

Takuya Kitazawa

02/2020 – Present **Senior Product Manager**
[Arm Treasure Data](#), Tokyo, Japan

04/2019 – 02/2020 **Staff Engineer**
[Arm Treasure Data](#), Tokyo, Japan

- Mapped out granular IoT-data integrated use cases and solution ideas through customer-facing work with global teams.
- Developed a brand-new Python client tool for an enterprise big data analytics platform, and renovated surrounding data science ecosystem from the product standpoint.
- Evangelized company's IoT and ML offerings, and enabled internal and external people to easily leverage them.

07/2018 – 03/2019 **Senior Engineer**
[Arm Treasure Data](#), Tokyo, Japan

- Evangelized the connection of Big Data, ML, Data Science, and IoT.
- Worked closely with internal sales engineering team to accomplish customer-facing ML opportunities in a wide variety of industries, including retail, gaming, and media.

02/2017 – 07/2018 **Data Science Engineer**
[Treasure Data](#), Tokyo, Japan
(Acquired by [Arm](#))

- Regularly contributed to the development of Apache Hivemall, a scalable ML library running on Apache Hive and Spark.
- Led the development of out-of-the-box ML applications from competitor analysis and product requirement documentation to system implementation and customer onboarding.

12/2016 – 01/2017 **R&D Intern**
[Silver Egg Technology](#), Tokyo, Japan

Developed recommendation algorithms for customers' purchase data on a real-world e-commerce service.

08/2016 – 09/2016 **Machine Learning Intern**
[Treasure Data](#), Tokyo, Japan

- Implemented anomaly detection system for Datadog multiple metrics.
- Developed Hive UDFs for recommendation and anomaly detection.

10/2015 – 06/2016 **Part-time Software Engineer**

08/2015 – 09/2015 **Software Engineering Intern**
[Rakuten Institute of Technology](#), Tokyo, Japan
Worked on a real-world recommender system for a golf booking service.

2013 – 2015 **Short-term Software Engineering Intern**
[DWANGO](#), Tokyo, Japan

07/2015 [pixiv](#), Tokyo, Japan

12/2014 [Speee](#), Tokyo, Japan

09/2013
Developed iOS, watchOS, and web applications, including their server-side implementation.

02/2012 – 02/2013 **Part-time Software Engineer**

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Personal

👤 25/02/1993, Nagano, Japan
🏠 Tokyo, Japan
🗣️ Japanese (native), English (IELTS Academic Overall 7.0 in Feb 2020)
❤️ Traveling, Running, Hiking, Drinking

Courses and Certifications

- [Finance for Non-Finance Professionals](#), Rice University, Coursera, May 2020.
- Introduction to User Experience Design, Georgia Institute of Technology, Coursera, May 2020.
- [Functional Programming in Scala Specialization](#), École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Coursera, May 2020.
- [Applying Machine Learning to your Data with GCP](#), Google, Coursera, Sep 2018.
- Introduction to Recommender Systems, University of Minnesota, Coursera, Oct 2016.
- Machine Learning, Stanford University, Coursera, June 2014.
- Applied Information Technology Engineer Examination, Information-technology Promotion Agency (IPA), Japan. Passed in 2010. (pass rate: 20.3%, 8,592 out of 42,338)

Publications

Conference Talks

- 📷 T. Kitazawa. [Apache Hivemall Meets PySpark: Scalable Machine Learning with Hive, Spark, and Python](#). ApacheCon Europe 2019.
- 📷 T. Kitazawa and M. Yui. [What's New and Coming to Apache Hivemall: Building More Flexible Machine Learning Solution for Apache Hive and Spark](#). ApacheCon North America 2019.
- 📷 T. Kitazawa. [Recommendation.jl: Building Recommender Systems in Julia](#). JuliaCon 2019.
- 📷 T. Kitazawa. [Apache Hivemall: Query-Based Handy, Scalable Machine Learning on Hive](#). ODSC Europe 2018.
- 📷 T. Kitazawa. [FluRS: A Library for Streaming Recommendation Algorithms](#). EuroSciPy 2017.

