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Deze reeks omvat cursussen die zijn opgenomen in de Doctoral Schools programma's.

This series encompasses courses that are included in the Doctoral Schools programs.

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Voorwoord

Statistiek is de laatste decennia onmisbaar geworden in innovatie en wetenschap. Denk maar aan sociologen die oorzaken van gedrag natrekken, artsen en biowetenschappers die DNA analyseren of de effectiviteit van nieuwe interventies evalueren, bio-ingenieurs die de kwaliteit van het milieu bewaken, industriëlen die de productiekwaliteit bijsturen, economen die financiële tijdreeksen bestuderen, ... Met de komst van gebruiksvriendelijke software wordt het opslaan en manipuleren van data haast kinderspel. Veel minder evident is het om relevante en kwaliteitsvolle gegevens te verzamelen, om efficiënt informatie te onttrekken en niet misleid te worden door naïeve conclusies. Een techniek en de interpretatie van haar resultaten hangen immers fundamenteel samen met het design en de implementatie van de studie, vaak ook met bijkomende onderstellingen over een complexe datastructuur.

Het Centrum voor Statistiek van de Universiteit Gent, i.s.m. het Instituut voor Permanente Vorming van de Faculteit Wetenschappen (IPVW), organiseert daarom elk jaar cursussen die inspelen op de noden van gebruikers van statistische methoden. Het aanbod richt zich vooral op het verwerven van inzicht in de basis van het statistisch onderzoek. Practica op pc stellen de kandidaat in staat om ook al doende te leren. Het doelpubliek bestaat uit professionelen en onderzoekers met een academische vorming. Of u nu kennis wil opfrissen, op de hoogte wil blijven van recente ontwikkelingen of belangstelling heeft voor een nieuw onderzoeksdomein, deze formule wil u in staat stellen om gericht kennis en vaardigheden op te doen. De nieuwe inzichten zullen uw bedrijf en uw onderzoek de extra voorsprong geven die het verdient. Ook de Vlaamse regering ziet zo'n training als een troef voor haar economisch beleid. Werkgevers kunnen genieten van financiële steun onder de vorm van de KMO-portefeuille. Werknemers kunnen gebruik maken van de opleidingschegues. Meer informatie over deze 'stimulerende middelen' vindt u op de websites www.kmoportefeuille.be en www.vdab.be/opleidingscheques (zie ook pagina 16).

Vooreerst zetten we graag Module 10 'Applied Longitudinal Analysis' van het programma van 2011-2012 nog eens in de kijker. Deze module vindt plaats in september 2012. Inschrijven is nog steeds mogelijk. Tussen november 2012 en april 2013 wordt het pakket basismodules aangeboden, waarin statistische kennis gradueel wordt opgebouwd. Vooraf, in september en oktober 2012, geven drie modules een introductie tot het gebruik van de statistische software SPSS, SAS en R, respectievelijk twee commerciële en een freeware product. Naar jaarlijkse



gewoonte wordt dit programma aangevuld met een aantal meer gespecialiseerde cursussen: 'Data Mining' in januari 2013, 'Multilevel Analysis for Grouped and Longitudinal Data' en 'Survival Analysis' starten in april 2013. Blijf op de hoogte van bijkomende korte cursussen via onze website of het formulier op pagina 19 van deze brochure. Alle cursussen (m.u.v. Module 2) worden in het Engels gedoceerd. Het geheel verloopt in een gemoedelijke sfeer met ruime mogelijkheid tot interactie met de decentare.

Verschillende modules kunnen onder bepaalde voorwaarden worden opgenomen in het programma van de 'Doctoral Schools' die UGent-doctoraatstudenten ondersteunen bij hun onderzoek en opleiding (zie pagina 16).

Verder brengen we graag de volgende initiatieven onder uw aandacht:

Sinds 2008 werkt aan de Universiteit Gent het IOF¹ valorisatieconsortium Stat-Gent CRESCENDO, i.s.m. het Centrum voor Statistiek. Stat-Gent heeft tot doel de UGent statistiekexpertise te valoriseren via toepassingen voor overheid en industrie. Meer informatie hierover, ook over ons aanbod van short courses in statistiek en over een meer doorgedreven Master in Statistical Data Analysis, die wetenschappers uit diverse disciplines een grondige vorming aanbiedt in de methodes van de toegepaste statistiek, vindt u op www.mastat.ugent.be en www.statgent.be.

