

# Kishan Wimalawarne

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## Education

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### Tokyo Institute of Technology

Japan

*Doctor of Engineering in Computer Science*

Sep 2011–Mar 2016

Title: “Supervised Machine Learning for Tensor Structured Models with Scaled Latent Trace Norm Regularization”

Supervisor: Prof. Masashi Sugiyama

### University of Moratuwa

Sri Lanka

*Master of Science in Computer Science*

Jan 2006–Mar 2008

### University of Kelaniya

Sri Lanka

*Bachelor of Science in Physical Science*

Jan 2000–Dec 2002

## Work Experience

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### University of Tokyo (Project funded by Japan Digital Design, Inc)

#### Department of Mathematical Informatics

Japan

*Postdoctoral Researcher (Project Researcher)*

Apr 2020–Present

- Investigations into oversmoothing in graph convolutional neural networks.
- Application of graph neural networks to financial data.

### Kyoto University

#### Bio-Knowledge Engineering Research Laboratory

Japan

*Postdoctoral Fellow (Program-Specific Researcher)*

Apr 2016–March 2020

Research on theoretically guaranteed methods to learn from sparse tensors.

- Development of convex low-rank norms for coupled tensor completion.
- Improvement of low-rank norms for efficient learning from higher-order tensors.
- Investigation into extending tensor networks based factorization for multiple coupled tensors.

### Freakout Inc.

Japan

*Researcher (part-time)*

Sep 2015–Feb 2016

Research on improving click-through rate algorithms and recommendation systems.

### Hitokuse Inc.

Japan

*Software Engineer (part-time)*

Oct 2014–Sep 2015

Development of software to extract image features from web advertisements and predict click-through rates. The software was developed using Python and scikit-learn.

### University of Moratuwa

#### Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Sri Lanka

*Lecturer*

Apr 2008–Aug 2011

Undergraduate teaching on object oriented programming, computer vision, image processing, concurrent programming and undergraduate final year project supervision.

### University of Moratuwa

#### Department of Computer Science and Engineering

Sri Lanka

*Instructor*

Jan 2006–Mar 2008

Laboratory instructions on object oriented programming.

**Sellenevue Private Limited**

Web Developer

Web application development using PHP.

**Sri Lanka**

Mar 2003–Oct 2005

## Publications

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### Pre-prints

1. **K. Wimalawarne** and T. Suzuki, "Graph Polynomial Convolution Models for Node Classification of Non-Homophilous Graphs".
2. **K. Wimalawarne** and T. Suzuki, "Adaptive and Interpretable Graph Convolution Networks Using Generalized Pagerank", arXiv:2108.10636v2.

### Conference Papers

1. **K. Wimalawarne** and H. Mamitsuka, "Efficient Convex Completion of Coupled Tensors using Coupled Nuclear Norms", *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems (NeurIPS)*, pp.6902-6910, December 2018.
2. M. Yamada, W. Lian, A. Goyal, J. Chen, **K. Wimalawarne**, S. A Khan, S. Kaski, H. Mamitsuka, and Y. Chang, "Convex Factorization Machine for Toxicogenomics Prediction", *23rd ACM SIGKDD International Conference on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (KDD)*, pp. 1215-1224, August 2017.
3. **K. Wimalawarne**, M. Sugiyama, and R. Tomioka. "Multitask learning meets tensor factorization: Task imputation via convex optimization." *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems 27 (NIPS)*, pp. 2825-2833, December 2014.
4. M. Piraveenan, **K. Wimalawarne**, and D. Kasthurirathna, "Centrality and Composition of Four-Node Motifs in Metabolic Networks". *International Conference on Computational Science (ICCS)*, pp. 409-418, June 2013.

### Journal Papers

1. **K. Wimalawarne** and H. Mamitsuka, "Reshaped Tensor Nuclear Norms for Higher Order Tensor Completion" *Machine Learning Journal*, .
2. **K. Wimalawarne**, M. Yamada, and H. Mamitsuka, "Scaled Coupled Norms and Coupled Higher Order Tensor Completion" *Neural Computation*, Volume 32, Issue 2, February 2020.
3. **K. Wimalawarne**, M. Yamada, and H. Mamitsuka, "Convex Coupled Matrix and Tensor Completion", *Neural Computation*, Vol. 30, No. 11, Pages 3095-3127, November 2018.
4. **K. Wimalawarne**, R. Tomioka, and M. Sugiyama, "Theoretical and Experimental Analyses of Tensor-Based Regression and Classification", *Neural Computation*, Vol. 28, No. 4, Pages 686-715, April 2016.

## Invited Talks

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1. K. Wimalawarne, "Coupled Tensor Completion using Low-Rank Inducing Norms", NTT Communication Science Laboratories, Keihanna Area and NTT Keihanna Building 2-4, Hikaridai, Seika-cho, "Keihanna Science City" Kyoto, Japan 619-0237. July 9 2019.
2. K. Wimalawarne, "Learning with Low Rank Tensor Norms", Yasuaki Hiraoka Laboratory, Advanced Institute for Materials Research, Tohoku University. April 20 2017.
3. K. Wimalawarne, "Supervised Machine Learning for Tensor Structured Models with Scaled Latent Trace Norm Regularization", Bio-Knowledge Engineering Research Laboratory, Bioinformatics

Center, Institute of Chemical Research, Kyoto University, November 20, 2015.

## Programming Skills

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Python (Pytorch), Matlab, Java, C, C++

## Awards

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Japanese Government Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship (Sep 2011– Sep 2014)

## Professional Services

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Reviewer for ICML (2019,2020,2021), NeurIPS (2019,2020,2021), AISTAT (2020,2021), ICLR (2021), AAAI (2019), PAKDD (2019), ACML (2018)

## Languages

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Sinhala (Native), English (Fluent), Japanese (Limited working knowledge)

## Interests

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Martial Arts: Iaido (4-Dan), Kyudo (3-Dan), Kendo (2-Dan), Ki-Aikido (1-Kyu in Sri Lanka)

## References

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