List of research topics for NII International Internship Program 2024 1st Call

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| 1. Principles of Informatics Research Division | | | | | | | | | |
| P00301 | Knowledge Representation and Reasoning | Integration of Knowledge Representation and Machine Learning | http://research.nii.ac.jp/il/ | Katsumi Inoue | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 4 - 6 months | Knowledge and experience in both KR&R and machine learning are required. Contact Prof. Inoue in advance. |
| P00302 | Knowledge Representation and Reasoning | Theory, Extension and Applications of Learning from Interpretation Transition | http://research.nii.ac.jp/il/ | Katsumi Inoue | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 4 - 6 months | Basic knowledge of symbolic AI and machine learning is required. Please specify how LFIT is applied or extended in the proposal. |
| P00303 | Knowledge Representation and Reasoning | Reasoning Techniques for Handling Inconsistent Information | http://research.nii.ac.jp/il/ | Katsumi Inoue | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Some experience of research on KR&R and XAI is requested. Contact Prof. Inoue in advance. |
| P01101 | Machine learning | Geometric analysis of machine learning models | https://mahito.nii.ac.jp | Mahito Sugiyama | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Legendre decomposition (information geometric tensor decomposition; NeurlPS2018): https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.04502 Many-body approximation for tensors (NeurlPS2023): https://openreview.net/forum?id=5yedZXV7wt |
| P01102 | Machine learning | Geometric analysis of T-PRISM, a logic programming language based on tensor embedding for statistical modeling | https://mahito.nii.ac.jp | Mahito Sugiyama | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Legendre decomposition (information geometric tensor decomposition; NeurlPS2018): https://arxiv.org/abs/1802.04502 T-PRISM: https://github.com/prismplp/prism |
| P01103 | Machine learning/Data mining | Machine learning for graphs | https://mahito.nii.ac.jp | Mahito Sugiyama | Associate Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Molecular Graph Generation by Decomposition and Reassembling: https://doi.org/10.1021/acsomega.3c01078 |
| P01201 | Artificial Intelligence | Knowledge Graph Applications | http://www-kasm.nii.ac.jp/~takeda | Hideaki Takeda | Professor | Master | 3 | 3 - 6 months | |
| P01202 | Artificial Intelligence | Building and Applications for Academic Knowledge Graph | | Hideaki Takeda | Professor | Master | 3 | 3 - 6 months | |
| P01301 | software verification | separation logic | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~tatsuta/index-e.html | Makoto Tatsuta | Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P02001 | Theoretical Computer Science | Sensitivity Analysis/Lipschitz Continuous Algorithms | https://arxiv.org/abs/2211.04674https://arxiv.or g/abs/2111.02657 | Yuichi Yoshida | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P02002 | Data Mining | Sensitivity Analysis/Lipschitz Continuous Algorithms | https://openreview.net/forum?id=VM7u8ecLrZV https://openreview.net/forum?id=boik01yhssB | Yuichi Yoshida | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P02003 | Theoretical Computer Science | Spectral Graph Theory for Directed Graphs and Hypergraphs | https://arxiv.org/abs/2106.02353https://arxiv.or g/abs/2201.07289 | Yuichi Yoshida | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P02004 | Theoretical Computer Science | Sublinear-time Algorithms | https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.08404https://arxiv.or g/abs/2210.12601 | Yuichi Yoshida | Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P02101 | Computational Complexity Theory | Meta-complexity, average-case complexity, pseudorandomness, and the Minimum Circuit Size Problem | https://eccc.weizmann.ac.il/report/2022/119/htt ps://eccc.weizmann.ac.il/report/2021/058/ | Shuichi Hirahara | Associate Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | It is desirable that applicants have a conference publication in complexity theory. |
| P02701 | Algorithmic game theory / Combinatorial optimization | Algorithmic studies on information design, correlated equilibria, and online learning | https://fujiik.github.io/ | Kaito Fujii | Assistant Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | After January 2025 |
