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    Introduction to the **Department of Statistical Science**,  
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    (The Graduate University for Advanced Studies)
Foreword

The Institute of Statistical Mathematics (ISM) was established in June 1944 as a research institute under the direct control of the Ministry of Education. Subsequently, it was reorganized as the National Inter-University Research Institute in 1985 and then as the Inter-University Research Institute in 1989. Then, it became part of the Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, Research Organization of Information and Systems (ROIS) in 2004. However, since its establishment, the ISM has inherited the culture of statistical mathematics research with an awareness of the contact with reality and the field, which will undoubtedly continue to be the basis of our research and educational activities.

The "theory and application of statistics for the purpose of clarifying and designing phenomena and behavior" is the "statistical and mathematical sciences" studied at the ISM. In order to fulfill the role demanded by society, all of us at the ISM are striving to carry out our own research, while keeping in mind the importance of the field.

In this "data-driven era" of great social change, there is a growing interest in methodologies for effectively utilizing data, and "data science," which encompasses a variety of mathematical disciplines related to data, such as statistics, machine learning, and optimization, is becoming increasingly important. At the same time, the demand for expert personnel with statistical skills who can handle data appropriately, as well as the systems and organizations to train them, is also increasing significantly.

The ISM established the School of Statistical Thinking in 2011, and has designed and served various programs in the “Project for Fostering and Promoting Statistical Thinking” for developing professionals who would be leaders in the data-driven era. The ISM is also striving to develop statistical experts needed by each university and is forming a consortium for this purpose.

The novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has been ongoing for more than a year, and the ISM was quick to launch the "Novel Coronavirus
Response Project” last year. All of us involved in this project are working hard to establish core technologies that will provide effective evidence for new infectious diseases.

Of course, it is of utmost importance to contribute to the academic community of statistical science, data science, and mathematical science by further refining and deepening the basic science of statistics and mathematics, which has been our primary mission since our establishment. In addition, data and statistical and mathematical methods are "tools" that connect various academic fields and people. It is also important to use these "tools" to expand our research to as many people as possible in a comprehensive and efficient manner.

For a long time, the ISM has been disseminating the “NOE Project” to promote cooperation with industry-government-academic sectors and create “Good Practice” systematically in forming research networks. The ISM is now planning to create networks in “Statistics” to formulate broadly in “Data Science” for much.

The ISM cordially asks for your continued support and cooperation in such research educational activities.

Hiroe Tsubaki
Director-General

October 2021
Organization Diagram (As of April 1, 2021)
Organization

Since its foundation as the one and only national institute for statistical science in Japan, the Institute of Statistical Mathematics (ISM) has continued to exert a prominent influence on the study and research of statistical science. The ever-increasing needs for statistical methods and ideas in various fields of science and technology led ISM to reorganize itself in 1985 as an inter-university research institute that puts a major emphasis on research collaboration with all science disciplines.

In April 2004, ISM began a new chapter as a member of the Research Organization of Information and Systems (ROIS), Inter-University Research Institute Corporation, which includes three other institutes: the National Institute of Polar Research (NIPR), National Institute of Informatics (NII), and National Institute of Genetics (NIG). In October 2009, ISM moved to Tachikawa and started its activities. It shares the new building with NIPR and the National Institute of Japanese Literature (NIJL).

At present, ISM consists of three departments, four research centers, a school, a support center, a planning section, a council, and committees. All ISM activities are guided by the leadership of the director-general and three vice-director-generals. The Council of ISM implements any necessary recommendations. The Cooperative Research Committee organizes and facilitates collaborative research projects developed between staff at ISM and collaborators in other academic agencies. The Managing Committee of the School of Statistical Thinking, established in 2016, makes suggestions regarding projects of fostering statistical thinking.

Three research departments, the Department of Statistical Modeling, the Department of Statistical Data Science, and the Department of Statistical Inference and Mathematics, form the active core of ISM with its 43 academic staff and carry out research on either statistical theory or its application to
other fields of science and industry. The Department of Statistical Modeling and its three groups study statistical modeling aspects in various fields. In the three groups of the Department of Statistical Data Science, efforts are concentrated on data collection and handling. The three groups of the Department of Statistical Inference and Mathematics are specifically concerned with the fundamental aspects of statistics.

The four strategic research centers—Risk Analysis Research Center, Research Center for Statistical Machine Learning, Data Science Center for Creative Design and Manufacturing, and Research Center for Medical and Health Data Science—were established in 2005, 2012, 2017, and 2018, respectively, as main bodies for establishing the Network of Excellence (NOE) and performing project research on specific topics. The Risk Analysis Research Center studies many risk-related topics, such as food, drug, clinical trials, suicide, environment, resource management, finance, insurance, earthquake, and genome information. The Research Center for Statistical Machine Learning aims to support the research community of the field as an activity of the NOE projects and produce influential research works by carrying out various research projects with domestic and international collaborations. The Data Science Center for Creative Design and Manufacturing aims to motivate advanced technologies in the field of data science and foster scientific methodologies for creative design and manufacturing. The Research Center for Medical and Health Data Science aims to facilitate statistical data science research that covers medical studies, drug developments, health care, and public health. More detailed descriptions of the objectives of each department and center are presented in the next chapter. The information covers research subjects and staff interests, considering the physical sciences, life sciences, social sciences, and cultural sciences.

