

Email: [starsuzi@kaist.ac.kr](mailto:starsuzi@kaist.ac.kr)Homepage: <https://starsuzi.github.io>Google Scholar: [/Soyeong Jeong](#)RESEARCH  
INTEREST

My research interests are mainly on Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) for solving open-domain language tasks and interpretation of Large Language Models (LLMs) to enhance their interpretability in real-world applications. Not limited to, I am interested in broad topics on natural language understanding.

## EDUCATION

**KAIST**

Ph.D. in Graduate school of AI

M.S. in School of Computing

Thesis: Information Retrieval by Augmenting Document Representation

Daejeon, Korea

Mar 2022 – Present

Mar 2020 – Feb 2022

**Korea University**

B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering (Graduated with Honor)

B.E. in Software Technology and Enterprise Program (Interdisciplinary Program)

Seoul, Korea

Mar 2016 – Feb 2020

**Anyang Foreign Language High School**

Prestigious high school for talented students (Major in English)

Anyang, Korea

Mar 2013 – Feb 2016

## EMPLOYMENT

**Applied Scientist Intern, Amazon**

Jul 2024 - Oct 2024

- Conducting research on a proactive conversational task with LLM-powered multi-agents.

**Graduate student, KAIST** (Advisor: Prof. Sung Ju Hwang)

Mar 2020 - Present

- Conducted research on LLM-powered Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG) systems.
- Conducted research on the open conversational question-answering task.
- Conducted research on augmentation of both sparse and dense retrievers.

**Undergrad. Research Assistant, Korea University** (Advisor: Prof. Jaewoo Kang)

Mar 2019 - Feb 2020

- Participated in the major recommendation project by embedding curriculum vectors.
- Participated in the food ingredient & drug graph construction project.

**Research Intern, Seoul SW-SoC Convergence R&BD Center, ETRI**

Jul 2019 - Aug 2019

- Participated in the Speech Emotion Recognition project.

**Research Intern, Artificial Intelligence Research Laboratory, ETRI**

Jan 2019 - Feb 2019

- Participated in the AIR project (Developing Artificial Social Intelligence for Human-Care Robots).

## PUBLICATIONS

**International Publications**

- [25] Database-Augmented Query Representation for Information Retrieval  
[Soyeong Jeong](#), Jinheon Baek, Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
Under review
- [24] CVQA: Culturally-diverse Multilingual Visual Question Answering Benchmark  
David Romero, Chenyang Lyu, Haryo Akbarianto Wibowo, Teresa Lynn, Injy Hamed, Aditya Nanda Kishore, ..., Jinheon Baek, ..., [Soyeong Jeong](#), ..., Thamar Solorio, and Alham Fikri Aji  
Neural Information Processing Systems Datasets and Benchmarks Track  
(**NeurIPS Datasets & Benchmarks**), 2024. (**Oral**)
- [23] Typos that Broke the RAG's Back: Genetic Attack on RAG Pipeline by Simulating Documents in the Wild via Low-level Perturbations  
Sukmin Cho, [Soyeong Jeong](#), Jeongyeon Seo, Taeho Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
Findings of the Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**Findings of EMNLP**), 2024.
- [22] Ask LLMs Directly, "What shapes your bias?": Measuring Social Bias in Large Language Models  
Jisu Shin, Hoyun Song, Huije Lee, [Soyeong Jeong](#), and Jong C. Park  
Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**Findings of ACL**), 2024.
- [21] DSLR: Document Refinement with Sentence-Level Re-ranking and Reconstruction to Enhance Retrieval-Augmented Generation  
Taeho Hwang, [Soyeong Jeong](#), Sukmin Cho, SeungYoon Han, and Jong C. Park  
Knowledge Augmented Methods for NLP Workshop (**KnowledgeNLP @ ACL**), 2024.

