AY2023 Admission Guide
for Department of Creative Informatics
Graduate School of
Information Science and Technology
The University of Tokyo

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Admissions > Departments and Faculty > Creative Informatics > Admissions

Note 1: In addition to this document, carefully read Admission Guide for Graduate School of Information Science and Technology (read the guide for the applicant’s program: Master’s program, Doctoral program, or Doctoral program [Special Selection for Professionals]), as well as the Guidelines for Submission of TOEFL Scores.

Note 2: The Department of Creative Informatics conducts Summer entrance examinations and Winter entrance examinations for both the Master’s and Doctoral programs. Summer and Winter entrance examinations differ in schedules, examination subjects, and examination methods.

Note 3: The contents of this document and Admission Guide for Graduate School may be changed to prevent the spread of new coronavirus infection. In that case, the change will be posted on the website of the graduate school and/or the department. Regularly check it. Its URL will be sent later with the Examination Admission Card.
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1. Message for applicants

The Department of Creative Informatics is the newest Department within the comparatively new Graduate School of Information Science and Technology. It was founded in 2005. The Department of Creative Informatics currently incorporates aspects of five fields: Computer Science, Mathematical Informatics, Information Physics and Computing, Information and Communication Engineering, and Mechano-Informatics. The educational philosophy is “To refine practical creativity for realizing outstanding ideas, through creative practices over interdisciplinary fields. To achieve this goal, the Department will combine projects and advanced personnel training, and will promote collaborations among industry, government, and academia aimed at human resource cultivation. We hope that students completing this Department's program will play a leading role in the field of information technology.
2. Master’s program

2.1 Examination schedules and examination subjects

i) Summer entrance examination

(1) Document screening

Document screening will be conducted based on the submitted documents. Regarding the notification of the screening, refer to Admission Guide for Graduate School.

(2) General education subjects

Applicants must select either Mathematics or Programming at the time of application. Those who are absent from the examination in the general education subject are considered to have withdrawn from the entrance examination.

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<td>Friday, August 5, 2022 13:00 – 17:00 School of Engineering; Bldg. No. 6 (tentative)</td>
<td>The basic skills of programming is examined. The applicants must bring their own laptop PCs and write programs for the given topics. They may use their preferable programming languages. Answering time is 150 minutes in total.</td>
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Notes:
A programming environment must be installed in the laptop PCs used during the programming examination. The applicants may bring one copy of printed book about programming and they may refer to that book during the examination. The applicants may use source programs, libraries, and other resources stored in the PC. Connecting the PC to any network is prohibited during the examination. Confirm that the PC can read from and write to a USB flash drive (type A).

(3) Foreign language

TOEFL Scores will be used to evaluate the applicants’ English skills. For details, refer to “Guidelines for Submission of TOEFL Scores (for AY2023 Entrance Examinations)”.

(4) Specialized subjects

Applicants shall select one of the following five specialized subjects at the time of application. The applicants not selecting Creative Informatics should find out the details by referring to Admission Guide for the corresponding department. Those who are absent from the examination in the specialized subjects are considered to have withdrawn from the entrance examination.
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<td>Applicants solve three problems in the fields related to software/algorithms, computer hardware, and information systems, and other related fields. Answering time is 150 minutes in total.</td>
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(5) Oral examination

The oral examination is conducted online on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 (when the examination starts and ends depends on the number of applicants). The oral examination schedule will be posted on the website by the day of the examination. In the oral examination, applicants will be asked about the issues such as the written examinations, current research topics, and a research plan at the graduate school.

ii) Winter entrance examination

(1) Document screening

Document screening will be conducted based on the submitted documents. Regarding the notification of the screening, refer to Admission Guide for Graduate School.

(2) General education subject

The applicants must select programming for Winter entrance examination unlike Summer entrance examination. Those who are absent from the examination in the general education subject are considered to have withdrawn from the entrance examination.

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(3) Foreign language
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(4) Specialized subject
Unlike the Summer entrance examination, students cannot take examination for the specialized subjects of other departments.
Those who are absent from the written examination are considered to have withdrawn from the entrance exam.