The School of Statistical Thinking, established in 2012, performs the project of fostering and promoting statistical thinking. As data produced in various fields of the real world become very large and complex, people who can discover important knowledge buried in such data are strongly required. ISM has
provided several tutorial courses and supports to disseminate statistical thinking for a long time. The school integrates and expands such activities and provides a place to learn statistical thinking.

The Center for Engineering and Technical Support was established in 2006 to help the activities of the Japanese statistical science community by providing adequate computational and informational resources. The center has 11 technical staff that works on special jobs, including computer systems maintenance, journal editing, and bibliographical services. ISM has a supercomputer system and a library of books and journals, not only in pure statistics but also in fields of specific interest to researchers (e.g., physics, genetics, and social sciences).

The institute also devotes itself to educating young statisticians. As a constituent of the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, SOKENDAI, ISM offers graduate programs leading to a Ph.D. degree in the Department of Statistical Science, School of Multidisciplinary Sciences (See Supplement on page 99).
(The number of staff mentioned above refers to the full strength on April 1, 2021.)
Departments, Centers and Research Staff

Department of Statistical Modeling

The Department of Statistical Modeling works on the modeling of phenomenal structures related to numerous factors, and it conducts research on model-based statistical inference methodologies. The department aims to contribute to the development of cross-field modeling intelligence via investigation of the modeling methods for prediction & control, complex structures, and data assimilation.

Prediction and Control Group

The Prediction and Control Group works on the development and evaluation of statistical models, which function effectively in terms of predicting and controlling phenomena, decision making, and scientific discoveries. These efforts involve data analysis and modeling related to phenomena that vary across time and space.

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Subjects

- Time series modeling with smoothed prior distribution
- Research on control of multi-agent system
- Discrete optimization model development for ecosystem service evaluation
- Statistical seismology
- Network structure estimation by causal analysis
• Information extraction and prediction from high frequency observation time series
• Study of nonlinear H∞ control based on inverse optimization
• Development of an eco-adaptive decision support system for resource management
• Biosignal spatiotemporal analysis

Complex System Modeling Group
The Complex System Modeling Group conducts studies in order to discover the structures of complex systems, such as nonlinear systems and hierarchical networks, through statistical modeling. For these purpose, the group also considers Monte Carlo simulations, discrete mathematics, and computer science.

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Kengo KAMATANI, Assoc. Prof. (2020.10.1-)
Momoko HAYAMIZU, Assist. Prof. (-2020.3.31)

— Subjects —
• Bayesian modeling and MCMC data analysis
• Privacy protection for big data
• Modeling and statistical analysis of complex systems using stochastic processes and random fields
• Development of active learning and statistical anomaly detection methods and its application to natural science and industry
• Statistical security analysis of anonymous data
• Development of applications with MCMC and sequential Monte Carlo methods
• Geometric analysis of machine learning and statistical algorithms
• Structural modeling of biological phenomena using graphs
• Research on discrete geometry and its application to extract graph structure from distance data
• Urban intelligence
• Statistical analysis of speech and image data

Data Assimilation Group
The Data Assimilation Group works on the development of data assimilation techniques, which are procedures aimed at combining information derived from large amounts of observations and a numerical simulation model. By developing computational algorithms and high-performance parallel computing systems, the group aims to build a next-generation simulation model that can predict the future in real time.

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Subjects
• Model integration by particle filtering
• Development of data assimilation system in geosciences
• Development and application of data assimilation based on high-dimensional system models
• Data analysis based on state-space models
• Inverse estimation of crustal deformation based on seismic activity
• State-space modeling of insurance data
• Theory and prediction of point-process models
Department of Statistical Data Science

The Department of Statistical Data Science conducts research on data design methods aimed at managing uncertainty and incompleteness of information, quantitative methods for evidence-based practice, and related data analysis methods. Moreover, the department investigates methods for inferring the latent structures in target phenomena from observation data.

Survey Science Group
The Survey Science Group promotes research on the design of statistical surveys, development of statistical analysis methods on survey data, privacy protection in official statistics, and their applications. By exploring complex phenomena in various fields, the group also aims to contribute to practical applications in academia and policy-making through social surveys.

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Kiyohisa SHIBAI, Project Assist. Prof.
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— Subjects —
• Social research methods and data analysis
• Data science for Behaviormetric study of civilizations
• Theory and applications of latent variable models
• Research on nonsampling errors in surveys
• Analysis of longitudinal and repeated cross-sectional surveys
• Statistical research on the Japanese national character
• Sampling theory and its applications
• Methodology of cross-national comparative survey
• Theory and applications of multilevel modeling
• Organizational behavior based on multilevel analysis
• Theory of small area estimation and its applications

Metric Science Group

The Metric Science Group conducts research aimed at identifying and evaluating statistical evidence through the quantification of phenomena that have not been measured thus far as well as through the efficient extraction of information from large databases. The group investigates related methods and develops methods for analyzing the collected data. By working on applied research in various fields of real science, the group aims to advance practical, applied, and statistical mathematical research based on evidence.

