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Research Interest

I am broadly interested in NLP, particularly in human-centric conversational agents. Ultimately, I aim to develop effective virtual AI assistants that can support individuals in scenarios such as realistic NPC interactions and AR/MR/VR/Metaverse applications.

- In the pre-LLM era, I concentrated on dialogue systems incorporating individual personas and external knowledge in memory-based architectures.
- In the post-LLM era, I focused on persona-based role-playing LLM agents, with particular emphasis on evaluating and improving the factuality and reducing hallucinations in LLMs.
- My current research interest is in integrating multisensory perception into LLMs to support multimodal interactions. Specifically, I focus on evaluating (e.g., VLM-as-a-judge) and improving (e.g., via synthetic data generation) the factuality and reducing hallucinations in Multimodal LLMs.

Education

 Seoul National University Ph.D. Candidate in Computer Science and Engineering; GPA: 4.2 / 4.3 (4.0 / 4.0) Advisor: Gunhee Kim (Vision and Learning Lab) 	Seoul, S.Korea Mar. 2022 -
 Seoul National University M.S. in Computer Science and Engineering; GPA: 4.06 / 4.3 (3.88 / 4.0) Advisor: Gunhee Kim (Vision and Learning Lab) Thesis: Leveraging Image Turn for Self-Supervised Multimodal Representation Learning in Image-Grounded Dialogues Committee: Sun Kim, Gunhee Kim, and Hyun Oh Song 	Seoul, S.Korea Sep. 2019 - Feb. 2022
Korea University B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering; GPA: 4.15 / 4.5 (3.84 / 4.0)	Seoul, S.Korea Mar. 2014 - Feb. 2019

Publications _____

* Denotes equal contribution	
Can LLMs Understand Sense Ambiguity in Figurative Language? Evaluating LLMs' Figurative Word Sense Knowledge Seokwon Song*, Taehyun Lee*, <u>Jaewoo Ahn</u> , Jae Hyuk Sung, Gunhee Kim	Under Review
TimeChara: Evaluating Point-in-Time Character Hallucination of Role-Playing Large Language Models <u>Jaewoo Ahn</u> , Taehyun Lee, Junyoung Lim, Jin-Hwa Kim, Sangdoo Yun, Hwaran Lee, Gunhee Kim	ACL 2024 Findings
Who Wrote this Code? Watermarking for Code Generation Taehyun Lee*, Seokhee Hong*, <u>Jaewoo Ahn</u> , Ilgee Hong, Hwaran Lee, Sangdoo Yun, Jamin Shin, Gunhee Kim	ACL 2024
mRedditSum: A Multimodal Abstractive Summarization Dataset of Reddit Threads with Images Keighley Overbay, <u>Jaewoo Ahn*</u> , Fatemeh Pesaran Zadeh*, Joonsuk Park, Gunhee Kim	EMNLP 2023
MPCHAT: Towards Multimodal Persona-Grounded Conversation Jaewoo Ahn, Yeda Song, Sangdoo Yun, Gunhee Kim	ACL 2023
Sequential Latent Knowledge Selection for Knowledge-Grounded Dialogue Byeongchang Kim, <u>Jaewoo Ahn</u> , Gunhee Kim	ICLR 2020 Spotlight

Experience_

SNU Institute for Industrial Systems Innovation

Assistant Researcher

- Advisor: Gunhee Kim
- Worked on "Sequential Latent Knowledge Selection for Knowledge-Grounded Dialogue" with SKT corporation

Awards_

Outstanding TA Award College of Engineering, Seoul National University	2024
TA·RA Scholarship Department of Computer Science and Engineering, Seoul National University	2023
Gold Award, 26th HumanTech Paper Award Samsung Electronics	2020
Tuition Scholarship Office of International Affairs, Seoul National University	2019-2020
1st Place, K-Startup 2017 National Competition Korean Ministry of Education	2017

Academic Service

Conference Reviewer

ACL (2024 -), EMNLP (2024 -), ECCV (2024 -), ACL Rolling Review (2024 -)

Journal Reviewer

IJCV (2023 -), IEEE/ACM Transactions on Audio Speech and Language Processing (2023 -)

Teaching Assistant

Computer Vision (2020, 2023), Graduate Artificial Intelligence (2021, 2022)