| P03401 | Robotics | Bio-inspired machine learning for robot control | | Taisuke Kobayashi | Assistant Professor | Ph.D. | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Develop a bio-inspired machine learning algorithm/theory Apply it to a real-robot control task |
| P03402 | Robotics | Lifelong learning for human-robot interaction | | Taisuke Kobayashi | Assistant Professor | Either | 2 | 5 - 6 months | Improve the lifelong learning method we are developing Apply it to human-robot interaction scenario |
| P03501 | Quantum information | Making a general framework to explore large-scale quantum programs | | Akihito Soeda | Associate Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P03502 | Quantum information | Making more accurate physical models to describe quantum information processing devices | | Akihito Soeda | Associate Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P03601 | Robotics olfaction, Mechatronics, System control engineering, Insect-machine interface, Ethology | Development of a Drone System Implementing Multi-Sensory Integration | https://sshigaki.jimdofree.com/research/ | Shunsuke Shigaki | Assistant Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |
| P03602 | Robotics olfaction, Mechatronics, System control engineering, Insect-machine interface, Ethology | Modeling an insect by Data-driven method and validation experiments in real-world | https://sshigaki.jimdofree.com/research/ | Shunsuke Shigaki | Assistant Professor | Either | 2 | 2 - 6 months | |

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| 2. Inform | ation Systems Architecture | Science Research Divisio | n | | | | | | |
| A00301 | Software Engineering, Generative AI, Testing, Formal Methods | Generative Al for Trustworthy Software Engineering | https://research.nii.ac.jp/~f- ishikawa/en/call.html | Fuyuki Ishikawa | Associate Professor | Either | 5 | 2 - 6 months | |
| A00302 | Software Engineering, Testing, Generative AI, Evolutionary Computation, Security | Testing and Trust Exploration for Generative AI | https://research.nii.ac.jp/~f- ishikawa/en/call.html | Fuyuki Ishikawa | Associate Professor | Either | 5 | 2 - 6 months | |
| A00303 | Software Engineering, Evolutionary Computation, Deep Learning | Search-based Repair for Deep Learning-based Systems | https://research.nii.ac.jp/~f- ishikawa/en/call.html | Fuyuki Ishikawa | Associate Professor | Either | 5 | 2 - 6 months | |
| A00601 | Wireless and Mobile Networks, Sensing, Signal Processing, Machine Learning | Energy-efficient edge Al-based wireless networks design for Beyond 5G | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~megkaneko/ | Megumi Kaneko | Associate Professor | Either | 3 | 4 - 6 months | Required programming skills: Matlab, Python. Basic knowledge in wireless/digital communications and signal processing is required. |
| A00602 | Wireless and Mobile Networks, Sensing, Signal Processing, Machine Learning | Joint wireless communications and sensing for IoT massive connectivity | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~megkaneko/ | Megumi Kaneko | Associate Professor | Either | 3 | 4 - 6 months | Required programming skills: Matlab, Python. Basic knowledge in wireless/digital communications and signal processing is required. |
| A00603 | Wireless and Mobile Networks, Sensing, Signal Processing, Machine Learning | Integrated terrestrial and spatial wireless communications for 6G | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~megkaneko/ | Megumi Kaneko | Associate Professor | Either | 3 | 4 - 6 months | Wireless and Mobile Networks, Sensing, Signal Processing, Machine Learning http://research.nii.ac.jp/~megkaneko/ |
| A00801 | Wireless communication | Resource management in beyond 5G and 6G wireless networks | https://klab.nii.ac.jp | Yusheng Ji | Professor | Either | 3 | 3 - 6 months | Understanding of wireless communications and basic knowledge on optimization are required. |
| A00802 | Networking | AI/ML for networking | https://klab.nii.ac.jp | Yusheng Ji | Professor | Either | 3 | 3 - 6 months | Experience in machine learning (deep learning, reinforcement learning, or federated learning etc.) is preferred. |