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— Subjects —
• Evaluation methodology for financial statistic models
• Valuation of market risk and credit risk
• Statistical analysis in clinical trials of pharmaceutical drugs
• Design and analysis of clinical studies for personalized medicine
• Methodology of clinical researches for developing predictive medicine
• Methodology of study designs and statistical methods for epidemiologic researches
• Theory of semiparametric inference and its application
• Foundation of meta-analysis and its application
• Design for long-term ecological study
• Missing data analysis
- Symbolic data analysis
- Longitudinal data analysis

**Structure Exploration Group**
The Structure Exploration Group conducts research on statistical science aimed at inferring the latent “structure” behind various target phenomena in biology, physics, and social science based on observational data. The group focuses on machine learning, Bayesian reasoning, experimental design methods, and spatial–temporal analysis methods to investigate micro/meso/macroscopic and spatial–temporal dynamic structures in target phenomena.

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--- **Subjects** ---
- Statistical methods to establish environment standards
- Reliability theory based on life-span models
- Environmental statistics
- Causal data analysis for advanced business modeling
- Statistical causal inference
- Graphical modeling
- Modeling of molecular evolution
- Maximum likelihood inference of molecular phylogeny
- Comparative analysis of genome structure
- Theoretical biology and bioinformatics
- Analysis of educational and psychological assessment data
- Latent variable models for social sciences
- Decoding of algebraic geometric codes
- Methodology for collecting and publishing information relating to statistical science
Department of Statistical Inference and Mathematics

The Department of Statistical Inference and Mathematics carries out research into general statistical theory, statistical learning theory, optimization, and algorithms for statistical inference.

Mathematical Statistics Group
The Mathematical Statistics Group is concerned with aspects of statistical inference theory, modeling of uncertain phenomena, stochastic processes and their application to inference, probability and distribution theory, and the related mathematics.

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Subjects
- Additive processes
- Algebraic statistics
- Analysis of multivariate data and contingency tables
- Change-point analysis
- Directional statistics
- Extreme value theory
- Heavy-tailed distributions
- Integral-geometric approach to random field theory
- Statistical inference and statistical decisions
- Multiple comparisons
- Statistical inference based on graphical models
- Stochastic modeling of data with combinatorial structures
Learning and Inference Group
The Learning and Inference Group develops statistical methodologies to describe the stochastic structure of data mathematically and clarify the potential and the limitations of the data theoretically.

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— **Subjects** —
- Approximate Bayesian method
- Approximation theory on graph
- Bioinformatics
- Genome statistics
- Information geometry
- Nonparametric Bayesian method
- Robust statistics
- Semiparametric inference
- Sparse modeling
- Statistical inference based on positive semidefinite kernel
- Statistical inference for observational studies
- Statistical learning theory
- Statistical methods of topological data analysis
- Statistical natural language processing
- Statistical singular model
- Stochastic inference

Mathematical Optimization Group
The Mathematical Optimization Group focuses on mathematical theory and practical applications of optimization and computational algorithms together with underlying numerical or functional analysis and discrete mathematics.
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— **Subjects** —

- Algorithms for nonconvex optimization
- Applications of mathematical optimization
- Conic optimization
- Convex optimization in measure spaces
- Mathematics and computational complexity analysis of convex optimization
- Mathematics of clinch and elimination
- Systems design under uncertainty

**Risk Analysis Research Center**

Risk Analysis Research Center is pursuing a scientific approach to the uncertainty and risks in society which have increased with the growing globalization of society and the economy, and also the center is constructing a network for risk analysis with the goal of contributing to create a reliable and safe society.

■ Data Infrastructure for Risk Analysis

To generate data-centric risk sciences this group will construct data bases for risk analysis by collecting relevant data and their linkage. The project will further investigate quality management of risk data and supply secured and efficient data editing environment to researchers where they can safely analyze anonymized information on individuals.

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Mathematical Analysis of Risk

To quantify the risk factors such as natural disasters, severe diseases and accidents, we need to formalize their stochastic behaviors, and make statistical inferences based on their tail distributions. As such, we study the extreme value theory, copula model and multiple comparisons from the mathematical and computational viewpoints. To promote the activity of this research community, we organize the annual cooperative research symposiums “Extreme value theory and applications” (since 1994) and “Infinitely divisible processes and related topics” (since 1992), and other occasional international symposiums.
■ Environmental Statistics Project
The impact of human activity on the global environment is increasing. Thus, quantitative methods to accurately take stock of the environmental situation are becoming increasingly important to implement effective measures for the next generation. In this project, we conduct research on statistical analysis methods which form the basis of environmental risk assessments for water, air, and soil, environmental monitoring, setting of environmental standards, and many other activities.

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■ Risk analysis for resource management Project
Our research focuses on mathematical modeling for prediction and control of natural and socio-economic resource change within deterministic and stochastic frameworks. Through field survey, we conduct research on sustainable renewable resource management as a socio-economic system. One of our current projects concerns risk evaluation and economic analysis of sustainable forest and ecosystem management.