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(5) Oral examination
The oral examination is conducted online on Thursday, February 9, 2023 (when the examination starts and ends depends on the number of applicants). The oral examination schedule will be posted on the website by the day of the examination. In the oral examination, applicants will be asked about the issues such as the written examinations, current research topics, and a research plan at the graduate school.

2.2 Submission of Preference Card
Applicants must submit the Preference Card (Summer or Winter entrance examinations for the Master's program) along with other application materials.

2.3 Transfer to online examination
If a resident of a foreign country has a difficulty to take the onsite examination and he/she wants to apply for the transfer of the written examination to the online examinations, he/she must submit “Transfer application for the online written examinations”. Carefully read the instructions before the submission. If the application is approved, the applicants must attend online connection testing. The connection testing is held on July 29th (Programming in summer), January 31st (Programming in winter), August 19th (Specialized Subject: Creative Informatics in summer), and January 31st (Specialized Subject: Creative Informatics in winter). For the details of the connection testing for Mathematics, refer to Admission Guide for the Graduate School. The applicants who do not participate in the connection testing will lose their eligibility for the admission. The online examination will start earlier than the onsite one. The online examination for Winter examination may not be conducted depending on the situation of the pandemic.
3. Doctoral program / Doctoral program [Special Selection for Professionals]

3.1 Examination schedules

i) Summer entrance examination

(1) Primary examination

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<td>Oral examination</td>
<td>Tuesday, August 23, 2022</td>
<td>Applicants give a presentation on their Master’s thesis or equivalent work and doctoral research plans (about 20 min.; slides can be used), and then they are asked questions on the presentation and other issues.</td>
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(a) TOEFL Scores will be used to evaluate the applicants’ English skills. For details, refer to “Guidelines for Submission of TOEFL Scores (for AY2023 Entrance Examinations)”.

(b) Applicants are exempted from submitting the TOEFL Scores and taking the examination in specialized subjects if they have graduated or they are expected to graduate Master's program at Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo.

(2) Secondary examination

The secondary examination is conducted during the days for Winter examination. It is an oral examination. The applicants who have passed the primary examination will be informed later of the details. If the applicants are master students at Department of Creative Informatics, in principle, their secondary examinations are conducted from Thursday, January 26 to Friday, January 27, 2023. If the applicants prefer to start their doctoral program in October, they have their Master's degree when they apply for the entrance examination, or they are expected to graduate their Master’s program in September, their secondary examinations are conducted together during the oral examination for the primary examination.
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ii) Winter entrance examination
The primary and secondary examinations are conducted during the period from Tuesday, February 7 to Thursday 9, February, 2023. Only a limited number of applicants will be accepted. The examination method will be the same as the method for Summer entrance examination. For the details of the examination in the specialized subject, refer to the corresponding examination for Winter entrance examination for the Master’s program.

3.2 Preference surveys of applicants for the Doctoral program
The prospective applicants for the Doctoral program should make close contact with their prospective faculty advisor before the application period. Applicants must submit their Preference Card (for the Doctoral program) along with other application materials. A faculty advisor will be immediately assigned to an applicant (but subject to change) when he/she passes the primary examination.

3.3 Submission documents for the Doctoral program [Special Selection for Professionals]
The applicants must submit a one- or two-page A4-size document, which summarizes major achievements during their employment, as "Outline of Work Achievements" listed in 6. Application Documents in Admission Guide: Doctoral Program [Special Selection for Professionals].

3.4 Transfer to online examination
If a resident of a foreign country has a difficulty to take the onsite examination and he/she wants to apply for the transfer of the written examination to the online examination, he/she must submit “Transfer application for the online written examinations”. Carefully read the instructions before the submission. If the application is approved, the applicants must attend an online connection testing. The connection testing is held on August 19th (Specialized Subject: Creative Informatics in summer), and January 31st (Specialized Subject: Creative Informatics in winter). The applicants who do not participate in the connection testing will lose their eligibility for the admission. The online examination will start earlier than the onsite one. The online examination for Winter examination may not be conducted depending on the situation of the pandemic.
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Do you wish to enter the school in October 2022? Yes

| Specialized subjects to be tested on the    | Creative Informatics |
| examination (Check)                         | Computer Science   |
|                                              | Mathematical Informatics |
|                                              | Information Physics and Computing |
|                                              | Information and Communication Engineering |

Residence Card
Retain
Status: student / other ( )
Expiration date of period of stay
Day, Month, Year 20
Not Retain

Attach a pdf document clearly describing the research field you want to study, the reason for your application, the research plan after your enrollment, and your past activities and achievements. It must be one page of A4 or letter size paper and single-sided. Figures and tables may be included.

