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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Natural Language Processing, Spoken Dialogue Systems, Natural Language Understanding, Text Mining

EDUCATION

Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Pohang, Korea

Ph.D., Computer Science and Engineering

February 2012

Dissertation Topic: “Cross-Lingual Weakly-Supervised Learning of Semantic Relations”

Advisor: Gary Geunbae Lee

Committee: Jong-hyeok Lee, Seung-jin Choi, Seung-won Hwang, Sung-Hyon Myaeng

B.S., Computer Science and Engineering

August 2005

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Institute for Infocomm Research (I2R), Singapore

Scientist

January, 2012 - present

SARA project, Developed a conversational agent for touristic and conference information and released it in the official mobile app for Interspeech 2014.

COLDAR project, Developed components for multi-lingual natural language understanding and dialog management.

TIRS project, Developed components for natural language understanding and database query generation.

Max Planck Institute for Informatics (MPI-INF), Saarbrücken, Germany

Research Intern

April, 2011 - August, 2011

Advisor: Prof. Gerhard Weikum

DIDO project, Developed a higher-order noun phrase chunker for recognizing bio-medical entities with environmental contexts.

Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Pohang, Korea

Research Assistant

September, 2005 - December, 2011

Advisor: Prof. Gary Geunbae Lee

Development of Dialog-based Question Answering System for TV contents, LG Electronics. Developed components for robust natural language understanding.

Development of Content Recommendation System for Digital TV, Samsung Electronics. Developed an automatic content feeding component for contentbased recommendation algorithm.

Semi-supervised Information Extraction for Automatic Content Feeding in Information Access Dialog Systems, Microsoft Research Asia. Developed an algorithm of semi-supervised information extraction.

Implementation of Dialog System Components to Upgrade Chatbot, SK Telecom Co., Ltd. Developed components for natural language understanding and database management.

Development of Natural Language Dialog System for Database Search and Entertainment, KT Corporation. Developed named-entity recognizer for natural language understanding.

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

Pohang University of Science and Technology (POSTECH), Pohang, Korea

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2010

CS101, Introduction to Computing

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2006

CS421, Database System

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

The Fifth Dialog State Tracking Challenge (DSTC5)

Organizing Committee Co-chair

2016

The Fourth Dialog State Tracking Challenge (DSTC4)

Organizing Committee Co-chair

2015

The Ninth Asia Information Retrieval Societies Conference (AIRS 2013)

Local Organizing Committee Co-chair

2013

ACL Special Workshop: Rediscovering 50 Years of Discoveries

Publicity Committee Member

2012

ACL, ACM-SIGIR, CSL, EMNLP, IEEE ICASSP, IEEE SLT, IEEE/ACM TASLP, IJCAI, IJCNLP, IWSDS, Interspeech, NAACL-HLT

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TALKS

Tutorials

Rafael E. Banchs, Seokhwan Kim, Luis Fernando D'Haro, Andreea I. Niculescu. **Natural Language in Human-Robot Interaction.** Tutorial @ The 4th International Conference on Human-Agent Interaction (HAI 2016), 2016-10-04.

PUBLICATIONS

International Journals

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Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Jonghoon Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Cross-Lingual Annotation Projection for Weakly-Supervised Relation Extraction.** ACM Transactions on Asian Language Information Processing, 13:1 (3), Feb 2014.

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A Local Tree Alignment Approach to Relation Extraction of Multiple Arguments.** Information Processing and Management, 47:4 (593-605), Jul 2011.

Cheongjae Lee, Sangkeun Jung, Seokhwan Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Example-based dialog modeling for practical multi-domain dialog system.** Speech Communications, 51:5 (466-484), May 2009.

Sangkeun Jung, Cheongjae Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **DialogStudio: A workbench for data-driven spoken dialog system development and management.** Speech Communications, 50:8-9 (683-697), , Aug-Sep 2008.

