Jiwoong (Andy) Sohn

♥ 501B, Woojung Hall of Informatics, Korea University, 145 Anam-ro, Seongbuk-gu, Seoul, South Korea 💌 jw sohn@korea.ac.kr | 🛅 in/jiwoong-sohn | 🞓 Google Scholar | 🏶 jw-sohn.github.io **EDUCATION** Sep. 2023 - Aug. 2025 **Korea University** Master of Science Early Completion • *Major*: Computer Science and Engineering • GPA: 4.44/4.5 (Merit-based Scholarship) Advisor: Jaewoo Kang **Korea University** Mar. 2016 - Aug. 2023 Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering • Double Major: Health and Environmental Science, Artificial Intelligence • Minor: Computer Science and Engineering • GPA: 4.0/4.5 **PUBLICATIONS** MedAgentsArena: Benchmarking Thinking Models and Agent Frameworks for Feb. 2025 **Complex Medical Reasoning** Xiangru Tang, Daniel Shao, Jiwoong Sohn, Jiapeng Chen, Jiayi Zhang, Jinyu Xiang, Fang Wu, Yilun Zhao, Chenglin Wu, Wengi Shi, Arman Cohan, Mark Gerstein Under Review at ACL 2025 Rationale-Guided Retrieval Augmented Generation for Medical Question Answering Aug. 2024 Jiwoong Sohn, Yein Park, Chanwoong Yoon, Sihyun Park, Mujeen Sung, Hyunjae Kim, Jaewoo Kang NAACL 2025 Small Language Models Learn Enhanced Reasoning Skills from Medical Textbooks Mar. 2024 Hyunjae Kim, Hyeon Hwang, Jiwoo Lee, Sihyeon Park, Dain Kim, Taewhoo Lee, Chanwoong Yoon, Jiwoong Sohn, Donghee Cho, Jaewoo Kang arXiv:2404.00376 (2024) - Under Review at NPJ Digital Medicine Improving Medical Reasoning through Retrieval and Self-Reflection with Jan. 2024 **Retrieval-Augmented Large Language Models** Minbyul Jeong, Jiwoong Sohn, Mujeen Sung, Jaewoo Kang ISMB 2024, Bioinformatics 2024 (Oral and **Poster**) KU AIGEN ICL EDI@BC8 Track 3: Advancing Phenotype Named Entity Recognition Nov. 2023 and Normalization for Dysmorphology Physical Examination Reports Hajung Kim, Chanhwi Kim, Jiwoong Sohn, Tim Beck, Marek Rei, Sunkyu Kim, T. Ian Simpson, Joram M. Posma, Antoine Lain, Mujeen Sung, Jaewoo Kang AMIA 2023, Proceedings of the BioCreative VIII Challenge and Workshop MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Medical Agentic RAG: A Multi-Agent Framework for Clinical Decision Support Jiwoong Sohn†, Xiangru Tang†, Yanjun Shao, Jaewoo Kang, Mark Gerstein

Jiwoo Lee, Mark Gerstein, Mujeen Sung, Jaewoo Kang

Shepherd: Optimizing Medical Multi-Agent Systems via Monte Carlo Tree Search

Jiwoong Sohn†, Xiangru Tang†, Yanjun Shao†, Hyungsoon Hwang†, Nikhil Khandekar, Sihyun Park,

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A Systematic Validation Framework for Medical Retrieval-Augmented Generation Systems

Hyunjae Kim, Jiwoong Sohn, Qingyu Chen

MCTS-Guided Factual Verification for Process-Level Reward Modeling in Medical Reasoning

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Yoon Jae Hoont, Jiwoong Sohnt, Xiangru Tang, Yanjun Shao, Hyunjae Kim, Mark Gerstein, Jaewoo Kang

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Yale University | Gerstein Lab 🗹

Aug. 2024 - Present

Research Intern (Advisor: Mark Gerstein, Mentor: Xiangru Tang)

• Medical Multi-Agent System for Clinical Decision Support

- Developed a multi-agent system for precise clinical decision making, integrating collaborative agent protocols with retrieval-augmented generation.
- Optimizing medical knowledge synthesis through dynamic agent interactions, combining Large Language Model's parametric knowledge with dense vector retrieval from PubMed and clinical databases.
- Two manuscript in preparation for submission to *Nature Medicine* and *ACL 2025*.

Yale University | Qingyu Chen's Lab 🗹

Dec. 2024 - Present

Research Assistant (Advisor: Qingyu Chen, Mentor: Hyunjae Kim)

• Systematic Validation of Medical Retrieval-Augmented Generation System

- Designing a comprehensive evaluation pipeline for RAG systems in clinical settings with fine-grained metrics across evidence retrieval, attribution, and response validation to assess factuality, completeness, and accuracy.
- Conducteing evaluation with human medical experts and large language models (LLMs), generating publicly available annotations to benchmark evidence reliability and model performance.

