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EDUCATION

Doctor of Information Science and Technology *March 2009 – September 2012*

The University of Tokyo, Japan
Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
Supervisor: Professor Kazuo MUROTA

Master of Information Science and Technology *March 2007 – March 2009*

Graduate School of Information Science and Technology
The University of Tokyo, Japan
Supervisor: Professor Kazuo MUROTA

Bachelor of Engineering *April 2004 – March 2007*

Faculty of Engineering
The University of Tokyo, Japan
Supervisor: Professor Masato TAKEICHI

Associate Degree of Engineering *April 1999 – March 2004*

Department of Electronic Control System Engineering
Numazu College of Technology, Japan
Supervisor: Professor Toshio FUNADA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Unit Leader *December 2016 – Present*

Discrete Optimization Unit
RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project, Japan

A leader of a research team (Discrete Optimization Unit) at a scientific research institute (RIKEN). The purpose of my team is to establish machine-learning algorithms using discrete optimization theory. The research topic includes combinatorial optimization, approximation algorithms, game theory, fairness and explainability, and graph neural networks.

- Leading a research team that has 6 full-time researchers and 5 part-time students in total. Accepted 9 internship students in total.
- Published more than 45 peer-reviewed papers in journals and conferences, including SODA, NeurIPS, ICML, AAAI, and IJCAI. See <http://www.prefield.com/publications-discopt.html> for the publication list of my team.
- Organized 3 international workshops about discrete optimization and machine learning.

- Collaborating with several industries as a technical advisor.

Researcher*April 2017 – Present*

CyberAgent, inc., Japan

A part-time member (12 hour per week) of an engineering team for computational advertising.

- Developing machine-learning algorithms for location-based advertisements.
- Developed bid-price optimization algorithms for real-time bidding.
- Published a paper at IJCAI.

Visiting Associate Professor*April 2018 – Present*

Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering

Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan

- Supervised 1 Ph.D. student.
- Taught discrete optimization for 1st and 2nd-year graduate students. (3 courses)

Visiting Associate Professor*April 2018 – Present*

University of Electro-Communications, Japan

- Taught combinatorial optimization and game theory for 3rd-year undergraduate students. (15 courses)

Visiting Researcher*May 2015 – March 2019*

KIBAN(S): Large Graph Project: Theory and Algorithms

National Institute of Informatics, Japan

A visiting researcher for JSPS Grants-in-Aid for Scientific Research, KIBAN (S) Large Graphs: Theory and Algorithms lead by Ken-ichi Kawarabayashi.

Assistant Professor*February 2015 – March 2017*

Department of Mathematical and Systems Engineering

Shizuoka University, Japan

A faculty member (assistant professor) at a department of mathematical engineering in a local university.

- Supervised 2 undergraduate students as a laboratory head.
- Published 9 peer-reviewed papers in journals and conferences, including Mathematical Programming, ICML, AAI, IJCAI, KDD, and ACL.
- Taught programming (C language) for first and second-year undergraduates and graph theory for third-year undergraduates.
- Organized 1 domestic workshop on operations research.

Project Researcher*October 2012 – January 2015*

JST ERATO Kawarabayashi Large Graph Project

National Institute of Informatics, Japan

A post-doc at a research institute. The project aims at establishing graph-theoretic algorithms for machine learning, data mining, and database.

- Published 10 peer-reviewed papers in journals and conferences, including AAI, ICDE, VLDB, and SIGMOD.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Operations Research 2 Department of Informatics University of Electro-Communications, Japan	<i>October 2019 – March 2020</i> <i>October 2018 – March 2019</i>
Introduction to Interdisciplinary Sciences Department of Interdisciplinary Sciences University of Tokyo, Japan	<i>December 17 2019 (3 Classes)</i> <i>October 23 2018 (3 Classes)</i>
Electronic and Information Engineering: Advanced Lecture II Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, Japan	<i>August 27 2019 (3 Classes)</i> <i>February 20 2019 (3 Classes)</i>
Graph Theory Graduate School of Engineering Shizuoka University, Japan	<i>October 2016 – March 2017</i> <i>October 2015 – March 2016</i>
Program Contest Graduate School of Engineering Shizuoka University, Japan	<i>April 2016 – September 2016</i> <i>April 2015 – September 2015</i>
Basics of Programming Graduate School of Engineering Shizuoka University, Japan	<i>October 2015 – March 2016</i>