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Keisuke FUKUI, Visiting Assoc. Prof. (2020.4.1-)
The risk evaluation, control and management of finance and insurance
The aims of this project are to develop the methodology of risk evaluation, risk control and risk management, focusing to financial market, credit risk and macro-economic data.

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Statistical Seismological Research Project
The statistical seismological research group develops statistical models for quantitative analysis of earthquake occurrence and the relation between seismicity and other phenomena from geophysical or geochemical observations, techniques of probabilistic earthquake forecasting, and methods for evaluating forecasting performance, with applications in earthquake early warning and earthquake insurance. More general types of random events in time and/or space, such as fires, crimes, etc., are also studied, especially, the construction of forecasting models based on our understanding of the mechanisms of these phenomena, as well as their statistical inferences.
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--- Research Center for Statistical Machine Learning ---

The Research Center for Statistical Machine Learning started in January 2012, aiming at taking charge of advancing the “Statistical Machine Learning NOE”, one of the Network of Excellence Establishing Projects, and at being a central research organization in the field of statistical machine learning. The center is carrying out various research projects in the machine learning, as well as contributing the research community through organizing and supporting workshops and seminars for the developing this research field.

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Yuji SHINANO, Visiting Prof.
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Katsuki FUJISAWA, Visiting Prof.
The Data Science Center for Creative Design and Manufacturing was established in July 2017, aiming at facilitating strategic applications of data science technologies and the creation of ground-breaking methods for manufacturing. The center has put together diverse technologies of data science, including machine learning, Bayesian modeling and inference, and materials informatics. We will demonstrate the next generation of manufacturing technologies through industry-academia collaboration.

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Research Center for Medical and Health Data Science

Research Center for Medical and Health Data Science promotes statistical mathematics and data science research for medicine, drug discovery, health care, and public health in industry, academia, and government. Methodologies of basic mathematics and computer science, artificial intelligence, machine learning, and data analysis, will provide scientific foundations for various research areas in basic, clinical, and social medicine, as well as in the latest medical science fields. The goal is to create foundations for new data science to meet the diverse needs of research. We will also promote nationwide network construction and highly specialized statistical education to strengthen the medical research environment.

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URA (University Research Administrator)

ISM assigned URA in the Administration Planning and Coordination Section for promoting and strengthening joint research in mathematical statistics.

Roles of URA

- Promotion for research collaborations and interchanges with universities and research institutions
- Support for design and planning of ISM research strategy
- Support for IR (Institutional Research) of universities and research institutions
- Promotion for utilizations of ISM supercomputer systems
- Pre-awards and post-awards
- Public-relations and outreach

School of Statistical Thinking

The School of Statistical Thinking was established as a center for the
planning and implementation of various programs for professional development and education and training in statistical thinking. In the setting of a joint research facility, the school is working to develop professionals (specialists with broad knowledge and skills, modelers, research coordinators, etc.) equipped with the statistical thinking ability to meet the demands of the “big data era”, in which large-scale data sets are utilized for modeling, research coordination, and other applications.

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Shiro IKEDA, Prof. (2020.4.1-)
Yoshiyasu TAMURA, Project Prof.
Junji NAKANO, Adjunct Prof. (-2019.5.31), Project Prof. (2019.6.1-)
Manabu IWASAKI, Project Prof. (2020.6.1-)
Kunio TANABE, Project Prof. (2020.11.1-)
Kunio SHIMIZU, Adjunct Prof.
Nobuhisa KASHIWAGI, Adjunct Prof.
Toshifumi IKEMORI, Adjunct Prof.
Kenichiro SHIMATANI, Assoc. Prof.
Masayuki HENMI, Assoc. Prof.
Naoki KAMIYA, Project Assoc. Prof. (-2020.1.31)
Osamu KOMORI, Visiting Assoc. Prof.
Kei TAKAHASHI, Visiting Assoc. Prof.
Shunichi NOMURA, Assist. Prof.
Masaaki IMAIZUMI, Assist. Prof. (-2020.3.31)
Kohei HATTORI, Assist. Prof. (2020.9.1-)
Akifumi OKUNO, Assist. Prof. (2020.10.1-)
Masato SHIRASAKI, Assist. Prof. (2020.10.1-)
Kazuhei KIKUCHI, Project Assist. Prof. (2020.4.1-)

--- Activities ---

- Open lecture for public: Free and introductory lecture concerning statistical science, once a year in November
• Tutorial courses: Pay courses for various topics in statistical science, about 10 times a year
• Graduate school linkage program: Courses and/or guidances at collaborative graduate schools
• Special collaboration with research students: Guidance given in ISM to graduate students belonging to other universities
• Summer graduate Seminar: Free open lecture for graduate students, once a year in summer
• Open-type professional development program: Support for research meetings and workshops for promoting statistical thinking
• Statistical mathematics seminar: Seminars on new research results by researchers in ISM, once a week on Wednesday afternoon
• Research collaboration start-up: Advises and supports given by researchers in ISM for problems of various fields concerning statistical mathematics
• Researcher exchange promotion program: Support to university researchers who use sabbatical system and study at ISM
• Statistical training for school teachers: Training for school teachers to increase their leadership of statistical thinking

Center for Engineering and Technical Support

The Center for Engineering and Technical Support assists academics and their collaborators in many ways: managing computer systems and networks, editing and publishing journals, maintaining the library, and managing tutorial programs.

