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A leap into Functional Data Analysis: from theory to applications

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Introduzione
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Lecture 1: Exploration and model inference for functional data

Abstract - After a gentle introduction to functional data, the lecture will focus on non-parametric inference for functional regression models. In detail, two different approaches to null hypothesis testing will be presented: global inference (according to which the functional null hypothesis is tested relying on a unique test statistic) and local inference (according to which the null hypothesis is continuously tested along the domain): With respect to the latter, the notion of Family-wise Error Rate and False Discovery Rate in the setting of functional data will be presented. The lecture will then illustrate the extension of principal component analysis to the functional setting pointing out the importance of a suited and computationally tractable mathematical embedding of functional data.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2019, 14:00 - 17:00
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Lecture 2: Functional data with dependence: from time series to spatial random fields

Abstract - This lecture shall explore recent methods to deal with functional data when their dependence – spatial or temporal – is an important issue. Recent methodologies to deal with time series of (constrained) functional data will be presented, with particular regard to an application on forecasting of functional data in the natural gas market sector. This lecture will also illustrate the state-of-the-art methods for spatial functional data analysis, particularly for the estimation of the spatial dependence (variogram) and for spatial prediction of functional observations (kriging).

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2019, 10:00 - 12:00
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Lecture 3: Functional data analysis in statistical process control: functional control charts

Abstract - The lecture will illustrate the use of functional data analysis in statistical process control, with particular reference to control chart schemes. The lecture will provide an introduction to the problem of profile monitoring, which is nowadays mainly based on a first dimensionality reduction of the response (e.g., via FPCA), and a subsequent monitoring of the reduced response and of the residuals after the reduction. The lecture will then illustrate methods to deal with constrained profiles (e.g., in the form of a probability density function) and to account for secondary information collected together with the response (functional control charts).



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