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## Summary

I'm Eunseong Choi, a Ph.D. candidate in the Data Intelligence and Learning Lab, Sungkyunkwan University (advisor: Prof. Jongwuk Lee), expected to complete my degree in February 2026. My research lies in **Information Retrieval and Natural Language Processing**, with an emphasis on building **robust and efficient Retrieval-Augmented Generation** frameworks. My work has received 200+ citations and has been published in top-tier conferences in NLP and IR. Representative research includes:

- **Retrieval-Augmented Generation:**

- Context-memory conflicts [C<sub>1</sub>]
- Prompt compression for efficient LLMs [C<sub>4</sub>]

- **Information Retrieval:**

- Passage re-ranking [C<sub>2</sub>]
- Learned sparse representation [C<sub>8</sub>]
- Generative recommendation [C<sub>3</sub>]
- Query reduction [C<sub>7</sub>]

- **Natural Language Processing:**

- Metaphor detection [C<sub>10</sub>]

- **Machine Learning:**

- Knowledge tracing [C<sub>6</sub>]
- Extreme multi-label classification [C<sub>9</sub>]

In addition to my academic research, I gained industry experience as a research intern at NAVER, working on large-scale real-world search problems.

## Education

2020.3 – current	 <b>M.S./Ph.D., Artificial Intelligence</b> , Sungkyunkwan University Advisor: Prof. Jongwuk Lee Thesis: <i>Improving Evidentiality and Compression for Retrieval-Augmented Generation</i>
2012.3 – 2020.2	 <b>B.S., Architecture</b> , Sungkyunkwan University  <b>B.S., Samsung Convergence Software Course</b> , Sungkyunkwan University

## Experience

2025.3 – 2025.4	 <b>Research Intern</b> , Search & Ranking Modeling, NAVER (Supervisor: Young-In Song) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Worked on continual fine-tuning for recency-aware dense retrieval</li></ul>
2021.7 – 2021.8	 <b>Research Intern</b> , Search CIC, NAVER (Supervisor: Young-In Song) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Developed a sparse retrieval method for efficient first-stage retrieval</li></ul>

## Publications

- [C<sub>1</sub>] Conflict-Aware Soft Prompting for Retrieval-Augmented Generation *To appear in EMNLP 2025*  
**Eunseong Choi**, June Park, Hyeri Lee, Jongwuk Lee
  - Mitigated context-memory conflicts in retrieval-augmented generation using adversarial soft prompting

- [C2] Multi-view-guided Passage Reranking with Large Language Models *To appear in EMNLP 2025*  
 Jeongwoo Na, Jun Kwon, **Eunseong Choi**, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Proposed efficient and robust LLM-based passage reranker using multi-view embeddings
- [C3] GRAM: Generative Recommendation via Semantic-aware Multi-granular Late Fusion *ACL 2025*  
 Sunkyung Lee, Minjin Choi, **Eunseong Choi**, Hye-young Kim, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Efficiently leveraging multi-granular semantic information for sequential recommendation
- [C4] From Reading to Compressing: Exploring the Multi-document Reader *EMNLP 2024 Findings*  
 for Prompt Compression  
**Eunseong Choi**, Sunkyung Lee, Minjin Choi, June Park, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Prompt compression using cross-attention, reducing prompt length by 80% while preserving global context
- [C5] Multi-granularity Guided Fusion-in-Decoder *NAACL 2024 Findings*  
**Eunseong Choi**, Hyeri Lee, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Improved open-domain QA by leveraging evidence at multiple levels of granularity
- [C6] Forgetting-aware Linear Bias for Attentive Knowledge Tracing *CIKM 2023 (short paper)*  
 Yoonjin Im\*, **Eunseong Choi**\*, Heejin Kook, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Modeled forgetting behavior with a linear bias in attention-based models
- [C7] ConQueR: Contextualized Query Reduction using Search Logs *SIGIR 2023 (short paper)*  
 Hye-young Kim\*, Minjin Choi\*, Sunkyung Lee, **Eunseong Choi**, Young-In Song, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Query reduction by combining core term extraction and sub-query selection from real-world search logs
- [C8] SpaDE: Improving Sparse Representations using a Dual Document Encoder for *CIKM 2022*  
 First-stage Retrieval  
**Eunseong Choi**\*, Sunkyung Lee\*, Minjin Choi, Hyeseon Ko, Young-In Song, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Improved sparse retrieval by jointly learning term weighting and semantic expansion with a dual encoder
- [C9] Long-tail Mixup for Extreme Multi-label Classification *CIKM 2022 (short paper)*  
 Sangwoo Han, **Eunseong Choi**, Chan Lim, Hyunjung Shim, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Addressed label sparsity in extreme classification with mixup-based augmentation
- [C10] MelBERT: Metaphor Detection via Contextualized Late Interaction using *NAACL 2021*  
 Metaphorical Identification Theories  
 Minjin Choi, Sunkyung Lee, **Eunseong Choi**, Heesoo Park, Junhyuk Lee, Dongwon Lee, Jongwuk Lee  
 • Metaphor detection using contextualized word representations and linguistic theories

