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RESEARCH INTERESTS

For my long-term research goal, I've been dedicated to developing lifelong adaptability in embodied AI systems and multimodal foundation models (e.g., VLM, MLLM, diffusion models) within dynamic real-world environments. These systems aim to be reliable, improvable, interactive, and compositional, addressing practical, real-world challenges to better understand human behavior and significantly impact our daily lives. My research interest includes the following topics:

- Multimodal/Video Large Language Models: Comprehension, Generation, and Faithfulness
- Compositional Generalization: Continual Learning and Compositional Reasoning
- Efficient Training/Inference: Parameter-efficient Learning, Model Compression, and Federated Learning

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Associate, Advisor: Prof. Mohit Bansal	UNC Chapel-Hill, NC	08/2023 - Current
Postdoctoral Research Associate, Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang	KAIST, South Korea	03/2023 - 08/2023
Visiting Student, Weizmann Inst Host: Prof. Yonina Eldar	itute of Science, Israel	10/2022 - 11/2022
Research Intern, Microsoft Research, China Visual Computing Group Mentor: Dr. Yue Cao		11/2021 - 04/2022
Research Scientist, MLAI Lab.,	KAIST, South Korea	02/2018 - 08/2018

EDUCATION

KAIST, Daejeon, South Korea

Ph.D., School of Computing,

Aug 2018 - Feb 2023

- Thesis: "On-device, Online Continual Learning for the Real World"
- The Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award from KAIST College of Engineering
- The Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award from KAIST School of Computing
- Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence (MLAI) Lab
- Adviser: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang
- Area of Study: Machine Learning

UNIST, Ulsan, South Korea

M.S., Computer Science,

Aug 2016 - Feb 2018

- Thesis: "Combined Group and Exclusive Sparsity for Deep Neural Networks"
- Adviser: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang
- Area of Study: Machine Learning

B.S., Computer Science Engineering,

 ${\rm Mar}~2012$ - Aug2016

• Biological Science Minor

Conference Publications

[C24] SELMA: Learning and Merging Skill-Specific Text-to-Image Experts with Auto-Generated Data

Jialu Li, Jaemin Cho, Yi-lin Sung, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, and Mohit Bansal Neural Information Processing Systems (<u>NeurIPS</u>) 2024, Vancouver, Canada

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[C23] EnvGen: Generating and Adapting Environments via LLMs for Training Embodied Agents

Abhay Zala*, Jaemin Cho*, Han Lin, **Jaehong Yoon**, and Mohit Bansal Conference on Language Modeling (COLM) 2024, Philadelphia, PA

[C22] Mementos: A Comprehensive Benchmark for Multimodal Large Language Model Reasoning over Image Sequences

Xiyao Wang, Yuhang Zhou, Xiaoyu Liu, Hongjin Lu, Yuancheng Xu, Feihong He, Jaehong Yoon, Taixi Lu, Gedas Bertasius, Mohit Bansal, Huaxiu Yao, and Furong Huang Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL) 2024, Bangkok, Thailand

[C21] STELLA: Continual Audio-Video Pre-training with Spatio-Temporal Localized Alignment

Jaewoo Lee*, Jaehong Yoon*, Wonjae Kim, Yunji Kim, and Sung Ju Hwang CVPR 2024 Workshop on Continual Learning (CLVision)
International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024, Vienna, Austria

[C20] EVEREST: Efficient Masked Video Autoencoder by Removing Redundant Spatiotemporal Tokens

Sunil Hwang*, Jaehong Yoon*, Youngwan Lee*, and Sung Ju Hwang CVPR 2024 Workshop on Transformers for Vision (T4V), Spotlight Presentation International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024, Vienna, Austria

[C19] BECoTTA: Input-dependent Online Blending of Experts for Continual Test-time Adaptation

Daeun Lee*, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>*, and Sung Ju Hwang CVPR 2024 Workshop on Test-Time Adaptation International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2024, Vienna, Austria

[C18] Carpe Diem: On the Evaluation of World Knowledge in Lifelong Language Models

Yujin Lee, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Seonghyeon Ye, Sangmin Bae, Namgyu Ho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Se Young $\overline{\text{Yun}}$

NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Synthetic Data Generation with Generative AI, Oral The North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) 2024, Mexico City, Mexico

[C17] Multimodal Representation Learning by Alternating Unimodal Adaptation XiaoHui Zhang, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Mohit Bansal, and Huaxiu Yao The IEEE/CVF Computer Vision and Pattern Recognition Conference (CVPR) 2024, Seattle, Washington

[C16] ECoFLaP: Efficient Coarse-to-Fine Layer-Wise Pruning for Vision-Language Models

Yi-lin Sung, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, and Mohit Bansal International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2024, Vienna, Austria

[C15] Analyzing and Mitigating Object Hallucination in Large Vision-Language Models Yiyang Zhou*, Chenhang Cui*, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Linjun Zhang, Chelsea Finn, Mohit Bansal, and Huaxiu Yao