Korea University | Data Mining and Information Systems Laboratory

Sep. 2023 - Present

Research Assistant (Advisor: Jaewoo Kang)

Open-Source Medical Foundation Model

- Developed the first open-source medical foundation model in 7B parameters capable of passing the USMLE.
- Employed the Unstructured library to extract and chunk text data from medical textbooks for fine-tuning.

• Retrieval-Augmented Language Model with Self-Reflection for Enhanced Medical Reasoning

- Instruction-tuned LLaMA2 to self-reflect on its generation while effectively utilizing retrieved documents, achieving state-of-the-art performance on medical QA benchmarks.
- Utilized an off-the-shelf dense retriever, MedCPT, to index a large-scale medical text corpus.

• Rationale-Guided Retrieval Augmentation Framework

- Designed a comprehensive retrieval system using rationale-guided approaches for query reformulation during pre-retrieval, balanced corpus sampling, and post-retrieval validation.
- Developed a neural filtering model using perplexity-derived pseudo-labels for optimized retrieval from diverse medical knowledge bases.

Korea University | Data Mining and Information Systems Laboratory

Mar. 2023 - Aug. 2023

Research Intern (Advisor: Jaewoo Kang)

• BioCreative8 Track 3: Phenotype Named Entity Recognition and Normalization

- Conducted error analysis on named entity recognition (NER) and entity linking (EL) methods, improving F1 score by 2.6% over the challenge average.
- Implemented data augmentation techniques, including synonym marginalization, to enhance entity normalization accuracy and strengthen consistency in mapping to Human Phenotype Ontology (HPO) terms.

2025

HONORS AND AWARDS

Integrated Bachelor's and Master's Scholarship (50% Tuition) – Awarded based on GPA of 4.0 or above in both Bachelor's and Master's degrees	Sep. 2023 - Feb. 2025
Early Completion – Awarded based on GPA of 4.0 or above in both Bachelor's and Master's degrees	Sep. 2023 - Feb. 2025
[ACL 2024 BioNLP Workshop] Shared Task on Clinical Text generation – Top Performing Teams	May 2024
[LG Electronics] iPBL Competition – 2nd Prize, 5,000 USD (Monetary Award and Prizes)	Feb. 2024
[Biocreative VIII Track 3] Genetic Phenotype Extraction and Normalization from Dysmorphology Physical Examination Entries – 3rd Prize	Sep. 2023
Semester High Honors	Fall 2020, Fall 2019
SDGs Innovation Arduino-based Technology Competition – 2nd Prize	Dec. 2020

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant Machine Learning (COSE362) Teaching Assistant Advanced Data Science for Finance (DFE620) Teaching Assistant Python Programming for Everybody (COSE156) Teaching Assistant Private Academies and Tutoring 2016		
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1.190000 and 1.1201 accor.	Private Academies and Tutoring Physics and Math Instructor	2016 - 2023

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: Python, C, Matlab, Verilog

Toolkits: PyTorch, Hugging Face, LangChain, Scikit-Learn, NumPy, Pandas, Faiss, Milvus

Other: La Render, Arduino

Certificates:

- Certification of Advanced Data Analytics Semi-Professional (2022)
- AI Certificate for Everyone (AICE) Associate (2022)

LEADERSHIP AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Korea University | Buddy Assistants (KUBA) Group Leader

• Led and organized volunteer activities for over 300 international exchange students, demonstrating strong leadership and cross-cultural communication skills to support their adaptation to Korea University life.

• Coordinated International Student Festival booths (France, Japan, Thailand), securing consecutive 1st place wins

KT | AIVLE School AI Developer Track

• Engineered an audio-to-3D dance generation platform using a transformer model and

Aug. 2022 - Dec. 2023

Jul. 2022 - Jan. 2023

Blender as a capstone project for KT's selective AI Developer Program.

Korea University | Korea University Rowing Team

Jul. 2020 - Jan. 2021

• Collaborated closely with team rowers, participated in rigorous training sessions to build team cohesion and endurance.

Korea University | Disease Study Society

Mar. 2019 - Dec. 2019

Treasurer, Academic Member

• Led weekly disease research seminars and managed society finances, including budget planning and transparent fund allocation for academic events

Republic of Korea Air Force | Compulsory Military Service

Apr. 2017 - Apr. 2019

Honorary Discharge as Staff Sergeant

- Served in Gyeryongdae (Joint Forces Command HQ) Support Group
- Took a leave of absence from the Bachelor's Program to fulfill military service duties.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

EMNLP 2024

Secondary Reviewer

LANGUAGE

Korean (Native)

English (C2)

• TOEFL: 111 (MyBest Scores: 115)

• TOEIC: 970

• TOEIC Speaking: 200

German (A1)