- Submit this form along with your application.
- * Leave this box blank
- Circle one General education subject and one specialized subject to be tested.
- If you wish to enter the school in October 2022 but do not graduate from university by September 2022, contact the administration office to confirm whether the requirements are satisfied and circle “Yes” in the appropriate column above.
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[Preference Card (Winter entrance examination for Master’s program)]

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[Preference Card (Summer/Winter entrance examination for Doctoral program)]

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- If you are taking examination for “Special Selection for Professionals,” circle “Professional” in the “Special Selection for Professionals” column.
Faculty Advisors

Professor Shigeru Chiba
  Programming Languages, Software Infrastructure
Professor Takeo Igarashi
  User Interface, Computer Graphics
Professor Akiko Takeda
  Mathematical Optimization, Operations Research
Professor Hiroshi Saruwatari
  Speech and Acoustic Information Processing, Statistical Signal Processing,
  Machine Learning
Professor Hiroshi Esaki
  Smart Internet, Sensor Network
Professor Kei Okada
  Everyday Life Robotics, Robot System Software
Associate Professor Mary Inaba
  Networks, Supercomputers, Computational Geometry
Associate Professor Hideki Nakayama
  Machine Perception, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning
Associate Professor Ryota Shioya
  Computer Architecture, System Software, Information Security
Associate Professor Manabu Tsukada
  Computer Network, Cyber Physical Systems
Associate Professor Nobuyuki Umetani
  Computer Graphics, Physics Simulation
Associate Professor Tomoharu Ugawa
  Programming Languages, Garbage Collection

Concurrent Faculty Advisors who belong to other departments

Associate Professor Shinpei Kato (Dept. of Computer Science)
  Operating Systems, Supercomputing, Autonomous Driving
Professor Kunihiko Sadakane (Dept. of Mathematical Informatics)
  Algorithms and Data Structures, Big Data Processing
Professor Hiroshi Nakamura (Dept. of Information Physics & Computing)
  Computer System, IoT/Cyber-Physical System, Computer Architecture
Professor Kenjiro Taura (Dept. of Information & Communication Engineering)
  Parallel and distributed computing, programming languages, big data processing,
  high-performance computing, and their applications
Professor Tatsuya Harada (Dept. of Mechano-Informatics)
  Computer Vision, Machine Learning, Real-world Intelligent Information Processing
Associate Professor Masaki Ito (Social ICT Research Center)
  Traffic Informatics, Cyber-physical Systems, Intelligent Transport Systems (ITS),
  Human-computer Interaction
Although writing a toy program is easy, developing truly useful and reliable software with a non-trivial size is not a simple task. It is often just too complex to complete and thus we need to carefully write a program to have a clear structure and to be easily readable and maintainable.

Developing software for helping such programming is a main part of our research. Most students are developing software as their art work. Coming up with a good idea, developing software based on that idea, and write a paper is our research activity.

We have been studying and developing program libraries, frameworks, and programming tools for a new style of programming. An example is a library for meta-level programming that automates program translation and generation. It allows user programmers to write a simple program and it automatically rewrites it to have more complex functionalities. Another example is a programming tool for developing a library with a "fluent" programming interface, so called an embedded domain specific language (DSL). Such a kind of DSL is getting important today.

Applying machine learning techniques to programming tools is also our interest. Since we can obtain a large number of real-world programs from public repositories such as GitHub, our challenge is utilizing them as training data. Our study includes analyzing such large number of programs for discovering programming styles in the world and developing a tool for that analysis.

We have been also developing a new programming language, usually an extended version of existing language that supports a new language construct. A language construct is a various component constituting a language, such as a while statement, an object and a class, a lambda expression, type inference, and so forth. As an academic research group, we are working for inventing a new language construct that will be adopted by widely used major programming languages in future.