International Conferences

Seokhwan Kim, Luis Fernando D'Haro, Rafael E. Banchs, Jason D. Williams, Matthew Henderson, Koichiro Yoshino. **The Fifth Dialog State Tracking Challenge.** Proceedings of the 2016 IEEE Spoken Language Technology Workshop (SLT 2016), pp 511-517, San Diego, Dec 2016.

Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs, Haizhou Li. **Exploring Convolutional and Recurrent Neural Networks in Sequential Labelling for Dialogue Topic Tracking.** Proceedings of the 54th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2016), pp 963-973, Berlin, Aug 2016. (28.0% acceptance)

Seokhwan Kim, Luis Fernando D'Haro, Rafael E. Banchs, Jason D. Williams, Matthew Henderson. **The Fourth Dialog State Tracking Challenge.** Proceedings of the 7th International Workshop on Spoken Dialogue Systems (IWSDS 2016), Saariseik, Jan 2016.

Ridong Jiang, Rafael Banchs, Seokhwan Kim, Luis Fernando D'Haro, Andreea Niculescu, Kheng Hui Yeo. **Configuration of Dialogue Agent with Multiple Knowledge Sources.** Proceedings of the Asia-Pacific Signal and Information Processing Association Annual Summit and Conference 2015 (APSIPA ASC 2015), Hong Kong, Dec 2015.

Luis Fernando D'Haro, Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs. **A Robust Spoken Q&A System with Scarce In-Domain Resources.** Proceedings of the Asia-Pacific Signal and Information Processing Association Annual Summit and Conference 2015 (APSIPA ASC 2015), Hong Kong, Dec 2015.

Ridong Jiang, Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs, Haizhou Li. **Towards Improving the Performance of Vector Space Model for Chinese Frequently Asked Question.** Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Asian Language Processing (IALP 2015), Suzhou, Oct 2015.

Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs, Haizhou Li. **Wikification of Concept Mentions within Spoken Dialogues Using Domain Constraints from Wikipedia.** Proceedings of the 2015 Conference on Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (EMNLP 2015), pp 2225-2229, Lisbon, Sep 2015. (24.0% acceptance)

Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs, Haizhou Li. **Towards Improving Dialogue Topic Tracking Performances with Wikification of Concept Mentions.** Proceedings of the 16th Annual SIGdial Meeting on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL 2015), pp 124-128, Prague, Sep 2015.

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Andreea Niculescu, Seokhwan Kim, Kheng Hui Yeo, Arthur Niswar, Ridong Jiang, Rafael E. Banchs. **SARA - Singapore's Automated Responsive Assistant for the Touristic Domain.** Proceedings of the 15th Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech 2014), pp 2138-2139, Singapore, Sep 2014. (Show and Tell)

Andreea Niculescu, Rafael E. Banchs, Seokhwan Kim, Kheng Hui Yeo, Arthur Niswar, Ridong Jiang. **SARA - Singapore's Automated Responsive Assistant - A Multimodal Dialogue System for Touristic Information.** Proceedings of the 11th International Conference on Mobile Web Information Systems (MobiWIS 2014), pp 153-164, Barcelona, Aug 2014.

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Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs. **Sequential Labeling for Tracking Dynamic Dialog States.** Proceedings of the 15th Annual SIGdial Meeting on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL 2014), pp 332-336, Philadelphia, Jun 2014.

Arthur Niswar, Rafael E. Banchs, Ridong Jiang, Seokhwan Kim. **AIDA: An Avatar-Supported Multimodal Dialogue System.** Proceedings of the 27th International Conference on Computer Animation and Social Agents (CASA 2014), Houston, May 2014.

Seokhwan Kim, Rafael E. Banchs, Haizhou Li. **Wikipedia-based Kernels for Dialogue Topic Tracking.** Proceedings of the 39th International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2014), pp 131-135, Florence, May 2014.

