

Curriculum Vitae – Shuhei Watanabe

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General Information

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Education

10.2020 – Present **Albert–Ludwigs–Universität Freiburg** - Freiburg, Germany.
Master of Computer Science. Supervisor: Prof. Frank Hutter.
Overall GPA: 1.1/5.0 (1.0 is the best grade).
The expected graduation on 03.2023.

09.2015 – 03.2020 **The University of Tokyo** - Tokyo, Japan.
Bachelor in Systems Innovation, Faculty of Engineering.
I was absent from the university from 04.2018 to 08.2019.
Overall GPA: 3.78/4.0 (4.0 is the best grade).
Graduated with **the Best GPA** out of 37 students.

04.2014 – 08.2015 **The University of Tokyo** - Tokyo, Japan.
Bachelor of College of Arts and Science, Natural Science 1.

Employment

04.2023 – **Preferred networks inc.** - Freiburg, Germany.
Research engineer.

12.2020 – Present **The Machine Learning Lab in Albert–Ludwigs–Universität Freiburg** - Freiburg, Germany.
Research assistant.
Developing AutoML system named Auto-Pytorch.
Github URL: <https://github.com/automl/Auto-PyTorch>

- 09.2018 – 09.2020 **National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)** - Tokyo, Japan.
Technical Staff, full-time job.
Studying AutoML, especially Hyperparameter Optimization.
- 04.2018 – 08.2018 **M3, inc.** - Tokyo, Japan.
Market Researcher and Consultant, full-time job(internship).
Consulting the methods to lay out the genome business.

Awards / Honors

- 10.2022 **Deutschlandstipendium** (€300/month).
- 07.2022 **1st Prize in AutoML2022: Multiobjective Hyperparameter Optimization for Transformers**
- 09.2020 **ITO Foundation for International Education Exchange**
(\$2,000/month for 2 years, AR: 13/193=6.7%).
- 03.2020 **Hatakeyama Award from The Japan Society of Mechanical Engineers**
This award is for the distinctive grades at the mechanical engineering related faculties at the University of Tokyo (AR: 5/340=1.5%).
URL: <https://www.jsme.or.jp/archive/award/shou4-19.pdf>
- 05.2019 **PRMU 2018 Yearly Research Encouragement Award** for the paper *Speed up of Hyper-parameter Tuning with Nelder-Mead Method by Parallel Computing*, jointly with Yoshihiko Ozaki, Masaki Onishi. 3 papers were selected out of 170 papers. (AR: 3/170=1.8%).
URL: https://www.ieice.org/~prmu/jpn/award_list.html
- 10.2014 **1st Prize in the freshman team Hokei in the National Intercollegiate Taido Tournament.** Taido is one of the Japanese traditional martial arts.

Publications

I list acceptance rate for prizes or conferences where available as "AR: (papers accepted)/(papers submitted)=(percentage)". ○ refers to the presenter. ♣ refers to the equally contributed authors.

Theses

1. ○ **S Watanabe**. Bachelor thesis. A Study on the Spontaneously Emerged Cooperation in a Collective Game with AI Type Agents. The University of Tokyo, Tokyo, Japan, 2018.

Referred Journal Publications

1. ○ Y Ozaki, Y Tanigaki, **S Watanabe**, M Nomura, M Onishi. Multiobjective Tree-structured Parzen Estimator. Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research 2022 (JAIR2022).

Referred Conference Publications

1. ○ S Shigenaka, S Takami, **S Watanabe**, Y Tanigaki, Y Ozaki, M Onishi. MAS-Bench: Parameter Optimization Benchmark for Multi-agent Crowd Simulation. International Conference on Autonomous Agents and MultiAgent Systems (AA-MAS2021).
2. ○ ♣ M Nomura, ♣ **S Watanabe**, Y Akimoto, Y Ozaki, M Onishi. Warm Starting CMA-ES for Hyperparameter Optimization. Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI2021). (AR: 1692/9034=19%).
3. ○ S Takenaga, **S Watanabe**, M Nomura, Y Ozaki, M Onishi, H Habe. Evaluating Initialization of Nelder–Mead Method for Hyperparameter Optimization in Deep Learning. International Conference on Pattern Recognition (ICPR2020). Oral presentation.
4. ○ Y Ozaki, Y Tanigaki, **S Watanabe**, M Onishi. Multiobjective Tree-structured Parzen Estimator for Computationally Expensive Optimization Problems. The Genetic and Evolutionary Computation Conference (GECCO2020).
5. ○ **S Watanabe**, Y Ozaki, Y Bando, M Onishi. Speeding up of the Nelder–Mead Method by Data-driven Speculative Execution. Asian Conference on Pattern Recognition (ACPR2019). Oral presentation. (AR: 128/273=46%, **Oral presentation: 36/273=13%**)

Referred Workshop Publications

1. ○ Y Ozaki, ○ **S Watanabe**, M Onishi. Accelerating the Nelder–Mead Method with Predictive Evaluation. 6th ICML Workshop on Automated Machine Learning (AutoML2019).
2. ○ ♣ M Nomura, ♣ **S Watanabe**, Y Ozaki, M Onishi. Warm Starting Method for CMA-ES. Workshop on Meta-Learning at NIPS 2019 (MetaLearn2019) (AR: 58/84=69%).

Non-peer Reviewed Publications

1. ○ **S Watanabe**, Y Ozaki, M Onishi. Speed up of Hyper-parameter Tuning with Nelder–Mead Method by Parallel Computing. Pattern Recognition and Media Understanding (PRMU2019). **PRMU 2018 Yearly Research Encouragement Award** (AR: 3/170=1.8%).
2. ○ **S Watanabe**, M Nomura, M Onishi. The Characteristics Required in Hyper-parameter Optimization of Deep Learning Algorithms (JSAI2019).

Certificates

TOEFL iBT Total 100 (R: 29, L: 25, S: 22, W: 24).

GRE Q: 168 (93%), V: 152 (54%), W: 4.0 (57%).

Atcoder¹ Highest rating 1626 (Approx. Top 3.5%)

Language Skills

English CEFR C1.

Japanese Mother Tongue.

German CEFR B1.

French CEFR A2.

¹<https://atcoder.jp/users/nabenabe0928>