual consistency", NRF, June 2022 - May 2023

"Abductive inference framework using omni-data for understanding complex causal relations", IITP, Apr 2022 - May 2025

"National Program for Excellence in SW", IITP, Apr 2021 - Present

"A study on automatic evaluation model for generated natural language texts in terms of topic consistency", NRF, June 2021 - May 2022

"Digital SOC D.N.A. based Health Care Laboratory for Carbon Neutralization", NRF, June 2021 - Feb 2024

"Development of Digital Therapeutics for Depression from COVID19", KEIT, June 2021 - Present

"Standard Development of Blockchain based Network Management Automation Technology", IITP, Sep 2020 - May 2021

"Artificial Intelligence Graduate School Program", IITP, Sep 2020 - Present

"Explainable Human-level Deep Machine Learning", IITP, Sep 2017 - Aug 2020

"Machine Learning Center", IITP, Mar 2013 - Mar 2017

"Distributed online topic modeling for big data analysis", Samsung Electronics, Dec 2012 - Nov 2013

Talks

"Enhancing Memory in Neural Networks: Memory Retention, Efficient Adaptation, and Self-Training for Reasoning", Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, United States of America, 2025.07.22.

"Enhancing Memory in Neural Networks: Memory Retention, Efficient Adaptation, and Self-Training for Reasoning", Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan, 2025.06.19.

"Value-Aligned Large Language Models, How & Unintended Harms", SKKU, Seoul, South Korea, 2025.05.30.

"PEMA & Memoria", Postech, Pohang, South Korea, 2025.04.04.

"PEMA & Memoria", DGIST, Daegu, South Korea, 2025.04.03.

"Memoria: Resolving Fateful Forgetting Problem through Human-Inspired Memory Architecture", Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, 2024.10.11.

"Memoria: Resolving Fateful Forgetting Problem through Human-Inspired Memory Architecture", RIKEN, Tokyo, Japan, 2024.08.19.

"Applying ML to Historical Corpora: Translating Classical Korean Texts to Contemporary Korean and Analyzing Monarchical Ruling Styles", Machine Learning for Ancient Languages Workshop, Bangkok, Thailand, 2024.08.15

"Life with human-like artificial intelligence", Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Seoul, South Korea, 2024.04.23

"At the King's Command: A Historical Study of Extraordinary Natural Occurrences and Executive Orders", New York University Abu Dhabi, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 2024.03.21

"From Human Values to Personal Opinions with LLM", Adobe, San Jose, California, United States of America, 2023.08.07

"From Human Values to Personal Opinions", Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, 2023.06.30

"From Human Values to Personal Opinions", Microsoft Research Asia, Beijing, China, 2023.06.27

"Understanding ChatGPT", Samsung Medical Center, Seoul, South Korea, 2023.06.09

"Understanding ChatGPT", SKKU, Suwon, South Korea, 2023.04.26

"Transformer and Pretrained Language Model", KICS, Seoul, South Korea, 2023.03.23

"Emotion-Cause Pair Extraction & Sociolect-to-Sociolect", KRAFTON, Seoul, South Korea, 2023.02.16.

"Tips for graduates students and NLP Research Trends", GIST, Online, 2023.01.13.

"NLP for Conversations", Soongsil University, Seoul, South Korea, 2022.12.28.

"Natural Language Inference with Knowledge and Emotion-Cause Pair Extraction", RIKEN, Tokyo, Japan, 2022.11.01.

"Mining the Text of the Annals of the Joseon Dynasty", Seoul National University, Seoul, South Korea, 2022.10.28.

"NLP for Conversations", Yonsei University, Seoul, South Korea, 2022.09.15.

"Introduction to NLP for Conversations", University of Seoul, Seoul, South Korea, 2022.09.06.

"Al and Ethics", The Al Korea 2022, Seoul, South Korea, 2022.08.17.

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"Evaluation and Scalability of Conversation models", Korea Institute of Science and Technology Information, Daejeon, South Korea, 2021.08.20.

"Automatic evaluation methods for conversation models", SOCAR, Seoul, South Korea, 2021.07.28.

"Automatic evaluation methods for conversation models", 2021 Summer Conference, Korean Artificial Intelligence Association, Online, 2021.07.09.

"2021 NLP Research Trends", CJ Olive Networks, Seoul, South Korea, 2021.06.08.

"Automatic evaluation methods for conversation models", AI Frontiers Summit 2021, The Korean Institute of Communications and Information Sciences, Seoul, South Korea, 2021.05.21.

"Scaling laws in Natural Language Processing", 2021 Spring Colloquium, SKKU Department of Physics, Suwon, South Korea, 2021.03.03.

"Conversation Model and its Evaluation", 2020 Fall Conference, Korean Artificial Intelligence Association, Online, 2020.11.20.

"Speaker-oriented Conversation Model and its Evaluation", Online Seminar, Dongguk University, Seoul, South Korea, 2020.11.18.

"Speaker-oriented Conversation Model and its Evaluation", BK21 Artificial Intelligence Colloquium, Ajou University, Online, 2020.11.10.

"Speaker-oriented Conversation Model and its Evaluation", Fall 2020 CSE GSAI Seminar Series, Postech, Online, 2020.09.09.

"Speaker-oriented Conversation Model and its Evaluation", Machine Learning for Language, NYU, Online, 2020.06.16.

"At the King's command: rules and natural disasters in the Annals of Dynasty", 2nd Annual POL-TEXT Conference 2019, Tokyo, Japan, 2019.09.14.

"Variational Hierarchical User-based Conversation Model", KAIST-NAVER Clova Al Workshop, KAIST, Daejeon, South Korea, 2019.06.19.

"Conversational decision-making model for predicting the kings decision in the annals of the Joseon dynasty", NAVER, Seongnam, South Korea, 2018.12.14.

"Conversational decision-making model for predicting the kings decision in the annals of the Joseon dynasty and Word vector Interpretability", Samsung Electronics, Suwon, South Korea, 2018.11.30.

"Studying Political Contention using Text as Data", GESIS, Cologne, Germany, 2015.12.02.

"Meaning Structures in Political Discourse: Measuring Institutional Dynamics of a Hybrid Democracy via the Topic Modeling from Contested Concepts in Newspaper Articles", GESIS, Cologne, Germany, 2014.12.01.

"Self-disclosure in Twitter conversations", Qatar Computing Research Institute, Doha, Qatar, 2014.10.23.

"Bayesian Nonparametric Topic Modeling", Korean machine learning summer school, Seoul, South Korea, 2013.08.22.

Teaching Experience

Lecturer, "Open Source Software Practice", SKKU, {Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025}

Lecturer, "Mathematics for Machine Learning", SKKU, {Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025}

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Lecturer, "Smart Factory Application Programming", SKKU, {Fall 2021, Fall 2023}

Lecturer, "AI and Ethics", SKKU, {Fall 2021, Spring 2024}

Lecturer, "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence", SKKU, {Fall 2021, Fall 2022, Fall 2023, Fall 2024}

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Organizer, Optimistic, Pessimistic and Realistic of Large Language Models, KOFST, 2023

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