HONORS AND AWARDS

Best Paper Award 21th International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics	<i>April 2018</i>
Best Young Presentation Award Japan Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics	<i>June 2016</i>
Best Presentation Award The Operations Research Society of Japan	<i>March 2010</i>
Student Paper Award The Operations Research Society of Japan	<i>September 2009</i>
Dean's Award Graduate School of Information Science and Technology University of Tokyo, Japan	<i>March 2009</i>
Tsukuba OR Student Presentation Award The Operations Research Society of Japan	<i>March 2009</i>
S@CO Best Presentation Award The Operations Research Society of Japan	<i>June 2008</i>
Dean's Award Faculty of Engineering University of Tokyo	<i>March 2006</i>

SOCIAL ACTIVITY

- Workshop Organizing Committee: Conference on Optimization** *November 25–27 2019*
Fields Institute, Toronto, Canada
(co-organized with Antoine Deza, Jelena Diakonikolas, Paul Grigas,
Swati Gupta, Sebastian Pokutta, Yuriy Zinchenko)
- Organizer: Second Workshop on Discrete Optimization and Machine Learning** *July 28–31 2019*
RIKEN AIP, Tokyo, Japan
(co-organized with Antoine Deza and Sebastian Pokutta)
- Workshop Organizer: Workshop on Discrete Optimization and Machine Learning** *July 23–25 2018*
RIKEN AIP, Tokyo, Japan
(co-organized with Antoine Deza and Sebastian Pokutta)
- Judge, ACM-ICPC Japan Regional** *April 2014 – Present*
- Activity Group Member: Research Association of Mathematical Programming (RAMP), The Operations Research Society of Japan** *April 2015 – Present*
- Workshop Organizer: The 27th RAMP Symposium** *October 15–16 2015*
Shizuoka University, Shizuoka, Japan

RESEARCH GRANTS

- Theory of Optimization with Queries** *April 1 2019 – March 31 2023*
KAKENHI 19K20219, PI, 4,290,000 JPY
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- Developing a Quantitative Evaluation Framework of Game Theoretic Resource Allocation Mechanisms** *April 1 2017 – March 31 2020*
KAKENHI 17H01787, Co-PI (PI: Atsushi IWASAKI), 17,290,000 JPY
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- Tree-Metric Approximation and Approximate Computation of the Shapley Value of Minimum Cost Spanning Tree Games** *April 1 2015 – March 31 2019*
KAKENHI 15K00033, Co-PI (PI: Kazutoshi ANDO), 2,990,000 JPY
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- Discrete Convex Analysis-Based Discrete Optimization Method for Machine Learning Applications** *April 1 2016 – March 31 2019*
KAKENHI 16K16011, PI, 2,470,000 JPY
Japan Society for the Promotion of Science
- The Telecommunications Advancement Foundation Grant for Oversea Travel** *December 2015*
Travel Grant for International Conference (December 2015), 220,000 JPY
The Telecommunications Advancement Foundation
- Analysis and Development of Random Field in Deep Learning** *February 13 2017 – February 17 2017*
Short-Term Joint Research Project, 500,000 JPY
Institute of Mathematics for Industry, Kyushu University

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)	8106208
The Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)	92860511
Mathematical Optimization Society	20097846
The Japan Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics	64-696-4672
The Operations Research Society of Japan	02602930
Information Processing Society of Japan	201703365
e-Rad Researcher ID	20751407

PUBLICATIONS (ALL PEER-REVIEWED)

- [1] Yoichi Sasaki, Takanori Maehara, Takumi Akazaki, Kazeto Yamamoto, and Kunihiro Sadamasu. Solving weighted abduction via max-sat solvers. In *Proceedings of the 33rd International FLAIRS Conference (FLAIRS'20)*, page to appear, 2020.
- [2] Soh Kumabe and Takanori Maehara. Convexity of hypergraph matching game. In *Proceedings of the 19th International Conference on Autonomous Agents and Multi-Agent Systems (AAMAS'20), Auckland, New Zealand, May 9 - 13, 2020*, page to appear, 2020.
- [3] Kazuto Fukuchi, Satoshi Hara, and Takanori Maehara. Faking fairness via stealthily biased sampling. In *Proceedings of the 34th AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'20), Special Track on AI for Social Impact, New York, New York, USA, February 7 - 12, 2020*, page to appear, 2020.
- [4] Satoshi Hara, Atsushi Nitanda, and Takanori Maehara. Data cleansing for models trained with SGD. In *Proceedings of the 33rd Annual Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS'19), Vancouver, Canada, December 8 - 14, 2019*, pages 4215–4224, 2019.
- [5] Satoshi Hara and Takanori Maehara. Convex hull approximation of nearly optimal lasso solutions. In *Proceedings of the 16th Pacific Rim International Conference on Artificial Intelligence (PRICAI'19), Anua Island, Cuvu, Fiji, August 26-30, 2019*, pages 350–363, 2019.
- [6] Junjie Chen and Takanori Maehara. Chance-constrained submodular knapsack problem. In *Proceedings of the 25th International Computing and Combinatorics Conference (COCOON'19), Xian, China, July 29 - 31, 2019*, pages 103–114, 2019.
- [7] Masakazu Ishihata and Takanori Maehara. Exact bernoulli scan statistics using binary decision diagrams. In *Proceedings of the 28th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'19), Macau, China, August 10-16, 2019*, pages 5737–5743, 2019.
- [8] Takuro Fukunaga and Takanori Maehara. Computing a tree having a small vertex cover. *Theoretical Computer Science*, pages 48–61, October 29 2019.
- [9] Takanori Maehara and Yutaro Yamaguchi. Stochastic packing integer programs with few queries. *Mathematical Programming, Series A*, pages 1–34, March 15 2019.
- [10] Mohammed Alsuhaibani, Takanori Maehara, and Danushka Bollegala. Joint learning of hierarchical word embeddings from a corpus and a taxonomy. In *Proceedings of the 1st Conference on Automated Knowledge Base Construction (AKBC'19), University of Massachusetts Amherst, United States, May 20 - 22, 2019*, 2019.