— Staff —
Genta UENO, Director, Prof.
Kazuhiro MINAMI, Vice Director, Assoc. Prof. (-2020.3.31), Prof. (2020.4.1-)

Computing Facilities Unit
The Computing Facilities Unit is in charge of managing computer facilities and scientific software.
Computer Networking Unit
The Computer Networking Unit is responsible for computer networking and its infrastructure, and network security.

Information Resources Unit
The Information Resources Unit is responsible for maintaining a library and an electronic repository, and is in charge of planning statistical tutorial programs open to the public.

Media Development Unit
The Media Development Unit is in charge of publishing and editing of research results and PR brochures.

Project Researchers

Project researchers is the all-inclusive term for post-doctoral researchers participating in specific projects. To name a few, ISM NOE (Network Of Excellence) projects, ROIS-DS (Joint Support-Center for Data Science Research) projects, government-commissioned projects, and the projects funded by independent agencies like JST.

Aoki, Yuta  
Chen, Ye  
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Zheng, Ning
Visiting Professors

To push forward the frontiers of interaction between statistics and other fields of science, the Institute provides positions for visiting professors.

Each of the Institute’s three departments and five centers have invited foreign and Japanese professors from universities and institutes as shown in the list below.

--- Foreign Visiting Professors ---

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Visiting Research Fellows

In addition to visiting professors, the Institute provides research fellowships to researchers in Japan and abroad, from companies as well as from universities. The Institute also provides support for those who are appointed as staff of programs by the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS). A list follows showing research fellows received during the period April 2019 to March 2021.

(The list does not show all of the visiting fellows from abroad. Foreign visiting research fellows are listed under “Foreign Visitors” on page 34.)

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Research Collaboration

The Institute runs a unique system to promote collaborative research activities between statisticians and scientists in related fields, such as the social sciences, the humanities, life sciences, earth and space sciences and engineering. The system was initiated in 1985 with a special intention, based on past experience of the Institute. Since the genesis of the Institute, one of the basic principles has been to attach greater importance to applications (applied science). The principle came from the appreciation that innovative methodologies and theories of statistics are frequently developed in an effort to solve real life problems.

In the past decades the Institute has maintained research collaborations with universities, governmental organizations, private companies and various organizations domestically as well as internationally. This period produced a lot of useful works, both in theory and application. This tradition of open collaboration with scientists outside the Institute has created a progressive and liberal academic atmosphere which, we believe, has contributed to developing new interdisciplinary research fields in related sciences.

These cooperative research activities were maintained through various research fields at different levels and with various types of collaboration, long before the Institute was reorganized into an inter-university research institute. Many remarkable results have been produced through collaborative research in the last decades. To our regret, however, when joint work is organized by researchers at the individual level, the fruit of the collaborative research tends to be received by the general public as a successful contribution to the science that addressed the problem. Without acknowledgment the true contributions by our statisticians are not credited or noticed. Obviously this tendency comes from the inherently abstract nature of statistics. The statistician’s contribution, although essential, is not as easy to explain to the general public as explaining the problem itself in applied science. Accordingly, it seemed that the value and the raison d’être of the statisticians and the Institute was not appreciated as much as other scientists and research institutes
in the applied sciences.

Our cooperative research system was initiated on the basis of two understandings. First, this kind of collaborative research activity is beneficial to both statistics and other related sciences. Secondly, statisticians working in such circumstances need recognition, support and encouragement. We hope that the present system will play a vital role to bring “Win-Win” benefits to both statisticians and applied scientists in the related field.

Since 1985 the system has been run by the Cooperative Research Committee, half of whose members are scientists from outside the Institute. Cooperative research projects between statisticians and scientists in related scientific fields are called for each year. More than a hundred projects in applied sciences and statistics are supported each year (see the figure below). In 1998, in order to enlarge the area of collaboration, the Institute relaxed a condition of application for projects which had stipulated that at least one member of the research project should belong to the Institute. The system of cooperation is also open to projects that are planned and accomplished through international cooperation.

Our cooperative research projects are classified into several categories: cooperative user registration, general cooperative research “Type 1”, general cooperative research “Type 2”, subject-oriented cooperative research, and cooperative research symposium.

![Number of collaborative research projects](image)
International Research Exchange

Historically, statistical science has developed in response to the need for statistical ideas and methods to be exploited in other fields of science and industry. Therefore the Institute has established a systematic way to promote cross-disciplinary research projects either at a domestic or an international scale (see the previous chapter).

The Institute has also pushed forward research collaboration with a wide variety of foreign institutions including universities and governmental agencies.