| A01201 | Theory of Programming Languages, Program Verification | Type-Based Temporal Verification and Its Automation | https://researchmap.jp/t-sekiym?lang=en | Taro Sekiyama | Associate Professor | Either | 4 | 3 - 6 months | This topic aims to develop an advanced type-based approach to verification of temporal properties, a class of properties about sequences of events, called traces. Real-world programs involve not only pure computation but also side effects, and many side effects have certain disciplines to be met. For example, file resources need to be opened first, and reading from and writing to them should be done before closing them, and opened files should be closed eventually. In this example, "open", "read", "write", and "close" are regarded as events on files, and the discipline of files to be met can be described as temporal properties about traces of such events. In this topic, we study 1) theory of temporal verification for higher-order programs and 2) implementation of verifiers to automate the temporal verification. References - Taro Sekiyama, Hiroshi Unno. Temporal Verification with Answer-Effect Modification. POPL'23. |
| A01202 | Theory of Programming Languages, Program Verification | Advanced Type Systems for Computational Effects | https://researchmap.jp/t-sekiym?lang=en | Taro Sekiyama | Associate Professor | Either | 4 | 3 - 6 months | Real-world programs involve many side effects, such as memory and file manipulation, nondeterminism, and probability. This topic aims to study advanced type systems for verifying such effectful programs uniformly. As a uniform mean to express side effects, we plan to focus on algebraic effect handlers, an emerging construct to model a variety of side effects. The expressivity of algebraic effect handlers comes from the ability to manipulate the notion of continuations. Therefore, type systems to be studied need to verify effectively how continuations are used. There are many directions and potentials to advance type systems for algebraic effect handlers (the details will be discussed with applicants). References: - Fuga Kawamata et al. Answer Refinement Modification: Refinement Type System for Algebraic Effects and Handlers. POPL'24 Taro Sekiyama et al. Signature Restriction for Polymorphic Algebraic Effects. ICFP'20. |

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| A01203 | Theory of Programming Languages, Program Verification | Program Verification for Concurrency, Parallelism, and Distributed Computing | https://researchmap.jp/t-sekiym?lang=en | Taro Sekiyama | Associate Professor | Either | 4 | 4 - 6 months | Concurrency, parallelism, and distributed computing are techniques to distribute the computation over multiple processes or agents that interact with each other. They are fundamental to process big data or a large number of queries, but, on the other hand, they also make the systems complex, which hinders understanding and reasoning about the systems. The aim of this topic is to study a fundamental computational model of concurrent, parallel, or distributed systems and to develop verification techniques based on it. This is at an early stage of research, but there are a number of open questions worth exploring. |
| A01701 | Theoretical Computer Science | Categorical Foundation of Model Checking | https://group-mmm.org/~ichiro/ | Ichiro Hasuo | Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Fixed-point specifications (such as in LTL and modal \mu-calculus) have been conventionally studied in terms of finitary and combinatory structures (automata, games, etc.). These observations are recently being transferred to more abstract settings, opening up algorithms and proof methods for new application domains (esp. probabilistic, metric, etc.). There are a number of research questions waiting to be answered, both theoretical and algorithmic. References (you'll work on one line): - Fibrational line: [Komorida, Katsumata, Hu, Klin, Hasuo, LICS' 19], [Komrida, Katsumata, Kupke, Rot, Hasuo, LICS'21], [Kori, Hasuo, Katsumata, CONCUR'21] - PDR line: [Kori+, CAV'22], [Kori+, CAV'23] - compositionality line: [Watanabe+, CAV'23] ## Desired: familiarity with mathematical and abstract reasoning used in logic, lattice theory and (possibly) category theory ## Interested? Please first consult https://group-mmm.org/eratommsd/internship-students/ (don't write an email to me) |
| A01702 | Theoretical Computer Science | Logical guidance in optimization metaheuristics | https://group-mmm.org/~ichiro/ | Ichiro Hasuo | Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Many real-world optimization problems have inherent logical and discrete structures, but many optimization metaheuristics (stochastic optimization, hill-climbing, evolutionary computation, etc.) do not make explicit use of such structures. We have used hierarchical optimization frameworks where the upper logical layer guides the lower metaheuristics layer for efficiency and explainability. The goal is to push the idea further in other applications and theoretical foundations. References: [Zhang, Hasuo, Arcaini, CAV'19], [Zhang, Ernst, Sedwards, Arcaini, Hasuo, EMSOFT'18] Desired: familiarity with, or eagerness to learn, 1) formal logic, 2) optimization metaheuristics, 3) statistical machine learning Interested? Please first consult https://group-mmm.org/eratommsd/internship-students/ (don't write an email to me) |

