# NONTAWAT CHAROENPHAKDEE

Ph.D. Student, Department of Computer Science, The University of Tokyo

Education

Ph.D. Student in Computer Science, The University of Tokyo

Sep 2018 - Present

Supervisor Masashi Sugiyama

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GPAX 4.00 / 4.00 /

Master of Information Science and Technology, The University of Tokyo Sep 2016 - Sep 2018

Supervisor Masashi Sugiyama GPAX 4.00 / 4.00

Bachelor of Computer Engineering, Chulalongkorn University

Jun 2011 - Jun 2015

GPAX 3.80 / 4.00 (First class honors)

### Research Interests

Loss function, Evaluation metric, Weakly-supervised learning, Learning with reject option, Domain adaptation, Anomaly detection, Speech signal processing, Healthcare data analysis, Natural language processing.

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Job Experiences

Research Assistant, RIKEN Center for Advanced Intelligence Project, (Tokyo, Japan)

Jan 2019 - Present

• Researching on weakly-supervised learning in the imperfect information learning team.

Part-time Software Developer, HENNGE, (Tokyo, Japan)

Jun 2016 - Dec 2018

• Researched and developed a machine learning system for solving the bipartite ranking task.

• Optimized the memory/time complexity for searching in mail archiving system.

Software Developer, CODIUM Company Limited, (Bangkok, Thailand)

Feb 2015 - Feb 2016

• Developed a web application for customer relationship management using Django web framework.

• Developed an iPad application and conducted requirement gathering and analysis.

**Internship Experiences** 

Research Intern, Preferred Networks, (Tokyo, Japan)

Aug 2019 - Sep 2019

• Research topic: Open-set few-shot speaker identification from speech signal data

• Research blog: https://tech.preferred.jp/en/blog/open-set-few-shot-speaker-identification/

Research Intern, Computer Science, Chulalongkorn University, (Bangkok, Thailand) Feb 2019 - Mar 2019

• Research topic: Learning only from relevant keywords and unlabeled documents.

• Result: A conference paper published in EMNLP-IJCNLP 2019.

Research Intern, R&D Team of NTT Data Corporation, (Tokyo, Japan)

Jan 2015 - Feb 2015

• Developed and tested a telepresence iOS application using telerobotics technology.

iOS Developer, CODIUM Company Limited, (Bangkok, Thailand)

Jul 2014 - Sep 2014

• Developed an iPad enterprise application for the Japanese car maintenance company.

Research Student, JAIST, (Ishikawa, Japan)

Mar 2014 - May 2014

• Researched on fundamental frequency estimation of reverberant speech with Professor Masashi Unoki.

Professional Activities

Journal Reviewer: Machine Learning, Neural Networks, Springer Nature Computer Science

Conference Reviewer: | ICLR 2020, ICML 2020 (Top 50%), ACML 2020, NeurIPS 2020 (Top 10%), CVPR

2021, ICML 2021 (Expert reviewer)

Student Volunteer: ACML 2020

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#### Awards and Honors

- Google PhD Fellowship Recipient 2020 in Machine learning: A fellowship program provided by Google to recognize and support outstanding graduate students doing research in areas relevant to computer science and related fields.
- Participant of the Global Young Scientists Summit 2020 Selected as a participant in the 8th GYSS organized by Singapore's
  National Research Foundation. GYSS is an international gathering of young researchers from all over the world in Singapore,
  who will be mentored by Nobel Laureates, Fields Medalists, Millennium Technology Prize winners, and Turing Award winners
  over a four-day summit. I also gave a poster presentation of my master's thesis "Machine learning from Noisy Labels: An
  Approach Based on Symmetric Losses".
- AIP Challenge Program: Awarded a research funding for young researchers provided by Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST): 1,000,000 JPY.
- Winner of Thailand NLP Hackathon 2/2020: Ranked first place in Thailand online hackathon 2/2020 for the natural language processing task. Teamed up with Noppayut Sriwatanasakdi and Nuttapong Chairatanakul. This competition was organized by the Artificial Intelligence Association of Thailand. Prize: 20,000 THB.
- Top 1% in Shopee Code League Competition on Product Detection: Ranked 4/646 in product category classification challenge. Data are images in Shopee.com (the leading online shopping platform in Southeast Asia) which may also contain texts in ASEAN languages. Teamed up with Nuttapong Chairatanakul, Pannavat Terdchanakul, and Zhenghang Cui.
- Representative Student: Selected as the only one student from all master's students in the faculty of information science and technology (IST), the University of Tokyo, in September 2018. The decision was based on academic achievements and the master's thesis. Awarded free academic gown rental and an honor to be the representative student of IST to receive my master's degree certificate directly from the president of the University of Tokyo, Makoto Gonokami.
- Monbukagakusho (MEXT) Scholarship: A scholarship granted by the Japanese government for studying both master's and doctor's degrees at the University of Tokyo. The scholarship covers flight tickets, tuition fees, and monthly allowance.
- NeurlPS 2019 Travel Award: Awarded financial support for attending 33rd Conference on Neural Information Processing System in Vancouver, Canada: 7 nights of a hotel stay.
- ICML 2019 Travel Award: Awarded financial support for attending the 36th International Conference on Machine Learning in Long Beach, California, United States: 1,700 USD.
- First Class Honors: Bachelor of Engineering, Chulalongkorn University.