Since 1988, the Institute has entered into special relationship with the following institutes to conduct programs on academic exchange and facilitate joint research projects;

- The Statistical Research Division of the U.S. Bureau of the Census, U.S.A., 1988-
- Stichting Mathematisch Centrum, Netherlands, 1989-
- Institute for Statistics and Econometrics, Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany, 2004-
- The Steklov Mathematical Institute, Russia, 2005-
- Central South University, China, 2005-
- Soongsil University, Korea, 2006-
- Department of Statistics, University of Warwick, U.K., 2007-
- The Indian Statistical Institute, India, 2007-
- Institute of Statistical Science, Academia Sinica, Taiwan, 2008-
- Department of Empirical Inference, Max Planck Institute for Biological Cybernetics, Germany, 2010-
- Department of Communication Systems, SINTEF Information and Communication Technology, Norway, 2012-
- Centre for Computational Statistics and Machine Learning, University College London, U.K., 2012-
- Department of Electronics and Telecommunications, Norwegian Uni-
versity of Science and Technology, Norway, 2012-

- Department of Probability and Mathematical Statistics, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic, 2012-
- The Department of Ecoinformatics, Biometrics and Forest Growth of the Georg-August University of Goettingen, Germany, 2012-
- The Korean Statistical Society, Korea, 2013-
- Toyota Technological Institute at Chicago, U.S.A., 2014-
- Mathematical Sciences Institute Australian National University, Australia, 2014-
- RiskLab ETH Zurich, Switzerland, 2015-
- Institut de Recherche en Composants logiciel et matériel pour l’Information et la Communication Avancee (IRCICA), France, 2015-
- Le laboratoire de mathématiques de l’Universite Blaise Pascal, France, 2015-
- Centre de Rechereche en Informatique, Signal et Automatique de Lille (CRIStAL), France, 2015-
- University College London (UCL) Big Data Institute, U.K., 2015-
- The Institute of Forestry, Pokhara of Tribhuvan University, Nepal, 2015-
- The Institute of Forest and Wildlife Research and Development of the Forestry Administration of Cambodia, Cambodia, 2015-
- The Chancellor masters and Scholars of the University of Oxford, U.K., 2015-
- Forest Inventory and Planning Institute, Vietnam, 2015-
- The University of Porto, Portugal, 2016-
- Zuse Institute Berlin, Germany, 2016-
- Natinonal University of Laos, Laos, 2017-
- Institute of Geophysics China Earthquake Administration, China, 2017-
- Hong Kong Baptist University, Hong Kong, 2017-
- University of Malaya, Malaysia, 2017-
- Universidade de Évora, Portugal, 2017-
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- The Korean Association for Survey Research, Korea, 2018-
- The Jean Golding Institute for data-intensive research, University of Bristol, U.K., 2019-
- Survey Research Center, Sungkyunkwan University, Korea, 2019-
- University of Lampung, Indonesia, 2019-
- Department of Earth and Space Sciences, Southern University of Sci-
ence and Technology, China, 2019-
• Université Bretagne Sud, France, 2019-
• North Carolina State University, U.S.A., 2019-
• National University of Singapore, Singapore and Konrad-Zuse-Zentrum für Informationstechnik Berlin, Germany 2020-
• Singapore-ETH Centre, Singapore, 2020-
• Department of Actuarial Studies and Business Analytics, Macquarie University, Australia, 2020-

The Institute has also been active in organizing international conferences and workshops. In April 2019-March 2021, 9 international symposia were held under the auspices of the Institute:

• The 4th Eastern Asia Meeting on Bayesian Statistics, EAC-ISBA 2019, July 13-14, 2019
• Workshop on Hawkes processes in data science, August 27, 2019
• Risk and Statistics: 2nd ISM-UUlm Joint Workshop, October 8-10, 2019
• 11th International Workshop on Analysis of Micro Data of Official Statistics, November 28-December 4, 2019
• Workshop on Emerging Themes in Computational Statistics, February 19-20, 2020
• Application of R Software for Statistical and Econometric Analysis in 2020, Indonesia: Level 1, December 21-23, 2020
• AgFReM Research Consortium Online Workshop for Statistical Analysis with R, January 26-27, 2021
• Applied Statistical Analysis with “R” Software for Forestry Studies 2021, February 16-17, 2021
• ANU-ISM Workshop on Data Science, March 24, 2021

The Institute actively encourages researchers to come to talk or give lectures and also to stay for collaboration with the staff. As shown in the list below, the Institute has received 48 visitors from 19 different countries. Of these researchers, 39 entered into a visiting research fellowship including a visiting professorship. Another list follows showing all the colloquia that were given by foreign visitors.
**Foreign Visitors** (April 2019-March 2021)

- The asterisk * before a visitor’s name indicates that he/she is a visiting professor or a visiting research fellow.
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Publications

Periodicals

One of the driving forces behind the rapid progress of modern science has undoubtedly stemmed from the broad communication of research findings through international journals and reports. For the sake of publicizing its activities throughout academic and industrial circles, the Institute launched *Annals of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics* (AISM) in 1949 shortly after its foundation. Today AISM, distributed by Springer, has a worldwide reputation and is listed in citation review journals.

In the past two years, Volumes 71 to 73 (eleven issues) were published. For paper titles, abstracts, and full texts, visit our website at https://www.ism.ac.jp/editsec/aism/, or at https://springerlink.com/. The aims of AISM are shown in the excerpt below:

AISM aims to provide a forum for open communication among statisticians, and to contribute to the advancement of statistics as a science to enable humans to handle information in order to cope with uncertainties. It publishes high-quality papers that shed new light on the theoretical, computational and/or methodological aspects of statistical science. Emphasis is placed on (a) development of new methodologies motivated by real data, (b) development of unifying theories, and (c) analysis and improvement of existing methodologies and theories.