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| A01703 | Theoretical Computer Science | Logical safety for automated driving | https://group-mmm.org/~ichiro/ | Ichiro Hasuo | Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Responsibility-sensitive safety (RSS) is a recently proposed methodology for devising mathematically-guaranteed safety rules for automated driving. The candidate will work on its logical foundations and its application to various driving scenarios. The work is much like interactive theorem proving, but with unique theoretical challenges (e.g. continuous dynamics) and a hot application (automated driving). References: [Hasuo, Eberhart, Haydon, et al., IEEE Trans. Intelligent Vehicles, '23 (available at arXiv)] [Shalev-Shwartz, Shammah, Shashua, arXiv'17] Desired: familiarity with formal logic and interactive theorem proving, passion for bringing theory to practice Interested? Please first consult https://group-mmm.org/eratommsd/internship-students/ (don't write an email to me) |
| A01801 | | Network security measurement and analysis | http://www.flab.nii.ac.jp/internship | Kensuke Fukuda | Professor | Either | 3 | 5 - 6 months | Solid programming skills (C++ or python) |
| A01802 | | Network management (syslog and config analysis) | http://www.flab.nii.ac.jp/internship | Kensuke Fukuda | Professor | Either | 3 | 5 - 6 months | Solid programming skills (C++ or python) |
| A01803 | Computer network | Network anomaly detection | http://www.flab.nii.ac.jp/internship | Kensuke Fukuda | Professor | Either | 3 | 5 - 6 months | Solid programming (python or C++) and ML skills |

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| 3. Digital | gital Content and Media Sciences Research Division | | | | | | | | |
| K00101 | Natural language processing | Natural language understanding | http://www-al.nii.ac.jp | Akiko Aizawa | Professor | Either | 4 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K00102 | Natural language processing | Deep analysis of scientific papers | http://www-al.nii.ac.jp | Akiko Aizawa | Professor | Either | 4 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K00103 | Natural language processing | Domain adaptation of large-scale language models | http://www-al.nii.ac.jp | Akiko Aizawa | Professor | Either | 4 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K00401 | Molecular biology | Quantitative Enhancement of Drug Discovery: Advancing QED and logP Prediction through Molecular Scoring Function Optimization | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~andres/official/intern20 24_ON_SITE_topic_1.htm | Frederic ANDRES | Associate Professor | Either | ţ | 6 months | cooperation with the Japanese National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS). |
| K00402 | Education and privacy | Ontological Rule-based Generative Al with Large Language Models (LLMs) for personal information privacy assessment | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~andres/official/intern20 24_ON_SITE_topic_2.htm | Frederic ANDRES | Associate Professor | Either | ŧ | 6 months | Collaboration with ISO standardisation SC36 experts |
| K00403 | Molecular biology | Quantum-Assisted Drug Discovery: Leveraging Quantum Machine Learning for Enhanced Molecular Property Prediction | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~andres/official/intern20 24_ON_SITE_topic_3.htm | Frederic ANDRES | Associate Professor | Either | ŧ | 6 months | cooperation with the Japanese National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS). |
| K00404 | Molecular biology | Precision Pharmacotherapy: Personalized Drug Customization through Multi-Omics Integration and Machine Learning | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~andres/official/intern20 24_ON_SITE_topic_4.htm | Frederic ANDRES | Associate Professor | Either | | 6 months | cooperation with the Japanese National Institute of Health Sciences (NIHS). |
