JOONGWON DANIEL KIM

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania

Aug 2018 - May 2022 (expected)

B.A.S. in Computer Science

- GPA: 3.96 / 4.0

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Conversational QA with Synthesized Dialogues

Jul 2021 - Present

Advisors: Mark Yatskar, Chris Callison-Burch

- Formulated a method for collecting a large, synthetic dataset of conversational QA by using People-Also-Ask API.
- Related experiments presented in bachelor's capstone thesis

Language Grounded Multimodal Schema for Video Retrieval

May 2021 - Nov 2021

Advisors: Mark Yatskar, Chris Callison-Burch

- Induced schema representations of goal-oriented (how-to) tasks from multimodal sources. Proposed methods to modify existing schemas to address unseen tasks. Improved performance on instructional video retrievals.
- Work under review [1]

Learning to Split and Rephrase Sentences with Bitexts

May 2020 - May 2021

Advisors: Wei Xu, Chris Callison-Burch

- Curated a multilingual Split and Rephrase corpus using machine translation over parallel corpora. Developed a sentence splitter with controllable generation and performed evaluations. Collaborated with Georgia Tech.
- Work published in EMNLP 2021 [2]

Automated Seizure Detection with Deep Learning

Jun 2019 - Apr 2020

Advisors: Brian Litt

- Developed a seizure detection codebase which used neural networks with associated full-stack web application.
- Work published in Critical Care Explorations

PUBLICATIONS / PRE-PRINTS

[1] Induce, Edit, Retrieve: Language Grounded Multimodal Schema for Instructional Video Retrieval

Yue Yang, Joongwon Kim, Artemis Panagopoulou, Mark Yatskar, Chris Callison-Burch

- Under review in CVPR 2022
- Links: [paper]

[2] BiSECT: Learning to Split and Rephrase Sentences with Bitexts

Joongwon Kim*, Mounica Maddela*, Reno Kriz, Wei Xu, Chris Callison-Burch

- Proceedings of EMNLP 2021 (long paper)
- Links: [paper] [video] [poster] [slides]

Another paper not related to NLP can be found in my Google Scholar page.

SENIOR THESIS

Towards Practical Conversational Open-Domain Question Answering

Senior Capstone Thesis for Computer Science at the University of Pennsylvania (CIS 498)

- Provided literature review of conversational QA and open-domain QA
- Generated simulated QA dialogues from existing datasets (e.g. Natural Questions) using People-Also-Ask
- Performed experiments with fine-tuning QA models on the custom dataset

TEACHING

Computational Linguistics (CIS 530)

Jan 2021 - May 2021

Teaching Assistant

- Helped to teach a graduate-level NLP class of 150 students by managing office hours and Piazza forum.
- Worked under Professor Mark Yatskar

Data Structures & Algorithms (CIS 121)

Jan 2020 - Dec 2020

Teaching Assistant

- Led weekly office hours and recitations of 20-30 students on fundamental algorithms/data structure concepts.
- Worked under Professors Rajiv Gandhi and Kostas Daniilidis

SKILLS

Languages: English, Korean (native fluency)

Programming: Python, Java, C, C++, SQL, Javascript, HTML, CSS, MATLAB

Research: Mechanical Turk, Latex, Command Line

REFERENCES

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