### **Publications**

### **Conference Proceedings**

**Nontawat Charoenphakdee**\*, Jayakorn Vongkulbhisal\*, Nuttapong Chairatanakul, and Masashi Sugiyama. "On Focal Loss for Class-Posterior Probability Estimation: A Theoretical Perspective". In: **CVPR** (to appear). 2021.

Voot Tangkaratt, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, and Masashi Sugiyama. "Robust Imitation Learning from Noisy Demonstrations". In: **AISTATS** (to appear). 2021.

Yivan Zhang, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Zhenguo Wu, and Masashi Sugiyama. "Learning from Aggregate Observations". In: *NeurIPS*. 2020.

**Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Jongyeong Lee, Yiping Jin, Dittaya Wanvarie, and Masashi Sugiyama. "Learning Only from Relevant Keywords and Unlabeled Documents". In: **EMNLP-IJCNLP**. 2019.

**Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Jongyeong Lee, and Masashi Sugiyama. "On Symmetric Losses for Learning from Corrupted Labels". In: *ICML*. 2019.

**Nontawat Charoenphakdee** and Masashi Sugiyama. "Positive-Unlabeled Classification under Class Prior Shift and Asymmetric Error". In: *SDM*. 2019.

Seiichi Kuroki, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Han Bao, Junya Honda, Issei Sato, and Masashi Sugiyama. "Unsupervised Domain Adaptation Based on Source-guided Discrepancy". In: **AAAI**. 2019.

Chenri Ni, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Junya Honda, and Masashi Sugiyama. "On the Calibration of Multiclass Classification with Rejection". In: *NeurIPS*. 2019.

Yueh-Hua Wu, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Han Bao, Voot Tangkaratt, and Masashi Sugiyama. "Imitation Learning from Imperfect Demonstration". In: *ICML*. 2019.

#### Journal Articles

Zhenghang Cui, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Issei Sato, and Masashi Sugiyama. "Classification from Triplet Comparison Data". In: *Neural Computation* (2020).

# **Preprints**

Nontawat Charoenphakdee, Jongyeong Lee, and Masashi Sugiyama. A Symmetric Loss Perspective of Reliable Machine Learning. arXiv preprint arXiv:2101.01366, An invited article preprint for the Fields Institute Communications Series on Data Science and Optimization. 2021.

**Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Zhenghang Cui, Yivan Zhang, and Masashi Sugiyama. *Classification with Rejection Based on Cost-sensitive Classification*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2010.11748. 2020.

Hideaki Imamura, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Futoshi Futami, Issei Sato, Junya Honda, and Masashi Sugiyama. *Time-varying Gaussian Process Bandit Optimization with Non-constant Evaluation Time*. arXiv preprint arXiv:2003.04691. 2020.

Jongyeong Lee, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Seiichi Kuroki, and Masashi Sugiyama. *Domain Discrepancy Measure for Complex Models in Unsupervised Domain Adaptation*. arXiv preprint arXiv:1901.10654, Presented at **SNL2019 Workshop**. 2019.

Taira Tsuchiya, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, Issei Sato, and Masashi Sugiyama. *Semi-Supervised Ordinal Regression Based on Empirical Risk Minimization*. arXiv preprint arXiv:1901.11351, Presented at **IBIS2019 Workshop** and **NeurIPS New in ML Workshop 2019**. 2019.

Yivan Zhang, **Nontawat Charoenphakdee**, and Masashi Sugiyama. *Learning from Indirect Observations*. arXiv preprint arXiv:1910.04394. 2019.

# Languages

Thai: Native

**English:** TOEFL-iBT: 105/120 (Mar 2016)

Japanese: JLPT N2 (Dec 2016)