Ridong Jiang, Rafael E. Banchs, Seokhwan Kim, Kheng Hui Yeo, Arthur Niswar, Haizhou Li. **Web-based Multimodal Multi-domain Spoken Dialogue System.** Proceedings of the 5th International Workshop on Spoken Dialog Systems (IWSDS 2014), Napa, Jan 2014.

Rafael E. Banchs, Ridong Jiang, Seokhwan Kim, Arthur Niswar, Kheng Hui Yeo. **AIDA: Artificial Intelligent Dialogue Agent.** Proceedings of the 14th Annual Meeting of the Special Interest Group on Discourse and Dialogue (SIGDIAL 2013), pp 145-147, Metz, Aug 2013. (Demo)

Seokhwan Kim. **A Graph-based Cross-lingual Projection Approach for Spoken Language Understanding Portability to a New Language.** Proceedings of the 38th Interna-

tional Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2013), pp 8332-8336, Vancouver, May 2013.

Injae Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Kyungduk Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Junhwi Choi, Seonghan Ryu, Geunbae Lee. **A Two-Step Approach for Efficient Domain Selection in Multi-Domain Dialog Systems.** Proceedings of the 4th International Workshop on Spoken Dialog System (IWSDS 2012), pp 105-111, Ermenonville, Nov 2012.

Seokhwan Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A Graph-based Cross-lingual Projection Approach for Weakly Supervised Relation Extraction.** Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2012), Vol. 2, pp 48-53, Jeju, Jul 2012. (20.0% acceptance)

Hongsuck Seo, Jonghoon Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Kyusong Lee, Sechun Kang and Gary Geunbae Lee. **A Meta Learning Approach to Grammatical Error Correction.** Proceedings of the 50th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (ACL 2012), Vol. 2, pp 328-332, Jeju, Jul 2012. (20.0% acceptance)

Junhwi Choi, Kyungduk Kim, Sungjin Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Injae Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Seamless error correction interface for voice word processor.** Proceedings of the 37th International Conference on Acoustics, Speech, and Signal Processing (ICASSP 2012), pp 4973-4976, Kyoto, Mar 2012.

Junhwi Choi, Kyungduk Kim, Seokhwan Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Injae Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Multi-domain spoken dialog system for information access in mobile environment.** Proceedings of the IEEE Automatic Speech Recognition and Understanding Workshop (IEEE ASRU 2011), Hawaii, Dec 2011. (Demo)

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Jonghoon Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A Cross-lingual Annotation Projection-based Self-supervision Approach for Open Information Extraction.** Proceedings of the 5th international joint conference on natural language processing (IJCNLP 2011), pp 741-748, Chiang Mai, Nov 2011. (27.0% acceptance)

Donghyeon Lee, Cheongjae Lee, Minwoo Jeong, Kyungduk Kim, Seokhwan Kim, Junhwi Choi, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Web-search enhanced contents retrieval for information access dialog system.** Proceedings of the 12th Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech 2011), pp 1297-1300, Florence, Aug 2011.

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Jonghoon Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A Cross-lingual Annotation Projection Approach for Relation Detection.** Proceedings of the 23rd International Conference on Computational Linguistics (COLING 2010), pp 564-571, Beijing, Aug 2010. (19.0% acceptance)

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A Local Tree Alignment-based Soft Pattern Matching Approach for Information Extraction.** Proceedings of the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics/Human Language Technology (NAACL HLT 2009), pp 169-172, Colorado, May 2009.

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Gary Geunbae Lee. **An Alignment-based Pattern Representation Model for Information Extraction.** Proceedings of the 31st Annual International ACM SIGIR Conference (SIGIR '08), pp 875-876, Singapore, Jul 2008.

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Gary Geunbae Lee, Kwangil Ko, Zino Lee. **An alignment-based approach to semi-supervised relation extraction including multiple arguments.**

Proceedings of the fourth Asian Information Retrieval Symposium (AIRS 2008), Harbin, Jan 2008.

Cheongjae Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Sangkeun Jung, Donghyeon Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Example-based spoken dialog processing for guidance robots.** Proceedings of the 4th international conference on ubiquitous robots and ambient intelligence (URAI 2007), Pohang, Nov 2007.