| K00405 | Data Science | OntoAl learning annotation service | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~andres/official/intern20 24 ON SITE topic 5.htm | Frederic ANDRES | Associate Professor | Either | į | 6 months | Cooperation with IRISA Lab (France) |
| K00406 | Data Science | OntoAl cooking recipe classification service | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~andres/official/intern20 24 ON SITE topic 6.htm | | Associate Professor | Either | į | 6 months | Cooperation with CRWB project |
| K00501 | Learning-based 3D Computer Vision | The topic will be decided through discussions between the mentor and the intern. For example:- Learning-based Physics-based Vision (e.g., Photometric Stereo, Multispectral Analysis)- Novel View Synthesis and 3D Reconstruction (including NeRF and Gaussian Splatting)- 3D Computer Vision x Generative Al. (e.g., Fine-tune T2l or T2V model for 3D generation) | https://satoshi-ikehata.github.io/ | Satoshi Ikehata | Assistant Professor | Either | 2 | 2 3 - 6 months | If the number of applicants exceeds the available positions, interviews will be conducted. I place great importance on students who are proactive in learning new things and find enjoyment in reading academic papers. |
| K01001 | Digital Humanities | Machine learning for image processing (esp. character recognition), geographic information, linked data, metadata management, and data infrastructure for cultural big data | http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/~kitamoto/education/int ernship/index.html.en | Asanobu Kitamoto | Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K01002 | Earth Environmental Informatics | Big data analytics (esp. image processing, remote sensing, and machine learning) for solving environmental and societal problems | http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/~kitamoto/education/int ernship/index.html.en | Asanobu Kitamoto | Professor | Either | 4 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K01003 | Crisis Informatics | natural disasters and crisis | http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/~kitamoto/education/int ernship/index.html.en | Asanobu Kitamoto | Professor | Either | 2 | 1 3 - 6 months | |
| K01004 | Open Science | Research on a new trend in science, such as open data, data citation, citizen science, and open innovation | http://agora.ex.nii.ac.jp/~kitamoto/education/internship/index.html.en | Asanobu Kitamoto | Professor | Either | | 3 - 6 months | |
| K01301 | Computer Vision and Computer Graphics | Computational Photography: Deep learning, Image-based rendering, Image processing, Color analysis, Spectral imaging | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~imarik/ http://research.nii.ac.jp/pbv/ | Imari Sato | Professor | Either | : | 5 - 6 months | A basic knowledge of Image Analysis and/or Machine learning, and good programming skills are required |
| K01302 | Computer Vision and Application | 3D medical image analysis, Deep learning, Image processing, Color analysis, Spectral imaging | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~imarik/ http://research.nii.ac.jp/pbv/ | Imari Sato | Professor | Either | : | 5 - 6 months | A basic knowledge of Image Analysis and/or Machine learning, and good programming skills are required |

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| K01401 | Content-Based Image and Video Analysis | General image analysis topics, e.g., image semantic analysis, semantic segmentation, classification, image captioning, image retrieval, and so on. Landmark image retrieval can be considered, e.g., Google Landmark Image Retrieval https://www.kaggle.com/competitions/landmark-retrieval-2021 | http://www.satoh-lab.nii.ac.jp/ | Shin'ichi Satoh | Professor | Either | 3 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K01402 | Content-Based Image and Video Analysis | General video analysis topics, e.g., video semantic analysis, video segmentation, classification, video captioning, video retrieval, and so on. TRECVID ad-hoc video retrieval, or Deep Video Understanding, can be considered.https://trecvid.nist.gov/ | http://www.satoh-lab.nii.ac.jp/ | Shin'ichi Satoh | Professor | Either | 3 | 3 2 - 6 months | |
| K01403 | Content-Based Image and Video Analysis | Diversity analysis of television archives, e.g., gender balance, age distribution, their roles, etc. Building tools to enable this as well as social aspect by observing television archives will be sought. (this topic will be jointly supervised by Camille Guinaudeau (Paris Saclay University, remotely) and Shin'ichi Satoh (NII)) | | Shin'ichi Satoh | Professor | Either | 3 | 3 2 - 6 months | |