We hopen dat u het nieuwe aanbod kan smaken en wensen u alvast een leerrijk en productief jaar toe!

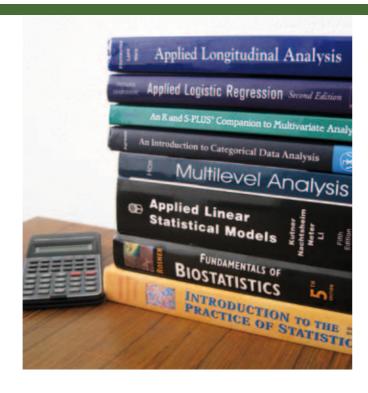
¹ Industrieel OnderzoeksFonds

Introduction

Statistics has become indispensable in innovation and science. Sociologists and psychologists searching to explain behavior, biologists analyzing DNA, clinicians evaluating new interventions, bio-engineers monitoring the environment, managers performing quality control, economists studying time series, ... they all rely on statistical methods. Today's user-friendly software allows anyone to store and manipulate data quite easily. It remains a challenge however, to gather relevant, high-quality data and retrieve information efficiently to draw accurate inference. Without training and due professionalism one runs a high risk of arriving at misleading conclusions. One must recognize how the appropriate statistical technique and justified interpretation depend fundamentally on the design and conduct of a study in combination with any assumptions about the data structure.

To meet the needs of users of statistical methods, the Centre for Statistics of Ghent University in co-operation with the Institute for Continuing Education of the Faculty of Sciences (ICES) organizes a yearly series of courses. The goal is to train users of statistical software, providing them with insight in the basics of statistical research. Practical sessions on PC's allow participants to obtain this through hands-on experience. Our courses are aimed at professionals and participants with an academic training, who wish to refresh their knowledge, keep it up to date or discover new areas of research. The program is designed to offer specific knowledge and skills through separate modules. The new insights will give your company or research the extra edge it needs. The Flemish Community regards continuing training as an important element of its economic policy. Employers are granted financial support through the government's introduction of the KMO-portfolio and employees can use training vouchers. More information about this stimulating initiative can be found on the websites: www.kmo-portefeuille.be and www.vdab.be/opleidingscheques (both in Dutch). See also page 16 of this brochure.

Before embarking on the new academic year, we wish to point to Module 10 of last year's program, 'Applied Longitudinal Analysis', which takes place in September 2012. Enrolling is still possible. From November 2012 to April 2013, the program offers a classic series of basic modules which gradually build up statistical knowledge and techniques. Leading into these basic modules, in September and October 2012, three courses introduce the statistical software SPSS, SAS and R, two commercial and a freeware package, respectively. As in other years, the program offers an additional number of more specialized courses: 'Data Mining' in January 2013, 'Multilevel Analysis for Grouped and



Longitudinal Data' and 'Survival Analysis' kick off in April 2013. More information about additional short courses will be posted on our website or can be requested through use of the form on page 19 of this brochure. With exception of the second module, all modules are taught in English to give international candidates the opportunity to participate. Classes take place in a pleasant atmosphere with ample opportunity to interact with the lecturers.

Several modules can, under certain conditions, be incorporated in the program of the Doctoral Schools, which support UGent doctoral students with their research and training (see page 16).

Also, we would like to bring the following initiatives to your

The IOF² valorization consortium Stat-Gent CRESCENDO operates at Ghent University in collaboration with the Center for Statistics, since 2008. Stat-Gent's mission is to valorize UGent statistical expertise through application for governance and industry. For more information about this consortium, about short courses in statistics organized by the Center for Statistics and on the Masters program in Statistical Data Analysis, which offers a more thorough training in the methods of practical statistics to scientists in diverse areas, visit www.cvstat.ugent.be and www.statgent.be.

Hoping the new program meets your expectations, we look forward to meeting you and wish you an enjoyable and productive learning experience!

> MODULE 10

Applied Longitudinal Analysis

(Final module of the 2011-2012 program)

Stijn Vansteelandt (UGent)

Course description

Longitudinal studies, employing repeated measurement of subjects over time, play a prominent role in the biomedical and pharmaceutical sciences. They provide valuable insights into both the development and persistence of disease and those factors that can alter the course of disease development. In this course, we will offer a systematic presentation of modern methods for the analysis of such studies, with an emphasis on practical applications in biomedical research.