International Conference, Workshop, and Demo Papers (referred)

- 📷 T. Kitazawa. [Zero-Coding UMAP in Marketing: A Scalable Platform for Profiling and Predicting Customer Behavior by Just Clicking on the Screen](#).

[HANASAKE PICTURES](#), Fukushima, Japan

Developed PHP applications for a Japanese avatar-based social networking service, and an iOS application for virtual trial fitting using an image blending algorithm named Poisson Image Blending.

Education

04/2015 – 03/2017

M.S. in Information Science and Technology

[The University of Tokyo](#), Tokyo, Japan

Thesis: Persistently Cold-Starting Online Item Recommendation for Implicit Feedback Data

Advisor: Dr. Takayasu Matsuo

GPA: 4.0

Activities:

- Served as a student volunteer at [RecSys 2016](#) (Sep 2016)
- Participated [Machine Learning Summer School Kyoto 2015](#) (Aug 2015)

04/2011 – 03/2015

B.S. in Computer Science and Engineering

[The University of Aizu](#), Fukushima, Japan

Thesis: User Modeling in Folksonomies: Relational Clustering and Tag Weighting

Advisor: Dr. Masahide Sugiyama

GPA: 3.97

Honors and Awards:

- President's Award — Summa Cum Laude equivalent (2015)
- Dean's List of Distinguished Students (2012 – 2015)
- [Best Paper Prize, IEEE Sendai Section Student Awards](#) (2014)
- [Innovative Award, The Tokyo American Center and Keio SFC Entrepreneurship Seminar and Business Plan Competition](#) (2012)

Activities:

- Served as a teaching assistant in a Numerical Analysis course, and thought Java coding of numerical methods to 20+ undergraduates (Fall 2014)
- Participated [Security and Programming Camp 2011](#) to deepen knowledge in web security (Aug 2011)

Adjunct Publication of the 27th Conference on User Modeling, Adaptation and Personalization (UMAP 2019).

📄 T. Kitazawa and M. Yui. [Query-Based Simple and Scalable Recommender Systems with Apache Hivemall](#). Proceedings of the 12th ACM Conference on Recommender Systems (RecSys 2018).

📄 T. Kitazawa. [Sketching Dynamic User-Item Interactions for Online Item Recommendation](#). Proceedings of the 2017 Conference on Conference Human Information Interaction and Retrieval (CHIIR 2017).

📄 T. Kitazawa. [Incremental Factorization Machines for Persistently Cold-starting Online Item Recommendation](#). The 1st Workshop on Profiling User Preferences for Dynamic Online and Real-Time Recommendations (RecProfile), in conjunction with RecSys 2016.

📄 T. Kitazawa and M. Sugiyama. [User Modeling in Folksonomies: Relational Clustering and Tag Weighting](#). Proceedings of the 5th International Conference on Web Intelligence, Mining and Semantics (WIMS 2015).

Japanese Domestic Conference Papers (non-referred)

📄 T. Kitazawa. Incremental Item Recommendation Using a SVD-based Streaming Anomaly Detection Framework (in Japanese). Numerical Analysis Symposium 2016 (NAS 2016), June 2016.

📄 T. Kitazawa. [Incremental Factorization Machines for Item Recommendation in Data Streams](#). The 30th Annual Conference of the Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence (JSAI 2016), IC2-5, June 2016.

📄 T. Kitazawa and T. Matsuo. [Incremental Approaches for Matrix Approximation: Performance Evaluations and Their Possible Applications](#) (in Japanese). The Japanese Society for Artificial Intelligence SIG-FPAI-98, Aug 2015.

📄 T. Kitazawa and M. Sugiyama. [User Modeling through Relational Clustering on Folksonomy](#) (in Japanese). The 77th National Convention of Information Processing Society of Japan (IPSJ 2015), 3N09, Mar 2015.

📄 T. Kitazawa and M. Sugiyama. [Relational Clustering in Social Bookmark](#). Tohoku-Section Joint Convention of Institutes of Electrical and Information Engineering, 2A05, Aug 2014. [IEEE Sendai Section Student Awards: The Best Paper Prize](#)