| K01601 | computer vision | One of the following topics (but not limited to):(1) 3D vision, (2) Human activity recognition, (3) Vision and language, (4) Object detection and segmentation from video using deep learning, (5) Image/video generation using deep learning. | http://www.dgcv.nii.ac.jp | Akihiro Sugimoto | Professor | Either | 5 | 5 4 - 6 months | Longer duration is better. Rigorous background on mathematics is required. Strong programming skills on image processing and computer vision are also required. In the case of Master course students, highly motivated students who can stay for 6 months are preferable. Students who are willing to pursuit ph.D at NII are preferable as well. Potential applicants should send your CV and research interests/proposals directly to Prof. Sugimoto before your application. |
| K01602 | digital geometry | (1) Discretization model of geometric shape, (2) Discrete shape fitting to noisy integer points,(3) Any proposed topic related with digital geometry. | http://www.dgcv.nii.ac.jp | Akihiro Sugimoto | Professor | Either | 5 | 3 - 6 months | Rigorous background on mathematics as well as computer vision is required. In particular, strong knowledge on linear algebra, graph theory, and number theory is important requirements. Programming skills on image processing or computer vision are also required. Potential applicants should send your CV and research interests/proposals directly to Prof. Sugimoto before your application. |
| K01701 | Data Mining | Recommender System | https://www.tlab.nii.ac.jp/ | Atsuhiro Takasu | Professor | Either | 4 | 4 - 6 months | |
| K01702 | Data Mining | Tabular Data Analysis | https://www.tlab.nii.ac.jp/ | Atsuhiro Takasu | Professor | Either | 4 | 4 - 6 months | |
| K01703 | Data Mining | Sequence Data Mining | https://www.tlab.nii.ac.jp/ | Atsuhiro Takasu | Professor | Either | 4 | 4 - 6 months | |
| K02001 | Large Language Models (LLM), Large Multimodal Models (LMMs) | LLMs and LMMs for Bitcoin Market Prediction | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~prendinger/papers/FY 2024(1)_Topics.html | Helmut PRENDINGER | Professor | Either | 3 | 4 - 6 months | We investigate the potential of LLMs and LMMs for predicting the price action of Bitcoin and other financial instruments (indexes, stocks, etc.) as a basic component for swing trading. The success of LLMs in natural language applications and vision tasks is already clearly understood (e.g., ChatGPT). A very recent development is to prompt an LLM with both text and time series data, or even images, such as technical price charts (in case of LMMs). Our goal is to establish LLMs and LMMs for price forecasting of financial instruments. We consider both tuning based predictors (e.g., Time-LLM or TEMPO) and nontuning based predictors (e.g., PromptCast, LLMTime). Please see the link for references. |

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| K02002 | Foundation Models | Time Series Analysis for Bitcoin Market Forecasting | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~prendinger/papers/FY 2024(1)_Topics.html | Helmut PRENDINGER | Professor | Either | 3 | 4 - 6 months | We aim to understand the predictability of financial instruments, such cryptocurrencies (Bitcoin), indexes (S&P500), stocks, etc. Our goal is to investigate foundation models for time series data to forecast the price action of financial instruments. Such capability is an important component for successful swing trading. Note: A foundation model for financial time series data is a model that has been pre-trained on a large and diverse set of historical price action and other indicators (Relative Strength Index, Volume, etc.) Please see the link for references. |
| K02003 | Token Economy, Blockchain | Market Design for Unmanned Aircraft Systems ("drone") Traffic Management (UTM) | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~prendinger/papers/FY 2024(1)_Topics.html | Helmut PRENDINGER | Professor | Either | 3 | 4 - 6 months | We have developed a prototype of a complete distributed UTM system to manage advanced air mobility (drones and "flying cars"), and conducted related simulation studies. Recently, we got interested in market design for UTM, based on ideas from token economy (Web3). The project aims to investigate the benefit of introducing a UTM related crypto token to the UTM eco-system. Please see the link for references. |