Seokhwan Kim, Minwoo Jeong, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A semi-supervised method for efficient construction of statistical spoken language understanding resources.** Proceedings of the 8th Annual Conference of the International Speech Communication Association (Interspeech 2007), pp 2797-2800, Antwerp, Aug 2007.

Seokhwan Kim, Cheongjae Lee, Sangkeun Jung, Gary Geunbae Lee. **A spoken dialog system for electronic program guide information access.** Proceedings of The 16th IEEE International Symposium on Robot and Human Interactive Communication (IEEE RO-MAN 2007), pp 178-181, Jeju, Aug 2007.

Seokhwan Kim, Yu Song, Kyungduk Kim, Jeong-Won Cha, Gary Geunbae Lee. **MMR-based active machine learning for Bio named entity recognition.** Proceedings of the Human Language Technology/North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (HLT-NAACL 2006), pp 69-72, New York, Jun 2006.

Patents

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Seokhwan Kim, Yu Song, Kyungduk Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Method and system for recognizing biological named entity based on workbench.** Registration #10-0825687, South Korea, 2008. 4. 22

Seokhwan Kim, Hyungjong Noh, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Method and apparatus for automatically constructing ontology from non-structure web documents.** Registration #10-0917176, South Korea, 2009. 9. 7
Registration #, South Korea,

Seokhwan Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Hyungjong Noh, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Method of automatically detecting dangerous situation using natural language extraction and apparatus thereof.** Registration #10-1023031, South Korea, 2011. 3. 10

Donghyeon Lee, Hyungjong Noh, Seokhwan Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Method and apparatus for searching voice data from audio and video data under the circumstances including unregistered words.** Registration #10-1069534, South Korea, 2011. 9. 26

Hyungjong Noh, Seokhwan Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Gary Geunbae Lee. **User profile automatic creation apparatus through voice dialog meaning process, and contents recommendation apparatus using the same.** Registration #10-1072176, South Korea, 2011. 10. 4

Gary Geunbae Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Kyungduk Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Junhwi Choi. **Method for searching for information using the web and method for voice conversation using same.** PCT/KR2012/004405, 2012. 8. 28

Gary Geunbae Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Kyungduk Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Junhwi Choi. **Korean Open Type Information Extracting Method and Program Readable Recording Medium**

Capable of Increasing Korean Open Type Information Extracting Performances. Registration #10-1180589, South Korea, 2012. 8. 31

Gary Geunbae Lee, Junhwi Choi, Seokhwan Kim, Kyungduk Kim, Donghyeon Lee. **Speech Processing Device Capable of Effective Input Modification and a Method Thereof.** Registration #10-1197010, South Korea, 2012. 10. 26

Donghyeon Lee, Kyungduk Kim, Junhwi Choi, Seokhwan Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Information Search Method by Using the Web Capable of Using a Vector Space Database and a Voice Conversaion Method Using the Method.** Registration #10-1252397, South Korea, 2013. 4. 2

Donghyeon Lee, Kyungduk Kim, Junhwi Choi, Seokhwan Kim, Gary Geunbae Lee. **Conversation Classification Method Capable of Classifying Conversation Intention by Using a Hidden Markov Model.** Registration #10-1255468, South Korea, 2013. 4. 10

Gary Geunbae Lee, Seokhwan Kim, Kyungduk Kim, Donghyeon Lee, Junhwi Choi. **Entity Name Tagging Method Capable of Applying an Unsupervised Learning Method Including a Restriction Condition and a Device Thereof.** Registration #10-1255957, South Korea, 2013. 4. 11

SKILLS

Programming Languages: Python, C++, Java
Machine Learning Toolkits: scikit-learn, Theano, SVM-Light, CRFsuite
NLP and IR Toolkits: NLTK, Stanford CoreNLP, Lucene
Databases: MySQL, SQLite, MongoDB

REFERENCES

Available upon request