The Institute publishes another periodical, *Proceedings of the Institute of Statistical Mathematics*. This biannual journal made its first appearance in 1953 and now carries scientific papers and articles on topics of research (in Japanese with abstracts in English). Volumes
67 and 68 (four issues) were published in the past two years. Refer to https://www.ism.ac.jp/editsec/toukei/ for paper titles, abstracts and full texts.

**Technical Reports**

In addition to the two journals mentioned above, the Institute issues seven technical reports:

- *Cooperative Research Report*
- *ISM Survey Research Report*
- *Computer Science Monographs*
- *Research Memorandum*
- *ISM Report on Research and Education*
- *ISM Reports on Statistical Computing*
- *School of Statistical Thinking Research Report*

A list of the seven reports released from April 2019 to March 2021 follows.

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**Cooperative Research Reports**

(Reports, in Japanese and English, on the achievements emerging from collaborative research projects in the Institute.)

**No.428:** Tsuchiya, T., Optimization: Modeling and Algorithm 32. (March 2020)

**No.429:** Ikoma, N., Comprehension of Intelligence by State Estimation Deepening and Multi-Discipline Collaboration (1). (March 2020)

**No.430:** Maruyama, N., Development and Popularization of Dynamic Geometry Software GeoGebra (5). (March 2020)

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No.433: Kitano, T., Extreme Value Theory and Applications (17). (February 2020)

No.434: Shimura, T., Infinitely divisible processes and related topics (24). (February 2020)


No.438: Tabata, T., Stylometric Approaches to Textual Features. (March 2020)


No.441: Kiyono, K., Development of Medical and Health Science Based on Biosignal and Bioimaging Data Analysis II. (March 2020)

No.444: Ishikawa, S., Knowledge and Performance: A Quantitative Analysis of Learners’ L2 Use. (March 2021)

No.445: Kitano, T., Extreme Value Theory and Applications (18). (March 2021)

No.446: Shimura, T., Infinitely divisible processes and related topics (25). (March 2021)

No.448: Suenaga, K., Research on best practice in teaching statistics Vol. 13. (February 2021)


No.450: Fujieda, M., Development and Evaluation of ESP-Corpus-Assisted Tools for Learning and Assessment. (March 2021)

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**ISM Survey Research Report**


**Computer Science Monographs**

Technical reports in English on computer programs and software for statistical science. Full text and supplementary materials of No.31 onwards can be downloaded from https://www.ism.ac.jp/.


**Research Memorandum**

Technical Reports, mostly in English, that give immediate publicity to research findings. The full content of some of them can be downloaded from https://www.ism.ac.jp/.

*No.1209:* Mochihashi, D., Unbounded Slice Sampling. (January 6, 2020)

*No.1210:* Kumon, M., Invariant Information Geometrical Structures on System Spaces. (February 25, 2020)

*No.1211:* Koyama, S., and Ishiwata, J., Time Series Modeling of Mud Pulse Telemetry with Multiple Modulators. (June 9, 2020)

*No.1212:* Ninomiya, Y., Basis of Selective Inference in Propensity Score Analysis. (August 19, 2020)


*No.1214:* Hirose, M., and Mano, S., A Bayesian Construction of Asymptotically Unbiased Estimators. (February 26, 2021)

**ISM Report on Research and Education**

Reports and documents concerned with education and research.

*No.47:* The Institute of Statistical Mathematics, and Department of Statistical Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (ed.), 2019 ISM Openhouse Posters and Annual Symposium of the Graduate Students of the Department of Statistical Science. (December 2019)

*No.48:* Department of Statistical Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (ed.), Annual Symposium of the Graduate Students of
No.49: The Institute of Statistical Mathematics, and Department of Statistical Science, The Graduate University for Advanced Studies (ed.), 2020 ISM Openhouse Posters and Annual Symposium of the Graduate Students of the Department of Statistical Science. (December 2020)


**ISM Reports on Statistical Computing**

Technical reports in Japanese and English that describe management and manipulation of computer systems. Not issued during the period April 2019 to March 2021.
Many of the achievements made by the staff of the Institute consist of scientific papers and monographs. Each of the staff has selected works worthy of note out of his/her papers and books published in the period from April 2019 to March 2021, to complete the following list. Also included are works by visiting professors and students.