NeurIPS 2023 Workshop on Instruction Tuning and Instruction Following International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2024, Vienna, Austria

[C14] Progressive Fourier Neural Representation for Sequential Video Compilation Haeyong Kang, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Dahyun Kim, Sung Ju Hwang, and Chang D. Yoo International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) <u>2024</u>, Vienna, Austria

[C13] Text-Guided Token Selection for Text-to-Image Synthesis with Token-based Diffusion Models

Jaewoong Lee*, Sangwon Jang*, Jaehyeong Jo, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Yunji Kim, Jin-Hwa Kim, Jung-Woo Ha, Sung Ju Hwang International Conference on Computer Vision (ICCV) 2023, Paris, France

- [C12] Continual Learners are Incremental Model Generalizers
 Jaehong Yoon, Sung Ju Hwang, Yue Cao
 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2023, Hawaii, USA
- [C11] Personalized Subgraph Federated Learning
 Jinheon Baek*, Wonyong Jeong*, Jiongdao Jin, Jaehong Yoon, and Sung Ju Hwang
 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2023, Hawaii, USA
- [C10] On the Soft-Subnetwork for Few-shot Class Incremental Learning Haeyong Kang, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Sultan Madjid, Sung Ju Hwang, Chang D. Yoo International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2023, Kigali, Rwanda
- [C9] Bitwidth Heterogeneous Federated Learning with Progressive Weight Dequantization Jaehong Yoon*, Geon Park*, Wonyong Jeong, and Sung Ju Hwang International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2022, Baltimore, USA
- [C8] Forget-free Continual Learning with Winning Subnetworks
 Haeyong Kang*, Rusty Mina*, Sultan Madjid, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Mark Hasegawa-Johnson,
 Sung Ju Hwang, and Chang D. Yoo
 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2022, Baltimore, USA
- [C7] Rethinking the Representational Continuity: Towards Unsupervised Continual Learning Divyam Madaan, Jaehong Yoon, Yuanchun Li, Yunxin Liu, and Sung Ju Hwang International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2022, Virtual Oral Presentation (Acceptance Rate = 54/3391 = 1.6%)
- [C6] Online Coreset Selection for Rehearsal-based Continual Learning Jaehong Yoon, Divyam Madaan, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2022, Virtual
- [C5] Federated Continual Learning with Weighted Inter-client Transfer Jaehong Yoon*, Wonyong Jeong*, Giwoong Lee, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang ICML 2020 Workshop on Lifelong Machine Learning Workshop International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2021, Virtual
- [C4] Federated Semi-supervised Learning with Inter-Client Consistency & Disjoint Learning

Wonyong Jeong, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang ICML 2020 Workshop on Federated Learning for User Privacy and Data Confidentiality Workshop, <u>Long Presentation</u>, <u>Best Student Paper Award</u>
International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2021, Virtual

[C3] Scalable and Order-robust Continual Learning with Additive Parameter Decomposition

Jaehong Yoon, Saehoon Kim, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2020, Addis ababa, Ethiopia, Virtual

- [C2] Lifelong Learning with Dynamically Expandable Networks
 Jaehong Yoon, Eunho Yang, Jeongtae Lee, and Sung Ju Hwang
 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR) 2018, Vancouver, Canada
- [C1] Combined Group and Exclusive Sparsity for Deep Neural Networks Jaehong Yoon and Sung Ju Hwang International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML) 2017, Sydney, Australia

Preprints

[P9] SAFREE: Training-Free and Adaptive Guard for Safe Text-to-Image And Video Generation

Jaehong Yoon*, Shoubin Yu*, Vaidehi Patil, Huaxiu Yao, and Mohit Bansal arXiv:2410.12761, 2024.

$[P8] \begin{tabular}{ll} Adapt-\infty: Scalable Lifelong Multimodal Instruction Tuning via Dynamic Data \\ Selection \end{tabular}$

Adyasha Maharana*, Jaehong Yoon*, Tianlong Chen, and Mohit Bansal arXiv:2410.10636, 2024.

[P7] Glider: Global and Local Instruction-Driven Expert Router

Pingzhi Li*, Prateek Yadav*, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Jie Peng, Yi-Lin Sung, Mohit Bansal, and Tianlong Chen arXiv:2410.07172, 2024.

[P6] Blindness and Hallucinations: Revisiting Multi-modal Alignment in Vision-Language Large Models

Xinyu Yang, Chenhang Cui, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Yiyang Zhou, Yi-Lin Sung, Mohit Bansal, Beidi Chen, and Huaxiu Yao submitted, 2024.

[P5] RACCooN: A Versatile Instructional Video Editing Framework with Auto-Generated Narratives

Jaehong Yoon*, Shoubin Yu*, and Mohit Bansal arXiv:2405.18406, 2024.