The course will begin with a discussion of the usefulness of longitudinal studies over cross-sectional studies and the limitations of standard regression methods for analyzing longitudinal studies. The course will then cover the general linear mixed model for the analysis of continuous responses. A wide range of examples drawn from real-world studies will be used to illustrate the methods for estimating models in SAS and R and for interpreting model coefficients. The regression modeling will cover model building for the mean and covariance structure to choose parsimonious models, predictions of patient-specific profiles and verification of goodness-of-fit of the model.

In the final lecture, we will discuss specialized topics, including the problem of missing data in longitudinal studies, adjustment for baseline responses and evaluation of the effect of time-varying exposures.

All methods will be illustrated with annotated computer output from SAS and R. Six hands-on computer sessions will help practice the principles to which one is exposed in this course.

Dates and venue

September 5, 6 and 7, 2012 from 9 am to 12.15 pm and from 1.15 pm to 4.30 pm at the Faculty of Science, Building S8, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Ghent.

Target audience

This course will benefit medical investigators, research scientists, clinical research associates, ... who need to use statistical methods for analyzing data that are collected over time, in particular for assessing the effect of different treatments on the evolution in (health) outcomes over time.

Exam

Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelor level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

Participants are expected to be familiar with the basic principles of statistical inference and of linear regression analysis.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

Recommended handbook: "Applied Longitudinal Analysis", G.M. Fitzmaurice, N.M. Laird and J.H. Ware, 2nd ed. (2011), John Wiley and Sons, ISBN 978-0470380277.

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of non-profit and public services. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 700 EUR for participants of the private sector.

The book is optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 100 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form. The examination fee is 30 EUR.

² Industrial Research Fund

Introduction to R

Geert Silversmit (Stat-Gent CRESCENDO) en Alain Visscher (Stat-Gent CRESCENDO)

Course description

R is an environment for statistical computing and graphics, which is becoming increasingly popular as a tool to get insight in often complex data. While somewhat similar to other programming languages (such as C, Java and Perl), R is particularly suited for data analysis because ready-made functions are available for a wide variety of graphical and statistical techniques (classical statistical tests, linear and nonlinear modeling, timeseries analysis, classification, clustering, ...). The base R program can be extended with user-submitted packages, which means new techniques are often implemented in R prior to being available in other software. This is one of the reasons why R is becoming the de facto standard in certain fields such as bioinformatics (Bioconductor) and financial services.

This course introduces the use of the R environment for the implementation of data management, data exploration, basic statistical analysis and automation of procedures.

The course starts with a description of the R GUI, the use of the command line and an overview of basic data structures. The application of standard procedures to import data or to export results to external files will be illustrated. Creation of new variables, subsetting, merging and stacking of data sets will be covered in the data management section. Exploration of the data by histograms, box plots, scatter plots, summary numbers, correlation coefficients and cross-tabulations will be performed. Simple statistical procedures that will be covered are: comparison of observed group means (t-test, ANOVA and their nonparametric versions) and proportions, test for independence in 2-way cross tables and linear regression (focusing on the implementation in R of the statistical methods that are the subject of other modules of the statistics course). Finally, installing new packages and automation of analysis procedures will also be discussed.

Practical sessions and specific exercises will be provided to allow participants to practice their R skills in interaction with the teachers.

Dates and venue

September 17, 18, 20 and 27, 2012 from 5.30 pm to 9 pm, at the Faculty of Science, Building S9, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Ghant

Target audience

This course targets participants with little to no R-programming experience who wish to start using R for their data manipulation, data exploration or statistical analysis.

Course prerequisites

The course is open to all. Knowledge of basic statistical concepts and experience with other programming languages are considered advantages, but not required for learning the R language.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

The presented material is the result of an UA-UGent collabora-

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 325 EUR for participants of the private sector.

> MODULE 2

Inleiding tot SPSS

Kris Erauw (UGent)

Beschrijving

We leven in een kennismaatschappij. Heel veel mensen verzamelen gegevens of willen bepaalde ideeën met onderzoeksbevindingen ondersteunen. Denk aan de jongeren in een stedelijke jeugdraad die in hun jeugdwerkbeleidsplan de geformuleerde beleidslijnen moeten ondersteunen met onderzoeksbevindingen; of aan de voorzitter van een oudercomité die de standpunten van ouders op een wetenschappelijk verantwoorde manier wil bevragen. Het inzamelen en opslaan van al die gegevens is vaak niet zo evident als het lijkt. Zeker niet als het de bedoeling is de gegevens later op een professionele manier te verwerken.