Aiyoshi, E., Tamura, K. and Yasuda, K.: Preference optimization methods for mul-


Buckby, J., Wang, T. and Zhuang, J.: Model checking for hidden Markov models,


Cooray, S., Takeuchi, T. T., Akahori, T., Miyashita, Y., Ideguchi, S., Takahashi, K. and Ichiki, K.: An iterative reconstruction algorithm for faraday tomog-


Fujikawa, H. and Tsubaki, H.: Characteristics of microbial colony counts on agar plates for food and microbial culture samples (in Japanese), *Food Hygiene*


Hirata, M., Kawabata, Y. and Fujii, S.: A study on the effect of investment in road infrastructures on the population concentration into Tokyo (in Japanese),


Iwase, T., Sangai, T., Fujimoto, H., Sawabe, Y., Matsushita, K., Nagashima, K., Sato, Y., Nakagawa, A., Masuda, T., Nagashima, T. and Ohtsuka, M.: Quality and quantity of visceral fat tissue are associated with insulin resistance and survival outcomes after chemotherapy in patients with breast cancer,


Kawashima, T. and Fujisawa, H.: Robust and sparse regression in generalized line-


Koyama, S., Horie, T. and Shinomoto, S.: Estimating the time-varying reproduction


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Li, W., Sutherland, D., Strathmann, H. and Gretton, A.: Learning deep kernels for exponential family densities, ICML, 1-10, 2019.


Manabe, K.: Methodological examination of Schwartz's value research: Focusing on


Morisawa, J., Otani, T., Nishino, J., Emoto, R., Takahashi, K. and Matsui, S.:


Murakami, D. and Daniel, G.: Spatially varying coefficient modeling for large da-


Rambli, A., Mohamed, I., Shimizu, K. and Ramli, N. M.: A half-circular distribution


Shibai, K.: *Trade-off between Nuclear Proliferation in East Asia and Nuclear Nonproliferation in Europe* (in Japanese), University Education Press,
Okayama, 2019.


Shirai, S., Yabe, I., Takahashi-Iwata, I., Matsushima, M., Ito, Y. M., Takakusaki, K.
and Sasaki, H.: The responsiveness of triaxial accelerometer measurement of gait ataxia is higher than that of the scale for the assessment and rating of ataxia in the early stages of spinocerebellar degeneration, Cerebellum, 18(4), 721-730, 2019.


Takizawa, Y., Fukasawa, A., Santosa, C. E. and Sumantyo, J. T. S.: Circular polari-


Tateiwa, N., Shinano, Y., Nakamura, S., Yoshida, A., Yasuda, M., Kaji, S.


Yajima, Y., Sorai, K., Miyamoto, Y., Muraoka, K., Kuno, N., Kaneko, H., Takeuchi, T.


Yoshimoto, A.: Optimal aggregation of forest units to clusters as “Danchi” under


Tutorial Programs and Consultation

Tutorial courses on statistical science are held for the benefit of researchers, students, and the general public. The levels of courses vary from beginner’s level to advanced level. (Includes courses that were canceled while announcing the event.)

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The Institute launched the School of Statistical Thinking in January 2012. Since then, the School has centralized control over the educational programs for the general public except regular courses in SOKENDAI, the Graduate University for Advanced Studies, see Supplement.

Tutorial courses are the most popular among the programs operated by the School. There is consistent demand for non-degree pursuing continuous education from the private sector. Actually around 70% of the total attendants are from private companies. A yearly open lecture is a more accessible half-day program where a timely topic relating to statistical science is explained in plain language.

In FY 2017, the School of Statistical Thinking launched a program called “Leading DAT (Data Analytics Talents)” aimed at training data scientists with the knowledge and skills in statistical mathematics required by modern society. As the program’s first projects, we organized two Leading DAT lectures entitled “L-B1: Bayesian Modeling in Practice” and “L-B2: Machine Learning and Modern Methodologies in Data Science.” At the same time, we established the Leading DAT Training Course, in which we grant certificates to participants who have

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fulfilled the course requirements, including attendance in all lectures and submission of reports. A total of 25 people has been granted the certificate of completion.

Since FY2018, two lectures, L-A and L-S, have been added to the Leading DAT program; “L-A: Introductory Data Science,” aims to consolidate the basics of statistics, while “L-S” treats yearly selected topics. The title of L-B1 has been changed to “An Introduction to Statistical Modeling”. In FY2020, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we conducted L-B1, L-S, and half of the training course as on-line lectures, which helped us prepare for full line-up on-line Leading DAT scheduled in FY2021.

Former services for consultancy have been renovated as the “Research Collaboration Start-Up” program. A team of experienced emeritus professors and young research fellows give advice and handle nearly 40 cases a year. Some of them have led to the registration for our Cooperative Research Program or funded joint project between the Institute and the client company.

The ISM Summer School program is also integrated as an activity of the School. It was started in FY2006 as a free crash course open to graduate students from all over Japan. The topic of FY2013 was “Information Geometry” which gathered 120 registrations. From FY2014 to FY2019, we provided a program for “Mathematical Modeling for Pandemic Disease” which lasts for 10 consecutive days. Since FY2016, all the lectures were done in English. This program attracts nearly one hundred participants including international students, and surprisingly we find almost no dropouts. The numbers of participants in FY2019 and FY2020 were 89 and 81, respectively.
Software Products

The Institute of Statistical Mathematics has published the Computer Science Monographs (CSM) series as a report on software research and development, and has been actively publishing and providing source code. Software such as TIMSAC, which has been well received for many years, is now provided as a package of programming language R, free and open-source software for statistical analysis, through the CRAN (The Comprehensive R Archive Network) site. Currently, most of the following R packages are published on CRAN, and can be downloaded directly from R Gui, RStudio, etc. Other software can be downloaded from the URL described in the access column. Please contact each developer individually for inquiries.

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