- [20] Adaptive-RAG: Learning to Adapt Retrieval-Augmented Large Language Models through Question Complexity  
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**NAACL**), 2024.
- [19] Self-Knowledge Distillation for Learning Ambiguity  
Hancheol Park, Soyeong Jeong, Sukmin Cho, and Jong C. Park  
arXiv preprint
- [18] Test-Time Self-Adaptive Small Language Models for Question Answering  
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
Findings of the Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**Findings of EMNLP**), 2023.
- [17] Knowledge-Augmented Language Model Verification  
Jinheon Baek, Soyeong Jeong, Minki Kang, Jong C. Park, and Sung Ju Hwang  
Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**EMNLP**), 2023.
- [16] Improving Zero-shot Reader by Reducing Distractions from Irrelevant Documents in Open-Domain Question Answering  
Sukmin Cho, Jeongyeon Seo, Soyeong Jeong, Jong C. Park  
Findings of the Empirical Methods in Natural Language Processing (**Findings of EMNLP**), 2023.
- [15] Phrase Retrieval for Open-Domain Conversational Question Answering with Conversational Dependency Modeling via Contrastive Learning  
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
Findings of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**Findings of ACL**), 2023.
- [14] Discrete Prompt Optimization via Constrained Generation for Zero-shot Re-ranker  
Sukmin Cho, Soyeong Jeong, Jeong yeon Seo, Jong C. Park  
Findings of Association for Computational Linguistics (**Findings of ACL**), 2023.
- [13] Realistic Conversational Question Answering with Answer Selection based on Calibrated Confidence and Uncertainty Measurement  
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
Conference of the European Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**EACL**), 2023.
- [12] Augmenting Document Representations for Dense Retrieval with Interpolation and Perturbation  
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, Sukmin Cho, Sung Ju Hwang, and Jong C. Park  
Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics (**ACL**), 2022. (**Oral**)
- [11] Query Generation with External Knowledge for Dense Retrieval  
Sukmin Cho, Soyeong Jeong, Wonsuk Yang, Jong C. Park  
Deep Learning Inside Out at Association for Computational Linguistics (**DeeLIO @ ACL**), 2022.
- [10] Unsupervised Document Expansion for Information Retrieval with Stochastic Text Generation  
Soyeong Jeong, Jinheon Baek, ChaeHun Park, and Jong C. Park  
Scholarly Document Processing Workshop at NAACL (**SDP @ NAACL**), 2021. (**Oral**)
- [9] Development of Speech Emotion Recognition Algorithm using MFCC and Prosody  
Hyejin Koo, Soyeong Jeong, Sungjae Yoon, Wonjong Kim  
International Conference on Electronics, Information, and Communication (**ICEIC**), 2020.

**Domestic Publications**, mostly written in Korean

- [8] Retrieval-Augmented Generation through Zero-shot Sentence-Level Passage Refinement using LLMs  
Taeho Hwang, Soyeong Jeong, Sukmin Cho, and Jong C. Park  
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2024. (**Best Paper**)
- [7] Controllable prompt tuning with relation dependent tokens  
Jinseok Kim, Sukmin Cho, Soyeong Jeong, and Jong C. Park  
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2023.
- [6] Stopwords Mask Pooling for Dense Retrieval in Medical Domain  
Dongho Choi, Hoyun Song, Soyeong Jeong, Sukmin Cho, and Jong C. Park  
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2022. (**Best Presentation**)

- [5] Assessing automatic summarization model as a reading assistant  
Aujin Kim, Jisu Shin, Soyeong Jeong, Sukmin Cho, and Jong C. Park  
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2022.
- [4] Calibration of Pre-trained Language Model for the Korean Language  
Soyeong Jeong, Wonsuk Yang, ChaeHun Park, Jong C. Park  
Journal of KIISE (JOK), 2021.
- [3] Calibration of Pre-trained Language Model for Korean  
Soyeong Jeong, Wonsuk Yang, ChaeHun Park, Jong C. Park  
Human & Cognitive Language Technology (HCLT), 2020. **(Best Paper)**
- [2] Embedding Academic Majors and Lectures for Analyzing Departments in University  
Jinheon Baek, Gwanghoon Jang, Soyeong Jeong, Donghyeon Park, Kiwon Kwon, Jaewoo Kang  
Korea Computer Congress (KCC), 2019.

### ***Thesis***

- [1] Information Retrieval by Augmenting Document Representation  
Soyeong Jeong  
Master's Thesis, KAIST, 2022

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

Awarded a Ph.D. fellowship from NRF (National Research Foundation) of Korea	2023
Title: Realistic Open-domain Question Answering System with Large Language Models	
Received the Best Paper Award at HCLT 2020	2020
Graduated with Honor	2019
Computer Science and Engineering Department at Korea University	
Received the First Prize in the Graduation Project, Competition Among Around 20 Teams	2019
Computer Science and Engineering Department at Korea University	
Nominated as Semester High Honors (Spring 2019)	2019
Nominated as Semester High Honors (Fall 2018)	2018
Received the Second Prize for the iOS Hackathon at Korea University	2018
Awarded as the Finalist, Competition of 21:1 with 735 total submissions	2017
LG Global Challenger	

### **ACADEMIC SERVICES**

Reviewer of <b>ACL ARR 2024</b> February, April, June Reviewer	2024
Reviewer of <b>ACL ARR 2023</b> October, December Reviewer	2023
Reviewer of <b>TALLIP 2022</b> (ACM Transactions on Asian and Low-Resource Language Information Processing)	2022
Reviewer of <b>ACL-IJCNLP Demo Track 2021</b>	2021

### **TEACHING**

Machine Learning (CS376)	
KAIST Spring 2024 (Teaching Assistant)	
Computational Linguistics (CS579)	
KAIST Fall 2022 (Teaching Assistant)	
Natural Language Processing with Python (CS372)	
KAIST Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2023 (Teaching Assistant)	

### **SKILLS**

Languages: Korean (mother tongue), English (fluent)  
Programming: Python, C, Java, Swift