A wide range of research for helping programming practice is covered. A research topic for an individual student is selected through discussion with a supervisor.

About us
Our research interests are in programming languages and system software, i.e. the core of computing systems. We are seeking students who love programming as well as programming language design and software engineering. Our aim is to explore “cool” things related to programming.

To Applicants
We welcome students who have passion and strong interests in software development. Good programming skills are desirable but not mandatory. Only basic programming skills are. Past students were able to quickly learn necessary skills if they like programming. Potential applicants can ask a question about such required skills by emails. Visiting our group is also possible by appointment.
(1) User Interface: We are working on user interfaces for information appliances ranging from personal computers, smartphone, robots, and self-driving automobiles. We not only develop techniques to improve efficiency but also propose new way of interaction or analyzing interactions. Below is some examples.

- User interfaces for machine learning and artificial intelligence. We especially focus on the preparation of training data and interactive learning.
- Interaction techniques for novel appliances such as smartphone, smart watches, AI speakers and smart glasses.
- Interaction techniques for giving directions and controlling real-world systems such as robots and self-driving automobiles.

(2) Graphics: We mainly work on interactive shape modeling. We work on content creation for digital media such as movies and games. We also work on interaction techniques for digital fabrication using 3D printers and laser cutters. We focus on techniques for non-expert users.

- Content creation such as 3D modeling and 2D animation using recent technologies such as sketching and machine learning. We also work on interaction techniques for medical imaging.
- Shape modeling for real world objects such as musical instruments, clothes, and toys leveraging real-time physical simulation.
- Novel techniques for 3D scanning and 3D printing to support personal fabrication.

Each student sets his or her own goal in our group, so we expect students to be self-directed and take responsibility. We can provide opportunity for students to collaborate with research groups in other countries and productions.

http://www-ui.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/
Operations research (OR) is one of the scientific techniques for constructing a mathematical model and finding its solution by using a computer for real-world problems. In particular, we are conducting research focusing on model construction as a mathematical optimization problem and development of algorithms (numerical methods) for solving the problem.

The mathematical optimization problem is a mathematical model to achieve a better objective value under given constraints. Mathematical optimization problems arising from real-world problems are usually large in scale and can not be solved without designing efficient algorithms based on the mathematical structure of the problem. We focus on optimization algorithms and software development based on mathematical optimization theory, and are conducting research so as to apply them to application problems in different fields such as machine learning.

**Research Topics**
- **Global optimization for non-convex problems**
  Problems in the real world often result in nonconvex continuous optimization problems. Algorithms for efficiently finding almost global optimal solutions are required. We are developing an efficient algorithm that exploits the features of the problem well.
- **Decision-making method under uncertainty**
  When constructing a mathematical optimization model using uncertain data, robustness against uncertainty of data is required. Robust optimization models and stochastic programming models are useful in such situations. We aim to efficiently solve such optimization problems and contribute to real world problem solving.
- **Applying optimization methods to other fields**
  The application range of the mathematical optimization method is diverse. Especially in machine learning, large-scale, non-convex and/or non-smooth optimization problems are often discussed. We propose efficient algorithms with some theoretical guarantee for such problems.

**Knowledge and ability necessary for conducting research**
Linear algebra is indispensable for conducting research in our field. More abstract mathematics is rarely necessary and we often use elementary mathematics to develop optimization algorithms. In addition, basic knowledge of programming is required when implementing optimization algorithms in the process of research.

**What to expect from students**
In order to create something new as a research, a very steady effort is necessary. The range of activities will not be confined to our research group. I expect that students will participate in research meetings, domestic and overseas conferences, etc. We will gladly cooperate.
In Saruwatari Laboratory, we mainly address an innovation in new signal processing and information processing systems, focusing our attention on understanding, processing, and control of sound media (speech, music, etc.). For example, theories on new statistical modeling and machine-learning-based algorithms are of interest for us to solve the optimization problems under acoustical generative models and physical constraint. Through the innovation, we realize expansion of human hearing systems, new man-machine interface systems as well as new contribution to music art creation.