## Academic Service

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| Reviewer          | ■ ARR 2025 May (EMNLP 2025)   |
| External Reviewer | ■ EMNLP 2022; ACL 2023; SIGIR 2023–2024; KDD 2022, 2026; WSDM 2022; ARR 2025 Feb (ACL 2025) |

## Honors & Awards

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| 2024 | ❖ <b>1st Prize, Best Graduate Research Paper Award</b> , Sungkyunkwan University.<br>Presented research on prompt compression for efficient LLM   |
| 2023 | ❖ <b>2nd Place (Minister's award), AI Grand Challenge for Policy Support AI</b> , IITP.<br>Developed a multi-hop retriever and re-ranker for generating policy-supportive documents     |
| 2022 | ❖ <b>1st Place (Minister's award), AI Grand Challenge for Math Word Problem Solving</b> , IITP.<br>Developed a framework for math word problem solving using domain-specific operations |
| 2021 | ❖ <b>2nd Prize, Best Graduate Research Paper Award</b> , Sungkyunkwan University.<br>Presented research on efficient sparse retrieval using term expansion and re-weighting             |

## Scholarships

2020 – 2022	<b>Graduate School Scholarship</b> , Department of AI, Sungkyunkwan University
2019	<b>Academic Excellence Scholarship</b> , Sungkyunkwan University
2017 – 2019	<b>National Scholarship for Science and Engineering Students</b> , Korea Student Aid Foundation
2015 – 2016	<b>Academic Excellence Scholarship</b> , Sungkyunkwan University.

## Teaching Assistant

### Regular Courses

Spring 2023	<b>Introduction to Recommender Systems</b>
Fall 2022	<b>Fundamentals of Machine Learning</b>
Fall 2021	<b>Deep Neural Networks</b>
Spring 2020 – 2022	<b>Introduction to Database</b>

### Extracurricular Courses

Machine Learning	<b>LG Electronics</b>	May 2020, Oct 2020, May 2021, Oct 2021, Oct 2022, Oct 2024
	<b>Samsung SDS</b>	Jun 2020
	<b>SK Innovation</b>	Sep 2020
Machine learning basics, including regression and neural networks		
NLP Project	<b>Samsung SDS</b>	Sep 2022
Covered topic classification and machine reading comprehension		

## Industry–Academia Projects

2025.09 – 2026.02	<b>NL2SQL-based Intelligent Question Answering System Development</b>
WeZON	<i>Project Manager</i> - Developed an NL2SQL system enabling non-experts to query databases in natural language
2021.07 – 2022.06	<b>Document Retrieval via Pre-trained Language Models and Inverted Index</b>
NAVER	<i>Team Leader</i> - Designed a dual-document encoder for effective sparse representations
2020.05 – 2021.04	<b>Topic-aware Query–Document Matching with Deep Neural Networks</b>
NAVER	Leveraged VAE-based topic modeling to represent query–document semantics

## References

Available upon request