AY2024 Admission Guide
for Department of Creative Informatics
Graduate School of
Information Science and Technology
The University of Tokyo

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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.
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>Programming</td>
<td>Friday, August 18, 2023 13:00 – 17:00</td>
<td>The basic skills of programming are examined. The applicants must bring their own laptop PCs and write programs for the given topics. They may use their preferred 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 use documents, 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 AY2024 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>Monday, August 21, 2023 13:00 – 17:00 School of Engineering Bldg., No. 6 (tentative) (Details will be posted on the website by the day of the examination)</td>
<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 23, 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.

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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(4) Specialized subject
Unlike the Summer entrance examination, applicants 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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<td>Thursday, February 1, 2024 13:00 – 17:00 School of Engineering, Bldg. No.6 (tentative) (Details will be posted on the website by the day of the examination)</td>
<td>Refer to the description for Summer entrance examination.</td>
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(5) Oral examination
The oral examination is conducted online on Monday, February 5, 2024 (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 Research Plan
Applicants must submit a pdf document of Research Plan along with other application materials, 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-size paper. Figures and tables may be included but if an external URL is included, it will not be used at the examinations.

2.3 Transfer to online examination
Considering COVID-19 related restrictions such as those on entry to Japan, as an exception, applicants who meet certain conditions might be reassigned to online examinations instead of the examinations on the specified examination sites. Those who meet the designated conditions listed on the last page for online examinations and hope to be transferred should apply according to Admission Guide for Graduate School of Information Science and Technology (Master’s Program). The online examination for Winter examination may not be conducted due to the abolishment of the exception 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>Tuesday, August 22, 2023</td>
<td>Applicants give a presentation on their Master’s thesis or its alternative</td>
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<td>(When the number of applicants is large, the examination may be also held on Thursday, August 24. When the examination starts and ends depends on the number of applicants.)</td>
<td>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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Notes:
(a) TOEFL Scores will be used to evaluate the applicants’ English skills. For details, refer to “Guidelines for Submission of TOEFL Scores (for AY2024 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 complete 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. According to the given instructions, submit a master's thesis (not necessarily the final version) or its alternative by the time of the oral examination. If the applicants are master students at Department of Creative Informatics, in principle, their secondary examinations are conducted from Thursday, January 25 to Friday, January 26, 2024. For applicants who wish to start their doctoral program in October, and those who wish to start in April but have obtained or are expected to obtain a Master’s or Professional degree by September 30, 2023, their secondary examinations will be conducted together during the oral examination for the primary examinations.
ii) Winter entrance examination
The primary and secondary examinations are conducted during the period from Thursday, February 1 to Monday, February 5, 2024, excluding Saturday and Sunday. 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 Submission documents 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 Research Plan along with other application materials. For the details of Research Plan, refer to “2.2 Submission of Research Plan” for the Master’s program. 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]
In addition to Research Plan written in 3.2, 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].

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The University of Tokyo Graduate School of Information Science and Technology, Department of Creative Informatics

Faculty Advisors and Concurrent Faculty Advisors (as of April 2023)

Select your advisor(s) among the faculty members in this list, and enter your selection (up to four for master's program, one for doctoral program) through the Web application system.

Faculty Advisors
Professor Shigeru Chiba
Programming Languages, Software Infrastructure

Professor Takeo Igarashi
User Interface, Computer Graphics

Professor Kunihiko Sadakane
Algorithms and Data Structures, Big Data Processing

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 Hideki Nakayama
Machine Perception, Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning

Associate Professor Ryota Shiroya
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
System Software, Programming Language, Concurrency, Embedded Systems

Concurrent Faculty Advisors who belong to other departments
Professor Yusuke Miyao (Dept. of Computer Science)
Natural Language Processing, Natural Language Processing

Professor Tsuyoshi Takagi (Dept. of Mathematical Informatics)
Mathematical Cryptography, Applied Cryptography

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.
(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/](http://www-ui.is.s.u-tokyo.ac.jp/)
We work on development of algorithms and data structures for processing big data efficiently. In particular, we work on the following topics.