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**Auditory Communication Augmentation Based on Unsupervised/Semi-supervised Learning Systems**

We realize versatile unsupervised source separation based on *Independent Low-Rank Matrix Analysis* combining statistical estimation theories and low-rank modeling. Also, we address *Independent Deeply Learned Matrix Analysis* as a new harmony of deep learning and spatial acoustics, which can be applied to semi-supervised source separation. Thanks to these methods, human interface and auditory communication augmentation systems can be developed.

**Speech Information Processing Based on Deep Learning**

We address theories on signal processing and machine learning for high-quality speech synthesis/conversion as a means of flexible human-human and human-machine communication. We have proposed Generative-Adversarial- Network-based DNN speech synthesis/conversion systems as the world’s first attempt and apply them to generation of a complex human voice. Furthermore, by modeling a natural fluctuation in singing voice, we can realize audio virtual reality systems with high expression capability.

**User-Oriented Music Information Processing**

We realize high-quality music signal processing systems based on spatio-temporal signal analysis by applying machine-learning algorithms, e.g., nonnegative low-rank approximation and sparse representation to various multidimensional data. Using the systems, we establish versatile user-oriented information processing in order to contribute toward new creation of music art.

**Sound Virtual Reality & Augmented Reality**

We create a high-accuracy reproduction theory for complex acoustic fields by introducing the unified mathematical representation of acoustical sound sensing, transmission, transformation, and reproduction. In particular, statistical estimation and super-resolution theories based on spherical harmonic analysis can be introduced to cope with unreliable sensing problems. Finally, we develop an ultra-realistic sound virtual reality system and an augmented reality system that can be applicable to man-machine interaction.

Our laboratory mainly focuses our attention on the theoretical innovation for mathematical modeling of acoustic sounds, and welcomes students who are interested in such a research and big- & small-data processing.

Laboratory: Engineering Bldg. No.6, Hongo Campus  WEB: http://www.sp.ipc.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/
Esaki Laboratory (www.hongo.wide.ad.jp)

**Principle Advisor:** Hiroshi Esaki, Ph.D  <hiroshi-sec@hongo.wide.ad.jp>

**Location of Laboratory:** Faculty of Engineering Building No.2, Hongo Campus

**Overview of Esaki Laboratory**

Our laboratory researches widely distributed computer systems, the most well known being the Internet. We cover physical system development/deployment to user applications. Of our many research topics, we focus on a future Internet architecture and the (physical) Internet system. Our motto is “research in our right hand, operation in our left hand”. We show this motto in our working and professional operate-able system development.

Esaki Lab is one of primary laboratories in the WIDE Project (www.wide.ad.jp), which is a research and development consortium working on large scale Internet system and technologies. Established in 1988, WIDE has been a leading project exploring the Internet in Japan as well as across the world. The WIDE project counts more than 100 private companies and more than 400 active researchers in academia and industry as members. Laboratory members participate in practical, professional and global WIDE project activities; while operating our hand-made nation-wide R&D testbed, which is a part of a greater global R&D testbed.

Key words of recent Esaki Lab’s research topics are “Global”, “Mobile” and “Ubiquitous”. Our concrete research areas are Sensor and Facility Networking, Routing Architecture, Network Protocol Stack Architecture, Traffic Analysis and Virtualization, Software Defined Media.

Esaki Lab provides working opportunities at collaborating oversea research organizations, such as CNRS/INRIA (France), Cornell University/USC-ISI (USA), UCL(UK), HUT(Finland). These overseas research opportunities may be long term on-site research projects. Esaki Lab also hosts several oversea students each year from across the world.

**Related Projects**


**Example Topics of Thesis**


- Distributed Operating Systems: Virtualization, Cloud Computing, File System
- Future Internet Applications: SmartGrid, Ad Hoc and Nomadic Computing, Green ICT
- Traffic Measurement and Analysis

**Destinations after graduation**

The University of Tokyo, Keio University, CITI Group, IBM, MRI, NTT Communications, KDDI, NTT DoCoMo, NTT Data, Mitsubishi, Canon, Yokogawa, METI, MPT, NPA

**Note:** Esaki lab requires all its students to have a working knowledge of UNIX or a UNIX like OS as it will be the primary working platform.
1) Everyday Life Robotics

We study robots, especially robots that live with people and support their activities in everyday life environments. We not only pursue a wide range of intelligent robotics fields including control, recognition, inference, search, planning, decision making, and learning, but also integrate these fields and evaluate robots practically through task experiments in the real world and with real robots. We welcome students who are motivated to create robots that they would like to use in the future.