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- [12] Soh Kumabe, Takanori Maehara, and Ryoma Sin'ya. Linear pseudo-polynomial factor algorithm for automaton constrained tree knapsack problem. In *Proceedings of the 13th International Conference and Workshops on Algorithms and Computation (WALCOM'19), Guwahati, India, February 27 - March 2, 2019*, pages 248–260, 2019.
- [13] So Nakashima and Takanori Maehara. Subspace selection via dr-submodular maximization on lattices. In *Proceedings of the 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'19), Honolulu, Hawaii, January 27 - February 1, 2019*, pages 4618–4625, 2019.
- [14] Takanori Maehara and Yuma Inoue. Group decision diagram (GDD): A compact representation for permutations. In *Proceedings of the 33rd AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AAAI'19), Honolulu, Hawaii, United States, January 27–February 1, 2019*, pages 2986–2994, 2019.
- [15] Taro Takaguchi, Takanori Maehara, Ken-ichi Kawarabayashi, and Masashi Toyoda. Existence of outsiders as a characteristic of online communication networks. *Network Science*, 6(4):431–447, December 2018.
- [16] Mario Coutino, Elvin Isufi, Takanori Maehara, and Geert Leus. On the limits of finite-time distributed consensus through successive local linear operations. In *Proceedings of the 52nd Asilomar Conference on Signals, Systems, and Computers (ACSSC'18), Pacific Grove, CA, USA, October 28-31, 2018*, pages 993–997, 2018.
- [17] Danushka Bollegala, Vincent Atanasov, Takanori Maehara, and Ken-ichi Kawarabayashi. Classinet - predicting missing features for short-text classification. *ACM Transactions on Knowledge Discovery from Data*, 12(5):55:1–55:29, July 2018.
- [18] Tatsunori Tanaii and Takanori Maehara. Neural inverse rendering for general reflectance photometric stereo. In *Proceedings of the 35th International Conference on Machine Learning (ICML'18), Stockholm, Sweden, July 10-15, 2018*, pages 4864–4873, 2018.
- [19] Takanori Maehara, Atsuhiko Narita, Jun Baba, and Takayuki Kawabata. Optimal bidding strategy for brand advertising. In *Proceedings of the 27th International Joint Conference on Artificial Intelligence (IJCAI'18), Stockholm, Sweden, July 13-19, 2018*, pages 424–432, 2018.
- [20] Takanori Maehara, Naoki Marumo, and Kazuo Murota. Continuous relaxation for discrete DC programming. *Mathematical Programming Series B*, 169(1):199–219, April 15 2018.
- [21] Masaaki Imaizumi, Takanori Maehara, and Yuichi Yoshida. Statistically efficient estimation for non-smooth probability densities. In *International Conference on Artificial Intelligence and Statistics (AISTATS'18), Playa Blanca, Lanzarote, Canary Islands, Spain, April 9 - 11, 2018*, pages 978–987, 2018.
- [22] Mohammed Alsuhaibani, Danushka Bollegala, Takanori Maehara, and Ken-ichi Kawarabayashi. Jointly learning word embeddings using a corpus and a knowledge base. *PLoS ONE*, 13(3):e0193094, 2018.
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- [41] Takanori Maehara and Kazuo Murota. A framework of discrete DC programming by discrete convex analysis. *Mathematical Programming, Series A*, 152(1-2):435–466, June 2015.
- [42] Takanori Maehara. Risk averse submodular utility maximization. *Operations Research Letters*, 43(5):526–529, May 2015.
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