[P4] VideoTree: Adaptive Tree-based Video Representation for LLM Reasoning on Long Videos

Ziyang Wang*, Shoubin Yu*, Elias Stengel-Eskin*, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Feng Cheng, Gedas Bertasius, Mohit Bansal arXiv:2405.19209, 2024.

[P3] CREMA: Generalizable and Efficient Video-Language Reasoning via Multimodal Modular Fusion

Shoubin Yu*, Jaehong Yoon*, and Mohit Bansal arXiv:2402.05889, 2024.

[P2] Rapid Structural Pruning of Neural Networks with Set-based Task-Adaptive Meta-Pruning

Minyoung Song, Jaehong Yoon, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang arXiv:2006.12139, 2020.

[P1] Adaptive Network Sparsification with Dependent Beta-Bernoulli Dropout Juho Lee, Saehoon Kim, <u>Jaehong Yoon</u>, Haebeom Lee, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang arXiv:1805.10896, 2018.

WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

[W1] BiTAT: Neural Network Binarization with Task-dependent Aggregated Transformation

Geon Park*, <u>Jaehong Yoon*</u>, Haiyang Zhang, Xing Zhang, Sung Ju Hwang, and Yonina C. Eldar

ECCV 2022 Workshop on Computational Aspects of Deep Learning (CADL)

PATENTS (US ONLY)

Method and Device with Federated Learning of Neural Network Weights

 $\overline{\text{Jaehong Yoon}}$, Geon Park, Wonyong Jeong, Jonghoon Yoon, and Sung Ju Hwang $\overline{\text{US }20240256895}$ A1, Aug 2024

Method and Apparatus with Neural Network and Training

 $\underline{ {\bf Jaehong~Yoon}},$ Saehoon Kim, Eunho Yang, and Sung Ju Hwang US 20210256374 A1, Aug 2021

Electronic Apparatus and Method for Re-learning Trained Model

Jaehong Yoon, Eunho Yang, Jeongtae Lee, and Sung Ju Hwang US 20180357539 A1, Dec 2018

Professional Services

Area Chair

2024 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP) 2024 NeurIPS 2024 Workshop on Scalable Continual Learning for Lifelong Foundation Models

Reviewer

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 Neural Information Processing System (NeurIPS) 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML)

2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 International Conference on Learning Representations (ICLR)

 $2022,\,2023,\,2024\ Conference\ on\ Lifelong\ Learning\ Agents\ (CoLLAs)$

2020 International Joint Conferences on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI)

2020 Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI)

2021, 2023 IEEE Transactions on Pattern Analysis and Machine Intelligence (TPAMI)

2020, 2022 IEEE Transactions on Neural Networks and Learning Systems (TNNLS)

2022 Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research (JAIR)

2021 IEEE/ACM Transactions on Networking (ToN)

2020 Neural Networks (NN)

Awards & Honors

Google PaliGemma Academic Program Award, 2024

The Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award from KAIST College of Engineering, 2023

The Best Ph.D. Dissertation Award from KAIST School of Computing, 2023

NeurIPS Top Reviewers Award, 2019

NAVER Ph.D. Fellowship Award, 2017

INVITED TALKS

Aug. 2024. DCDL Tutorial @ MICCAI 2024, On the Communicability of Heterogeneous and Continual Learning Agents

Jul. 2024. CSE/GSAI, Postech, Lifelong-Adaptive and Self-Evolving AI Systems for Real-world Dynamics and Modalites

Jul. 2024. Electronics and Telecommunications Research Institute (ETRI), Lifelong-Adaptive and Self-Evolving AI Systems for Real-world Dynamics and Modalites

Jul. 2024. AI Graduate School, KAIST, Lifelong-Adaptive and Self-Evolving AI Systems for Real-world Dynamics and Modalites

Jun. 2024. AI Graduate School, UNIST, Large-scale Multimodal Learning: Continuity, Efficiency, and Unification

Nov. 2023. LG AI Research, Lightweight Video & Multimodal Learning

Jun. 2023. Edinburgh University, Towards Continuously Evolving AI

Apr. 2023. CMU & MBZUAI, Prof. Eric Xing's Group, Federated and Continual Learning with Heterogeneous Clients

2022. UT Austin, Prof. Kristin Grauman's Group, Online Coreset Selection for Rehearsal-based Conitnual Learning

2022. Korea Computer Congress (KCC), "Representational Continuity for Unsupervised Continual Learning"

2019. Samsung SDS, "Lifelong Learning with Dynamically Expandable Networks"

2018. NAVER Corp., Tech. Talk, "Lifelong Learning with Dynamically Expandable Networks"

2018. SK-Telecom, Tech. Open Connect (T-T.O.C), "Lifelong Learning with Dynamically Expandable Networks"

2017. Korea Software Congress (KSC), "Combined Group and Exclusive Sparsity for Deep Neural Networks"

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