Humanoid robots | Musculoskeletal robot | Multi-link flying robot

Robot-robot co-operation | Social robots | Avatar robots | Transform robot

2) Robot System Software

We are conducting research on intelligent robot platform system software. We welcome students who wish to create new information infrastructures for intelligent robotics research, such as programming languages, middleware, system software, and continuous verification development environments for robots.

Mary Inaba Group

High Speed Communication and Acceleration
http://akashi.ci.i.u-tokyo.ac.jp/lab-e/

Real-World Communication on a Long Fat Pipe Network

Data Reservoir Project (2000 -- )
with Prof. Kei Hiraki
We monitor network packets using tools developed by our group, leading to new analyses, new concepts, and new methods for stable and fast data transfer. We evaluate our ideas with international experiments using over 30,000km real network, connecting Tokyo, U.S., and Europe.
URL: http://data-reservoir.adm.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp

Accelerator for High Performance Computing

Accelerators for Heavy Edge Computation are now in high demand
We propose and investigate hardware solution for this problem

Our Past Projects
Grape-DR Project (2004 -- 2010)
with Prof. Makino, Dr. Namura, Prof. Hiraki and Dr. Sugawara
We developed a low power consumption super computer system using our novel accelerator board with the “Grape-DR-Chip” designed by Prof. Makino.
2010(May) Little Green 500 1st place (815.43 MFLOPS/Watt)
2010(Nov) Green500 2+ place (1448.03 MFLOPS/Watt)

Planned Serendipity (2014 -- 2019)
Development of an ultra-high speed cell sorter for bio-medical applications.
We focus on the information system of the sorter and on cell recognition.

Optimization Algorithms and Software Development
Search problems, geometric problems, community extraction, etc.
We focus on practical algorithm and coding
We encourage students to participate world competitions

Our PhD. Students success in international competitions.
SAT solver competition
2011 Tomohiro Sonobe, Gold Medal in the MiniSAT Track
2016 Seongsoo Moon, Best Crafted Benchmark Solver in the Main Track

ACM-IEEE MEMOCODE Design Contest
2015 Kenichi Koizumi, 1st Place (Continuous Skyline Computation)

motto: 学而不思則罔，思而不学則殆
Human can instantly recognize various sensory information such as vision and audio, and describe it by language. However, the mechanism of such abilities is almost totally unknown. Although modern computers have made a remarkable progress in terms of computational powers, it has a still long way to go to rival real-world human intelligence in many aspects.

In Nakayama lab., we are aiming to establish such techniques, and conducting researches from both theory and application perspectives. This field is not mature enough and there are many unsolved problems, which makes it very attractive and challenging. We are eagerly waiting for ambitious and creative students to tackle the future of AI together!

**Large-scale Multimedia Recognition**

We are mainly focusing on the development of mathematical foundations to realize automatic recognition and understanding of various multimedia such as image, movie, speech etc. For example, high-level feature extraction for medias, and machine learning or pattern recognition methods are important topics.

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**Deep Learning**

To enhance utility and availability of deep learning, we are making various improvements for fast computation, memory reduction and robust learning. In addition, we are also developing flexible neural models to integrate various modalities, not only images but also natural language and others.

**Open-world Intelligent Systems**

While modern AI systems based on machine learning have become able to achieve high recognition performance for given concepts, they are hopeless when they face unknown concepts in the real world. To autonomously and incrementally acquire new knowledge in the open world, we are developing many techniques in both software and hardware aspects.

**Natural Language Processing**

One of the keys to realize computers being able to understand natural language is how to implement world knowledge on them. To this end, we believe it is important to employ not only lingual data but broader multi-modal information. Particularly, we are trying to establish a frontier spanning language and vision toward AIs with deep understanding of the world.
Our research interests are in computer hardware and system software. We typically conduct research that includes both sides, such as good hardware that considers software properties, or good software that considers hardware properties.