| K02301 | Speech processing | Multilingual deepfake detection and its adaptation to a new language | Relevant but not limited to [1] For background, please check https://www.asvspoof.org and https://arxiv.org/abs/2210.02437[2] For practical deepfake detector, please check this practical guide https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.03321 [3] For the dataset, please check https://arxiv.org/abs/2401.09512 | Junichi Yamagishi | Professor | Ph.D. | 6 | 4 - 6 months | The successful candidate should be a Ph.D. student in speech processing, computer science, or a related discipline. He or she should have strong programming skills. Familiarity with DNN tools (e.g., Pytorch) and speech tools are preferable. Supervision teams include Dr. Xuechen Liu. |
| K02302 | Speech processing | Regarding fairness of speech and speaker recognition systems | "Relevant but not limited to [1] For a gentle introductory background, please check this talk and related literature https://www1.icsi.berkeley.edu/~stolcke/talks/Fairness-and-GraphLP-Dec2023.pdf[2] For more background about fairness of speaker recognition systems, please check https://arxiv.org/abs/2204.12649[3] For same topic as [2], please check https://arxiv.org/abs/2203.09122" | Junichi Yamagishi | Professor | Ph.D. | 6 | 4 - 6 months | The successful candidate should be a PhD student in speech processing, computer science, or a related discipline. He or she should have strong programming skills. Familiarity with DNN tools (e.g., Pytorch) and speech tools are preferable. Supervision teams include Dr. Xuechen Liu |
| K02303 | Speech processing | Privacy-preserving processing for speech signals using speaker anonymized and differential privacy techniques | "Relevant but not limited to [1] For background, please check Tomashenko, N. et al. The VoicePrivacy 2020 Challenge: Results and findings. Comput. Speech Lang. 101362 (2022) doi:10.1016/j.csl.2022.101362. [2] For related method, please check Shamsabadi, et al. https://arxiv.org/pdf/2202.11823.pdf" | Junichi Yamagishi | Professor | Ph.D. | 6 | 4 - 6 months | The successful candidate should be a Ph.D. student in speech processing, computer science, or a related discipline. He or she should have strong programming skills. Familiarity with DNN tools (e.g., Pytorch) and speech tools are preferable. Supervision teams include Dr. Xin Wang. |
| K02304 | Speech processing | Robust deepfake speech detection based on likelihood ratio and generative models | "Relevant but not limited to [1] For background, please check https://www.asvspoof.org and this practical guide https://arxiv.org/abs/2201.03321 [2] For related methods, please check Chen, et al., https://doi.org/10.1109/SLT48900.2021.938357 2[3] Another related method is Sizov, et al., https://doi.org/10.1109/TIFS.2015.2407362" | Junichi Yamagishi | Professor | Ph.D. | 6 | 4 - 6 months | The successful candidate should be a PhD student in speech processing, computer science, or a related discipline. He or she should have strong programming skills. Familiarity with DNN tools (e.g., Pytorch) and speech tools are preferable. Supervision teams include Dr. Xin Wang |
| K02305 | Speech processing | Responsible audio generation through deep-learning-based watermarking | "Relevant but not limited to [1] For background, please check https://www.nature.com/articles/s41598-021-99811-x[2] For related methods, pease check https://arxiv.org/abs/2308.12770, https://arxiv.org/abs/2309.15224, https://arxiv.org/abs/2303.15435" | Junichi Yamagishi | Professor | Ph.D. | 6 | 4 - 6 months | The successful candidate should be a PhD student in speech processing, computer science, or a related discipline. He or she should have strong programming skills. Familiarity with DNN tools (e.g., Pytorch) and speech tools are preferable. Supervision teams include Dr. Xin Wang |

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| K02306 | Natural language processing | Fact-checking over structured andunstructured data | Relevant papers include, but are not limited to:Aly et al., FEVEROUS: Fact Extraction and VERification Over Unstructured and Structured information, NeurIPS Datasets and Benchmarks 2021.Huanhuan Ma, Weizhi Xu, Yifan Wei, Liuji Chen, Liang Wang, Qiang Liu, Shu Wu, Liang WangEX-FEVER: A Dataset for Multi-hop Explainable Fact Verificationhttps://arxiv.org/abs/2310.09754 | Junichi Yamagishi | Professor | Ph.D. | 6 | 4 - 6 months | The successful candidate should be a PhD student in natural language processing, computer science/engineering, mathematics, or a related discipline, and familiar with DL frameworks (e.g., PyTorch). Supervision teams include Dr. Iffat Maab. |