Deze lessenreeks is er op gericht data in een bruikbare vorm te verzamelen, de ingezamelde data in SPSS op te slaan en met SPSS de eerste beschrijvende statistieken te produceren.

De verschillende lessen in de reeks zijn ervaringsgericht opgevat. De deelnemers worden met een aantal problemen geconfronteerd waarna mogelijke oplossingen besproken en gedemonstreerd worden.

Les 1

Data en dataverzameling: data in SPSS invoeren en definiëren, data uit andere programma's importeren en gebruiken.

Les 2

Elementaire bewerkingen: samenvattende statistieken en voorstellingen genereren, variabelen herschrijven en combineren, databestanden bewerken en combineren.

Les 3

Gemiddelden vergelijken: grafische voorstelling van gemiddelden, t-toetsen en one-way variantie-analyse.

Les 4

Meer uit je databestand halen: de eerste stappen in lineaire regressie.

Data

1, 2, 4 en 5 oktober 2012 telkens van 17u tot 20u.

Plaats

PC-klas 1 van de Faculteit Psychologische en Pedagogische Wetenschappen, Henri Dunantlaan 1, Gent.

Doelpubliek

Deze practica zijn bedoeld voor alle personen die gegevens inzamelen en/of opslaan, met de bedoeling deze statistisch te analyseren en te interpreteren.

Toelatingsvoorwaarden

Geen

Lesmateriaal

Documentatie- en oefeningenbundel.

Prijs

Gereduceerde prijzen gelden voor studenten en personeel van non-profit, social profit en overheid. Deze vindt u op de IPVWwebsite. De deelnameprijs bedraagt 325 EUR voor deelnemers uit de private sector.

Introduction to SAS

Geert Silversmit (Stat-Gent CRESCENDO) en Alain Visscher (Stat-Gent CRESCENDO)

Course description

The amount of data collected and stored in industry as in society grows exponentially. Among the many software solutions available for managing and analyzing these data, SAS offers a unique combination of a complete set of database capabilities, advanced statistical techniques and a powerful programming language. SAS is widely used for managing high-dimensional data gathered in data warehouses (e.g. in the fields of marketing, CRM, public health, ...), but is also useful for smaller datasets such as (pre-)clinical trial data.

Raw data are typically not suitable for immediate analysis. Relevant data may be hidden deep in the database, stored across different data sources or require transformation before richer information can be readily extracted. Hence, the first task typically involves processing of the data: combining datasets, selecting relevant data, addressing missing values, modifying and creating variables.

The first three lessons will focus on these data processing steps, with The Little SAS Book as our guide. Once an adequate analysis dataset is obtained, it becomes possible to apply subsequent statistical analyses. In the last lesson, we will demonstrate common statistical procedures in SAS (such as two-sample t-tests, analysis of variance and linear regression). The course will be illustrated with examples from The Little SAS Book, and additional exercises will provide hands-on practice with SAS procedures.

The aim of the course is to empower participants to process and analyze data by learning the SAS programming language. Compared to the interactive SAS Enterprise Guide, using the SAS syntax directly allows total control of data manipulation, more flexibility to define model parameters and easier replication of analyses. Upon finishing this course, the participant should have a solid foundation for performing data processing and basic statistical analyses using the SAS programming language..

Dates and venue

October 8, 11, 15 and 18, 2012 from 5.30 pm to 9 pm, at the Faculty of Science, Building S9, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Ghant

Target audience

This course will benefit participants from diverse backgrounds, ranging from investigators working with clinical trial data to data analysts working on high-dimensional data stored in data warehouses. It is suited for those who have not used SAS or any other statistical software before, but equally for those who have already worked with SAS but want a better understanding of the capabilities of the SAS programming language.

Course prerequisites

The course is open to all. Knowledge of basic statistical concepts is considered an advantage, but not required for learning the SAS programming language.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

The course is based on the programming manual: "The Little SAS Book: A Primer", L. D. Delwiche, S. J. Slaughter (2008), 4th ed., ISBN 978-1599947259. If you don't already own this book it is highly recommended to order a copy.

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 325 EUR for participants of the private sector.

The book can be bought at the additional cost of 45 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form.