We welcome students who are interested in computer hardware, the foundation layers of software (language processing systems and operating systems), and information security.

Energy-efficient Hybrid CPU
We are conducting research on an energy-efficient hybrid CPU that combines different CPUs specialized to various situations.

Advanced RISC-V CPU "RSD"
RISC-V is an open CPU standard, which has recently appeared. We are conducting research and development of advanced RISC-V compatible CPU "RSD" that introduced our research results.

Dynamic Information Tracking for Security
We are conducting research on secure computer systems by tracking “information flow” and “the amount of information entropy” within a program. We are developing language runtimes for this purpose.

Other Research Topics
- Memory Compression for Scripting Languages
- Compiler/Binary Translator for our New CPU
- Fuzzing for Computer Hardware
- Hardware Accelerator for Self-driving Car
- CPU for Next-Generation Super Computer
- Energy Efficient GPU Architecture
- CPU Pipeline Visualization Tool
Tsukada Laboratory was founded in 2019 as a part of Department of Creative Informatics. The laboratory focuses on computer network and cyber-physical systems, and have engaged in the fields of transportation and live entertainment. Transport research includes Intelligent transportation systems (ITS) and autonomous driving. Live entertainment research includes VR remote transmission of live music and platform for object-based media.

http://tlab.hongo.wide.ad.jp/

Transportation
– Network-assisted autonomous driving –

http://gcl-muscat.jp/

In ITS, research and development of autonomous driving have been actively carried out, but many of them are standalone mode autonomous driving that sensors and computers merely replace human perception, judgment, and operation. On the other hand, in the network-assisted autonomous driving, vehicles are connected by networks, and information on places which cannot be seen by automotive onboard sensors can be obtained, so further safety and efficiency can be achieved.

Keyword: Cooperative ITS, Wireless networking, Edge-cloud computing, Dynamic map, Ad-hoc networking, fifth-generation mobile communication system (5G), ISO/ETSI standards

Live entertainment
– Internet audio-visual media –

http://sdm.wide.ad.jp/

The objective of this study is to create an audio-visual software space that creates a global scale sense of unity over the Internet. Converting from large-size media and streaming services that are highly unidirectional, we will drastically transform the participation experience of remote audience in musical lives by supporting large-scale and distributed audience interactions with the venue.

Keyword: audio-visual media, immersive technologies, object-based audio, open data, VR/AR, Building Information Modeling (BIM)

Workshop with autonomous vehicle (Hongo, 2018)
With old colleagues at Vehicular conference (Nice, 2017)
Recording of Keio University’s classic concert (Hiyoshi, 2016)
Demonstration in Interop Tokyo with industry partners (Makuhari, 2018)

Think globally from different points of view
During my undergraduate and master’s course in Japan, I conducted three international research internships in Australia and France. Then, I worked in France for 6 years as a foreign researcher before coming to the University of Tokyo. Since 2013, I have been working at the University of Tokyo as a faculty member of the Global Creative Reader (GCL) education program which is designed to educate leaders who will bring about social innovation driven by cooperation between different fields based on ICT. From my foreign experience and international collaboration, we consider diversity and different way of thinking is essential for social innovation. We are more than happy to help students to go abroad for their research works.

Research with academic-industry collaboration
The collaboration between academic and industry brings mutual benefits to both sectors. We established consortiums to discuss real issues in the research and business domain. Also, we conduct demonstration experiments, deployments of research achievements, and business trials.
Interactive Graphics & Engineering Group

Our group is working on computational fabrication, physics-based animation, digital contents creation. Computational prototyping machine such as 3D printers are widely available but it is still difficult for the novice users to design functional objects. Using physics simulation and machine learning techniques, we aim to achieve an interactive interface to facilitate the user’s creative design. We welcome students who have interest in computer graphics or computational physics to develop new technologies together!

