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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Language Processing & Knowledge Graphs

· Knowledge Extraction/Reasoning/Validation

Conversational AI & Large Language Models

· Knowledge-Grounded/Personalized Dialogue Generation

EDUCATION

Yonsei University   South Korea
Ph.D. in Computer Science   Sep. 2019 – Feb. 2026

· Advisor: Prof. Kyong-Ho Lee

Pusan National University   South Korea
B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering   Mar. 2013 – Feb. 2017

EXPERIENCE

Republic of Korea Army   South Korea
Army Officer, Discharged as a First Lieutenant   Mar. 2017 – Jun. 2019

· Served as a signal platoon leader
· Maintained the Army tactical voice, data, and information systems

PUBLICATIONS

International

[12] Seokju Hwang, Midan Shim, Yeseul Gong, **Donghyun Kim**, and Kyong-Ho Lee, "**FineESC: Fine-Grained Emotional Support Conversation with Turn-level Importance Modeling via Subquestion Reasoning**," *Under Review*.

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[3] **Donghyun Kim**, Youbin Ahn, Chanhee Lee, Wongyu Kim, Kyong-Ho Lee, Donghoon Shin, and Yeonsoo Lee, "**Concept-based Persona Expansion for Improving Diversity of Persona-Grounded Dialogue**," In *Proceedings of the EACL 2023.*

[2] Wongyu Kim, Youbin Ahn, **Donghyun Kim**, and Kyong-Ho Lee, "**Emp-RFT: Empathetic Response Generation via Recognizing Feature Transitions between Utterances**," In *Proceedings of the NAACL-HLT 2022.*

[1] Seungmin Seo, **Donghyun Kim**, Youbin Ahn, and Kyong-Ho Lee, "**Active Learning on Pre-trained Language Model with Task-Independent Triplet Loss**," In *Proceedings of the AAAI 2022.*

Domestic

[2] Seokju Hwang, **Donghyun Kim**, Kyong-Ho Lee, and Kyunghwa Lee, "**Ontology-based Fact Checking for Verification of Defense Domain Sentences**," *Journal of Korea Multimedia Society, Vol. 27, No. 11, Nov. 2024.*

[1] Kyuhwan Yeom, **Donghyun Kim**, Seungyeon Kim, Yongsu Bae, Kyong-Ho Lee, and Kyunghwa Lee, "**Building a Korean Dataset for Knowledge Extraction in the Military Domain: Focusing on Navy Force and Weapon Systems**," *Journal of Korea Multimedia Society, Vol. 27, No. 7, Jul. 2024.*

PATENTS

[4] Kyong-Ho Lee, **Donghyun Kim**, Seokju Hwang, and Kyunghwa Lee, "**Active Learning Method and Apparatus for Improving Knowledge Graph Accuracy**," *KR Patent, filed Oct. 29, 2024. (No. 10-2024-0149277)*

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[2] Kyong-Ho Lee, Wongyu Kim, Youbin Ahn, and **Donghyun Kim**, "**Method and Apparatus for Generating Empathetic Responses via Recognizing Emotion and Keyword Transitions between Utterances**," *KR Patent, filed Mar. 15, 2023. (No. 10-2023-0034098)*

[1] Kyong-Ho Lee, **Donghyun Kim**, Youbin Ahn, Wongyu Kim, and Chanhee Lee, "**Method and Apparatus for Generating Extended Persona Sentences**," *KR Patent, filed Dec. 31, 2021. (No. 10-2021-0194377)*

RESEARCH PROJECTS

Automated Generation and Verification of CMMS-K
w/ Korea Research Institute for Defense Technology Planning and Advancement (KRIT)   Nov. 2022 – Feb. 2026
· **Project Leader**: Proposal, Planning, Development, Verification

Refining User Preferences by Leveraging KGs for Conversational Recommender System
w/ National Research Foundation of Korea (NRF)   Mar. 2022 – Feb. 2025
· Project Member: Development, Verification

Dynamic Context Reasoning for Advanced Intelligent Service Robot
w/ Hyundai Motor Company   Jul. 2022 – Aug. 2023
· **Project Leader**: Proposal, Planning, Management

Improving Dialogue Quality via Consistent Persona Expansion and Training Optimization

w/ NCSOFT Corporation   Jun. 2021 – Dec. 2021

· **Project Leader**: Proposal, Planning, Development, Verification

Improving Dialogue Quality via Persona Expansion and Combination using KGs

w/ NCSOFT Corporation   Nov. 2020 – May. 2021

· **Project Leader**: Proposal, Planning, Development, Verification

Active Learning based N-ary Relation Extraction and Structuralization

w/ NCSOFT Corporation   Sep. 2019 – Apr. 2020

· Project Member: Development, Verification

HONORS & AWARDS

Yonsei Young Researcher Fellowship   2023

Brain Korea 21+ Academic Research Fellowship   2021-2, 2023-1