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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Applications: *Conversational Recommendation / Knowledge-enhanced Recommendation / Knowledge-grounded Dialogue Systems*

Approaches: *Continual Learning / Self-supervised Learning / Knowledge Distillation / LLM Distillation / Coreset Selection / PEFT / RAG*

EDUCATION

Yonsei University, South Korea Mar 2020 – Feb 2026
Ph.D. in Computer Science (Advisor: Prof. Kyong-Ho Lee) (Expected)

California State University, San Bernardino, United States Sep 2018 – Jun 2019
Exchange Student in Computer Science

Dankook University, South Korea Mar 2013 – Feb 2020
B.S. in Software Engineering
- Mandatory military service as a Sergeant in the Republic of Korea Army Commando (Oct 2015 - Jul 2017)

PUBLICATIONS

(★ indicates me as the first author.)

[11] "Data-efficient Fine-tuning for LLM-based Conversational Recommender Systems"
Hyeongjun Yang★, Kyong-Ho Lee
In Progress 2025

[10] "Reliable Distillation of Recommendation Rationales from Large Language Models for Enhanced Conversational Recommendation"
Hyeongjun Yang★, Donghyun Kim, KyuHwan Yeom, Kyong-Ho Lee
Under Review 2025

[9] "Active Learning Framework for Improving Knowledge Graph Accuracy"
Donghyun Kim, Hyeongjun Yang, Seokju Hwang, Kyuhwan Yeom, Midan Shim, Kyong-Ho Lee
IEEE Access 2025 [paper]

[8] "CoreSense: Social Commonsense Knowledge-Aware Context Refinement for Conversational Recommender System"
Hyeongjun Yang★, Donghyun Kim, Gayeon Park, KyuHwan Yeom, Kyong-Ho Lee
IEEE Transactions on Knowledge and Data Engineering 2025 [paper]

[7] "Knowledge-constrained Interest-aware Multi-Behavior Recommendation with Behavior Pattern Identification"
Gayeon Park, Hyeongjun Yang, KyuHwan Yeom, Myeongheon Jeon, Yunjeong Ko, Byungkook Oh, Kyong-Ho Lee
Information Sciences (Vol. 692) 2025 [paper]

[6] "Granular Intents Learning via Mutual Information Maximization for Knowledge-aware Recommendation"
Hyeongjun Yang★, Yerin Lee, Gayeon Park, TaeYoung Kim, Heesun Kim, Kyong-Ho Lee, Byungkook Oh
Knowledge-based Systems (Vol. 306) 2024 [paper]

[5] "Bottom-up propagation of hierarchical dependency for multi-behavior recommendation"
TaeYoung Kim, Hyeongjun Yang★, Gayeon Park, Seungmi Lee, Kyong-Ho Lee

Engineering Applications of Artificial Intelligence (Vol. 138) 2024 [paper]

[4] "Embedding Two-View Knowledge Graphs with Class Inheritance and Structural Similarity"
Kyuhan Yeom, Hyeongjun Yang, Gayeon Park, Myeongheon Jeon, Yunjeong Ko, Byungkook Oh, Kyong-Ho Lee
KDD 2024 [paper]

[3] "Cross-Modal Contrastive Learning for Aspect-based Recommendation"
Heesoo Won, Byungkook Oh, Hyeongjun Yang, Kyong-Ho Lee
Information Fusion (Vol. 99) 2023 [paper]

[2] "Confident Action Decision via Hierarchical Policy Learning for Conversational Recommendation"
Heeseon Kim, Hyeongjun Yang, Kyong-Ho Lee
WWW 2023 [paper]

[1] "CLICK: Contrastive Learning for Injecting Contextual Knowledge to Conversational Recommender System"
Hyeongjun Yang★, Heesoo Won, Youbin Ahn, Kyong-Ho Lee
EACL 2023 [paper]

PROJECTS

Refining User Preferences by Leveraging Knowledge Graphs for Conversational Recommender System Mar 2022 – Feb 2025
w/ National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)

- **Project Leader:** Proposal / Research Planning / Development / Validation / Publication
- Related Publications: [1], [2], [3], [8], [9]

Query Intent-based Information Retrieval from Knowledge Graphs Dec 2023 – Dec 2024
w/ Samsung Research

- **Project Coordinator:** Proposal / Research Planning

Ontology-based Multi-type Interaction Modeling Dec 2022 – Dec 2023
w/ Samsung Research

- **Project Leader:** Proposal / Research Planning / Development / Validation / Publication
- Related Publications: [4], [7]

Knowledge Graph based Intent-Community Detection Dec 2021 – Dec 2022
w/ Samsung Research

- **Project Leader:** Proposal / Research Planning / Development / Validation / Publication
- Related Publications: [5], [6]

Development of XAI-based Technology for Smart Energy Platform Mar 2020 – Feb 2021
w/ Korea Electric Power Research Institute (KEPRI)

- **Project Member:** Data Collection / Validation
- Energy Ontology Design & Knowledge Graph Construction

SKILLS

(Underlined skills indicate preferred expertise.)

Programming Languages: Python / C / C++

AI & ML Frameworks: PyTorch / HuggingFace / TensorFlow

Knowledge Graphs & Ontologies: RDF / OWL / SPARQL

Development Tools: Git / Docker