Machine learning on 3D geometry using autoencoder network

Design of wind-instruments using resonance simulation

Robust simulation of flexible rods

Machine learning aerodynamics

Interactive clothing pattern design system

Detection of structural weakness

Code of conduct:

Pursuit your own interest
- We encourage each student to set up his/her own research subject through extensive literature survey. This is an essential skill to become an independent researcher.

Research communication skill
- We practice scientific writing and presentation a lot through paper submission and practice talk. Your awesome research worth nothing if the audience cannot understand it.

Applied math and programming
- Techniques in computer graphics can solve many practical problems. We put emphasis on math and programing skills to acquire these techniques and apply them for new problems.

Our group encourage international collaboration, joint collaboration with industry, and cross-disciplinary research. There are many opportunities in Japan as the graphics and manufacturing industries a strong (e.g., game and car). Highly motivated and skilled students are always welcome.
Tomoharu Ugawa  Programming Languages, Garbage Collection, Implementation

Almost every aspect of our lives today depends on computer systems. Every system depends on the programming languages it is written in. My research goals are to improve the performance of interpreters and virtual machines for programming languages. My research topics include performance optimization, garbage collection and implementation of high-level languages on embedded systems and new hardware.

https://tugawa.github.io/

Persistent Heaps for Java using Non-Volatile Memory

Big-data applications desire high-performance persistent storage systems. We exploit new Non-Volatile Memory (NVM) technologies, which can preserve memory contents without power. For example, we are developing mechanisms for Java to recover data even after a sudden power loss. With this system, data can be held in memory thus improving access speed compared with traditional database systems, where data is stored in a disk. We are also researching techniques to minimize performance degradation while using NVM, which although much faster than old-fashioned flash memory is slower than normal DRAM.

A Tailor-Made JavaScript Virtual Machine for Embedded Systems

JavaScript is a widely-used programming language in browsers. This research aims at making JavaScript available on embedded systems and IoT devices, with limited computational resources (CPU power and memory). JavaScript programs are executed on virtual machines called JavaScript engines. Our approach is to specialize the virtual machine to the JavaScript program being run.

I welcome students who like programming, algorithms, or engaging with complex systems.
Concurrent Faculty Advisors who belong to other departments

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We conduct research on computing platforms underlying creation of disruptive innovations. Examples of our research projects include the following:
(1) On many-core architectures integrating million cores on a chip and their operating systems
(2) On supercomputing and distributed data processing for peta-scale real-world and real-time information
(3) On self-driving systems and artificial intelligence technology

In Sadakane laboratory at the Department of Mathematical Informatics, we develop algorithms and data structures for processing big data. Especially, we focus on succinct data structures which can process data in a compressed form. Not only the theory of algorithms, but we also aim to implement and apply them to real data.

We mainly address high-performance, dependable, and low-power computer system to realize advanced interaction between physical and cyber worlds.
- IoT/Cyber-Physical System: Optimization of total computer systems by integrating sensors and server systems in IoT world.
- Ultra Low Power Computer System: Ultra low power VLSI systems and high-performance and low-power computing through co-optimization between circuit technology, computer architecture, system software, and algorithm.
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<td>(Visit our homepage at <a href="https://tinyurl.com/taulab">https://tinyurl.com/taulab</a>) Central topics of Taura group are software to deliver high-performance computing to everyone and high-performance applications. A pillar is designing programmer-friendly programming languages or libraries and their high-performance implementations with SIMD, multicores, GPUs, and supercomputers. The challenge is to attain both productivity and performance on complex hardware. They include domain-specific systems for machine learning, pattern extractions and N-body problems, general-purpose systems for load balancing and distributed shared memory and libraries for special-purpose hardware such as digital annealer (digital implementation of quantum annealer). Another pillar is big data processing and its applications. They include mining of company home pages for finding good business succession and analysis of electronic medical records for reducing medical accidents, around which we are seeking good synergies with research on machine learning frameworks and/or big data processing.</td>
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<td>Our laboratory focuses on machine intelligence. Our goal is to invent hyper-intelligent systems by combining useful but infinite information in the physical space with a huge amount of data and powerful computational resources in the cyberspace. To tackle this challenging problem, we utilize all resources in the area of computer science including machine learning, computer vision, natural language processing and robotics.</td>
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