



Advanced Data Analysis and Modeling Unit

Overview

The accelerated increase in the level of information this century has seen the generation of a greater amount of big data on human behavior than ever before. The Advanced Data Analysis and Modeling Unit utilizes big data owned by public and private entities in an integrated manner to clarify phenomena in human society from a scientific viewpoint. The unit attempts to express changes in society through equations applying both mathematics and physics. Expansion in this field of research will make possible the prediction of future conditions in economic and social systems in much the same way we now forecast weather utilizing airflow equations.

Research goals

Transactions in financial markets are made in milliseconds, and the amount of data collected in real time is now one million times greater than it was 20 years ago. It is now also possible to scientifically formalize how violent fluctuations in prices occur and how these affect other markets, which we do in much the same way as we write molecular formulas based on detailed observation. The Advanced Data Analysis and Modeling Unit attempts to analyze big data in a wide range of fields, including financial markets, to create descriptive mathematical models. This makes it possible to understand individual research conducted in different fields in an integrated manner. Through the Future Observatory, which will be established to store big data and serve as a base for scientific research, the unit attempts to precisely simulate future conditions to solve a wide range of problems encountered in society to gain a multilateral understanding of phenomena in economics and human society.



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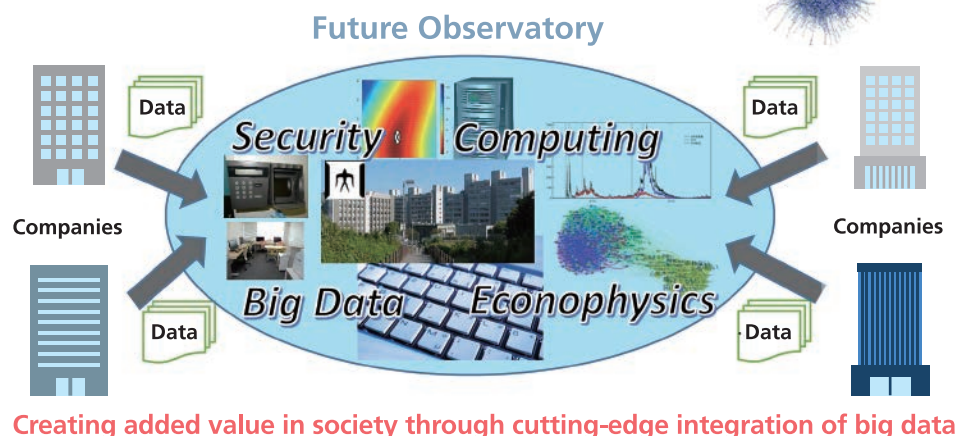
Profile

- 2017 Professor, Institute of Innovative Research, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 2016 Associate Professor, Institute of Innovative Research, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 2015 Associate member, Science Council of Japan (Committee on Physics and Informatics)
- 2007 Associate Professor, Department of Computational Intelligence and Systems Science, Interdisciplinary Graduate School of Science and Engineering, Tokyo Institute of Technology
- 2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Complex and Intelligent Systems, Future University Hakodate
- 1997 Assistant Professor, Faculty of Science and Technology, Keio University
- 1993 JSPS Research Fellow, Tohoku University
- 1993 Doctor of Science, Department of Material Science, Graduate School of Science and Technology, Kobe University
- 1987 Bachelor of Science, Department of Physics, School of Science, Nagoya University

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Needs of a super smart society





Using scientific future prediction to create risk prevention measures and industrial development schemes

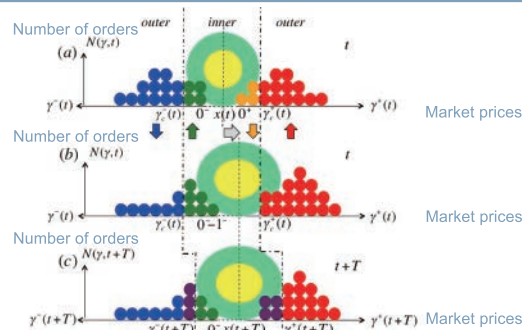
Q Why was this research unit established?

Current social phenomena are multi-layered and complex. Significant breakthroughs are possible, however, if we carefully and quantitatively observe correlations among them, and clarify the relationship between individual activities and social phenomena through an integration of mathematics, physics, and computational sciences. The Advanced Data Analysis and Modeling Unit aims to develop models capable of identifying how certain changes, occurring at various scales, cause specific shifts in society. This would in turn enable us to consider more specific applications. Researchers specializing in a wide range of fields such as econophysics, machine learning, system sciences, optimization, and security participate in the unit, which forms a major research organization for big data at Tokyo Tech and facilitates the efficient achievement of results. An example of the systems developed by this research unit are PUCK-tools, financial market data risk analysis tools included in standard applications used in the financial industry. Estimation algorithms and transactions among Japanese companies are used by RESAS, a regional economy analysis system provided by the Cabinet Office. The unit conducts joint research with other groups in the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Israel, and the United States to form a base that serves as an international hub in the field.

Q What are the strengths of this research unit?

Along with a system that enables the use of highly confidential data owned by companies for academic research, the Advanced Data Analysis and Modeling Unit will also establish the Future Observatory, enabling joint industry-government-university research utilizing this data. When analyzing valuable big data owned by different companies in an integrated manner, data sharing is often difficult due to the confidentiality requirements of individual companies. However, a university can serve as a neutral core for a consortium, making it easier to share data beyond the boundaries of companies. This is also a great advantage for industry. The Advanced Data Analysis and Modeling Unit is equipped with a high-quality computational environment and cutting-edge security management system that contribute to advanced mathematical analysis and safe management of data, making possible the protection of healthcare data, positional information from mobile phones, and other highly confidential data. The Future Observatory will also be highly valuable as a historical archive of Japanese industry and culture as time goes by.

Analogy between dynamics of financial market order information and colloidal particle motion in water molecules



Based on the assumption that there is a virtual colloidal particle between buying and selling orders, and regarding orders as water molecules, market price fluctuations share similarities with the motion of the colloidal particle.

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Q What is the path to achieving the unit's goals?

In the first year, the research unit will enhance the environment of the Future Observatory by implementing an entry management system using biometric authentication and a network security system. Progress in big data collection, integration, and analysis, and the establishment of models will continue. In the second year, the unit aims to set up a consortium for industry-government-university collaboration to accumulate a broader range of data, verify and review predictions to improve established models, and construct an environment where the use of these models in society can be simulated. Through scientific future prediction, the unit hopes to create risk prevention measures and industrial development schemes that significantly contribute to society.

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