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Education

University of California, Davis　　June 2029
Ph.D in Computer Science

University of Southern California　　May 2024
Master of Computer Science　　GPA: 4.0/4.0

Sungkyunkwan University　　Aug 2022
Bachelor of Computer Science and Engineering　　GPA: 3.7/4.0

Experience

USC Information Sciences Institute　　Nov 2022 – May 2024
Graduate Research Assistant　　Los Angeles, CA
- Designed a neural net model to represent and conduct reasoning on conditional concepts using knowledge graph.
- Developed **LLM**-based tool selection agent that improves its performance over time by optimizing descriptions of tools.
- Conducted research on the **LLM security**, with a particular focus on backdoor attack and defense techniques.

Wrtn Technologies　　May 2023 – Aug 2023
Machine Learning Engineer　　Seoul, South Korea
- Built **LLM**-powered planner agent which plan and execute external plugin services corresponding to user's ask.
- Designed and implemented quantitative evaluation metrics to measure performance of **GPT**-powered planner agent.
- Constructed **data augmentation** flywheel that boosts the performance of the planner agent up to **13%** accuracy.

Sungkyunkwan University　　Dec 2020 – Aug 2022
Undergraduate Research Intern　　Suwon, South Korea
- Devised a knowledge-based recommendation model using **Pytorch** to alleviate cold start problem in the real world.
- Performed 100+ **data preprocessing** on raw user feedback data to convert them into a standard format for performance evaluation and produced significant performance gains compared to other models–improving nDCG by up to **11.3%**.
- Published a conference paper in Korean Institute of Intelligent Systems and won the Undergraduate Thesis Award.

Publications

- **Dongwon Jung**, Qin Liu, Tenghao Huang, Ben Zhou, Muhao Chen, **Familiarity-aware Evidence Compression for Retrieval Augmented Generation**. Preprint.
- Tenghao Huang, **Dongwon Jung**, Muhao Chen, **Planning and Editing What You Retrieve for Enhanced Tool Learning**. The North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics (NAACL) - Findings, 2024.

Projects

Knowledge Graph Prompting using Procedural Reasoning | *Team Project* | *Github Link*　　Aug 2023 – Nov 2023
- Implemented zero-shot retrieval augmented generation framework to solve complex knowledge graph based questions.
- Proved the effectiveness of procedural reasoning by demonstrating **8.1%** improvement over the baseline model.

Adaptation of Multi-modal Models to Uni-modal Tasks | *Team Project* | *Github Link*　　Jan 2023 – Apr 2023
- Investigated whether multi-modal models can be adapted to perform better on image classification than vision models.
- Developed 7+ adaptation methods to adapt vision-language models to handle tasks with missing text inputs.

Chrome Extension for Sentiment Analysis in Twitter | *Independent Project* | *Github Link*　　Dec 2022 – Jan 2023
- Developed a **Chrome Extension** that classifies sentiment of English tweets and displays corresponding emojis.
- Deployed a web server on Google Cloud Platform with 2 REST API endpoints, detecting language and sentiment.

Yelp Business Search Web and Mobile Application | *Independent Project* | *Github Link*　　Sep 2022 – Dec 2022
- Created both web and mobile applications for business search in Yelp using 5+ APIs (Yelp, Google Map, and ipinfo.io), allowing users to search for business information, make reservations, and share posts on Facebook and Twitter.
- Utilized **Angular** and **Android Studio** for web and mobile frontend, while developing backend with **Node.js**.
- Deployed both web frontend and backend on **Google Cloud Platform** to allow access through the internet.

4th KETI Mobius Developer Contest | *Team Project*　　Jul 2020 – Sep 2020
- Developed a Greenhouse Gas Emission Calculation Monitoring System by setting up IoT devices using the Mobius framework; assisted users with making financial decisions about buying or selling carbon credits.
- Implemented an AI model to predict prices of carbon credits in the near future using **TensorFlow** and **Keras**.
- Awarded **1st Prize** (Ministry of Science and ICT Award) out of 32 teams and a **$2,200 prize**.

Awards/Scholarships

Awards: Undergraduate Thesis Award (2022), Ministry of Science and ICT Award (2020), President of Korea Intelligent IoT Association Award (2020)

Scholarships: Undergraduate Full Scholarship (2016 – 2022), SKKU Dean's List (2017, 2021)