- Succinct data structure, which can process data in a compressed form without decompression. Not only analyzing algorithms theoretically, but we also implement them and apply them for real data. Possible applications are string databases such as DNA sequences, geographic information such as road networks and movement trajectories.
- Parallel and GPU algorithms for efficiently processing big data.
- Secure computation algorithms which can perform computation on encrypted data for handling private information such as DNA sequences. By combining with the above-mentioned succinct data structures, we develop technologies to process compressed and encrypted data.

Examples of Succinct Data Structures
- String Indexes
  - Suffix array of 100GB text: 680GB→22GB
- Genome Assembly
  - Human genome: 300GB→2.5GB
- Road Network
  - Position information of all roads in Japan: 1.7GB→170MB

Hierarchy of Graph Classes

Decoding Substrings using Compressed Suffix Arrays
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.

### 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 overseas 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 overseas students each year from across the world.

**Related Projects**

1. WIDE Project (www.wide.ad.jp/)
2. Green University of Tokyo Project (www.gutp.jp/)
3. SDM Project (www.sdm.wide.ad.jp/)
4. IPv6 Promotion Council (www.v6pc.jp/)

**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:** Easaki 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.

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.

Some of the robot systems developed in our laboratory can be referenced below.
Toward computer systems that can intelligently process gigantic multimedia data to realize cognitive understanding of the world

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.

**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 linguistic 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 group’s mission is to improve the performance, energy efficiency, and security of computer systems. We are conducting research on a wide range of topics, including computer hardware, programming languages, operating systems, and information security.

- 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

**Transportation**

- Network-assisted autonomous driving –

  [GCL MUSCAT](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 –

  [Software Defined 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)

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**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
http://www.nobuyuki-umetani.com/

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 how 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 patter 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 programming 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.
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.
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Concurrent Faculty Advisors who belong to other departments

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Our group conducts research in the field of natural language processing and computational linguistics. Humans communicate, understand information, and behave using natural language. Our goal is to clarify how this works by making full use of mathematical models and linguistic theories. Specifically, our research is focused on the following areas.
- Syntactic and semantic analysis, semantic inference: computing the structure and meaning of sentences in natural language.
- Grounding: connecting the meaning of natural language with real-world data such as images and numerical data.
- Dialogue systems: building computer systems that use natural language to exchange information.

We investigate the theory and practice of cryptography which underpins the security of our information society.
(1)Mathematical Cryptography: We study post-quantum cryptography based on the mathematical problems (such as coding theory, lattice theory, multivariate polynomials, graph theory, etc), which are computationally intractable even in the era of quantum computing.
(2)Applied Cryptography: We are engaged in the development of new efficient cryptographic algorithms and implementation secure against physical attacks, which can be used in our life, for example, copyright protection, electronic voting, cryptocurrency, and so on.

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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(Visit our homepage at https://tinyurl.com/taulab) 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.

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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.

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Ito Laboratory at the Social ICT Research Center conducts research to create advanced mobility systems through information technology. We are conducting practical research including traffic sensing, optimization of traffic signals, simulation of human and vehicle traffic, large-scale spatio-temporal data processing platforms, big data analysis of various traffic data, optimization of bus schedules and routes, and behavior change technology of people and vehicles. We welcome students who are interested in social issues such as urban planning and management of depopulated areas, students who are (or have been) interested in railroads, buses, automobiles, and other vehicles, and students who wish to conduct practical research using real data and real fields in collaboration with companies and local governments.
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Applicants might be transferred to online examinations if they meet one of the conditions below. Those who wish to be transferred, submit “Transfer Application Form for the Online Examinations” when the reason arises.

1. Those who live outside Japan and are unable to travel to Japan due to Japan’s border restrictions, etc.
2. Those who should avoid the on-site examination, having likely contracted an infectious disease (having symptoms such as fever or cough). For details, refer to the conditions for avoiding on-site examinations specified in the document “Examination Guideline for On-site Written Examination”, which will be delivered later to applicants.

Understand that the online examinations are only alternative measures and that there may be disadvantages associated with taking the online examinations.