| K02901 | Natural Language Processing | models: evaluation methods and dataset | Supervisor website: https://penzant.netRefer to recent papers (e.g., Kawabata and Sugawara 2023; Sugawara and Tsugita) for more details | Saku Sugawara | Assistant Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | |
| K03501 | Audio Processing | Physics-grounded machine learning forspatial audio recording | https://www.ap.nii.ac.jp/ | Shoichi Koyama | Associate Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Knowledge of deep learning, signal processing, and acoustics is required. Programming skills in Python or Julia are also required. Reference: Shigemi, et al. IWAENC 2022, Ribeiro, et al. TechRxiv 2023. |
| K03502 | Audio Processing | Spatial active noise control | https://www.ap.nii.ac.jp/ | Shoichi Koyama | Associate Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Knowledge of adaptive signal processing and acoustics is required. Programming skills in Python are also required. Reference: Koyama, et al. IEEE TASLP 2021. |
| K03503 | Audio Processing | Head-related transfer function upsampling/individualization | https://www.ap.nii.ac.jp/ | Shoichi Koyama | Associate Professor | Either | 2 | 3 - 6 months | Knowledge of deep learning, signal processing, and acoustics is required. Programming skills in Python are also required. Reference: Ito, et al. IWAENC 2022. |

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| 4. Information and Society Research Division | | | | | | | | | |
| J00301 | Multimedia forensics | Generation and detection of fake facial videos | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~iechizen/official/resear ch/research5-e.html | Isao Echizen | Professor | Either | 10 | 3 - 6 months | |
| J00302 | Multimedia security | Generation and detection of adversarial examples | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~iechizen/official/resear ch/research5-e.html | Isao Echizen | Professor | Either | 10 | 3 - 6 months | |
| J00303 | Multimedia forensics | Image-based fact verification | http://research.nii.ac.jp/~iechizen/crest/en/research.html | Isao Echizen | Professor | Either | 10 | 3 - 6 months | |
| J00501 | Interactive Information Retrieval | Understanding and Modeling User Behaviour during Complex Search Task | The current project page has not been set up, but the previous related project page is available at; http://cres.jpn.org/?FrontPage | Noriko Kando | Professor | Either | 6 | 6 months | The grand target of the project is to propose a mechanism to support the users conducting complex/exploratory search tasks including conversational search. As a step toward the target, several internship research tasks are prepared as following, but not limited to: 1) propose or enhance a method to assess the outcomes of the complex/exploratory search so called "search as learning" process, 2) investigate the affects of the user search behaviour in terms of dwell time, link depth, search trail, engagement, perceived task difficulty, cognitive task complexity on the learning outcome, 3) investigate the relationship between user's attributes such as domain expertise, task familiarity, time constraint, etc. and the search behaviour and the learning outcomes, 4) investigate the approach towards longitudinal learning effects, 5) building and/or enhancing the tools usable for the above mentioned 1) -4). Any other topic related to this research direction shall be considered. |
| J00502 | Human computer Interaction, Design | Interactive user guide app for Museum using iPad | No project page is set up yet, but please refer the following to understand some aspect of the project; Y. Shoji et al., "Museum Experience into a Souvenir: Generating Memorable Postcards from Guide Device Behavior Log," 2021 ACM/IEEE Joint Conference on Digital Libraries (JCDL), Champaign, IL, USA, 2021, pp. 120-129, doi: 10.1109/JCDL52503.2021.00024. | Noriko Kando | Professor | Either | 6 | 6 months | To enhance the prototype Interactive user guide system for Museum, 1) propose a effective ranking and recommendation mechanism based on the relationship among the artifacts, user behaviour on the app and locational move in the museum, etc. 2) conducts user experiments of the app, 3) user experiments on the design of the post card automatically produced by the guide app based on the user's behaviour during a museum visit. |