> MODULE 4

Introductory Statistics Basics of Statistical Inference

Maria Ysebaert (Center for Statistics)

Course description

This course aims to provide insight into basic statistical concepts with emphasis on practical applications. Mathematical formulae will be kept to a minimum. The theory and the methods of analysis will be extensively illustrated with examples relating to a wide variety of different fields.

We start with concise graphical and numerical descriptions of data obtained from observational or experimental studies. The most common and frequently used probability distributions of discrete and continuous variables will be presented. Statistical inference draws conclusions about a population based on sampled data. Chance variations are taken into account such that a level of confidence is attached to these conclusions. We present the reasoning behind significance tests for the comparison of observed data with a hypothesis, the validity of which we want to assess. We apply this procedure to data obtained either from one or from two populations. The correct use of the t-test will be discussed. Non-parametric methods are considered as a possible alternative in case the requirements of the t-test are not met. We cover the basic concepts of hypothesis testing for categorical data, including the chi-square test. Quite often the relationship between two variables, where the outcome of one variable is seen as depending on the value of the other, is the focus of scientific interest. We will give an introduction to linear regression analysis, where a regression line based on observations obtained in a sample describes this relation.

Dates and venue

November 6, 13, 20 and 27, December 4, 11 and 18, 2012 from 5.30 pm till 9.30 pm (each lecture is followed by a hands-on practical session) at the Faculty of Science, Building S9, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Ghent.

Target audience

This course will benefit investigators from diverse areas, research scientists, clinical research associates, and, in general, anyone who comes in contact with data handling and who wants to acquire insight into basic statistical methods or who feels that his/her knowledge and practice of statistics needs refreshing. No extensive background in mathematics is required.

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Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelors level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

The course is open to all.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

Recommended handbooks are:

Book 1: "Fundamentals of Biostatistics", B. Rosner, 7th ed. (2010), Thomson Brooks/Cole, ISBN 978-0538735896. The examples used in this book are restricted to the field of bioscience. The book is therefore recommended if you have a background in a related research area, such as (veterinary) medicine, biotechnology, biology, pharmacy, a.s.o.

Book 2: "Introduction to the Practice of Statistics", D.S. Moore, G.P. McCabe and B. Craig, 7th ed. (2010), W.H. Freeman, ISBN 978-1429240321. This book uses examples from a wide range of research areas and is therefore recommended if you have no background in the research areas mentioned for book 1.

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 800 EUR for participants of the private sector. Both books are optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 65 EUR per book. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form.

The examination fee is 30 EUR.

Data Mining

Stefan Van Aelst (UGent)

Maria Ysebaert (Center for Statistics)

Course description

The increased availability of computer storage space has lead to the collection of large databases in high dimensions. Also modern techniques lead to high-dimensional data sets such as genetic data.

This course focuses on modern statistical learning techniques to construct prediction rules based on such large, high-dimensional data. The outcome can be continuous (regression) or categorical (classification). The relation between bias, variance and model complexity will be explained.

The course will discuss penalty methods, such as ridge regression and Lasso, local methods, such as nearest neighbors and kernels, splines, mixture models, classification and regression trees, and support vector machines.

Techniques such as cross-validation, bagging and boosting will be introduced as well. The curse of dimensionality will be explained and illustrated, and dimension reduction techniques such as principal component analysis will be discussed.

Dates and venue

January 7, 9 and 11, 2013, from 10 am to 1 pm (theory) and from 2 pm to 5 pm (PC practical) at the Faculty of Science, Building S9, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Ghent.

Target audience

This course targets researchers from all areas that are involved in prediction problems based on large and/or high-dimensional databases.

Exam

Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam at a date which will be specified later. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelors level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

Participants are expected to be familiar with linear regression.

Course material

Course notes and copies of the slides.

Recommended handbook: The course is based on "The Elements of Statistical Learning: Data Mining, Inference and Prediction," Hastie, T., Tibshirani, R., and Friedman, J. 2nd ed. (2009), Springer-Verlag, ISBN 9780387848570.

This handbook is not necessary to participate in the course. The handbook can be downloaded free of charge from www-stat.stanford.edu/~tibs/ElemStatLearn

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 700 EUR for participants of the private sector.

The book is optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 70 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form. The examination fee is 30 EUR.

Course description

Analysis of variance (ANOVA) is a statistical tool used in the comparison of means of a random variable in populations that differ in a characteristic (factor), e.g. treatment, age, sex, subject, etc. First, we cover one-way ANOVA, where only one factor is of concern. Depending on the type of the factor, the conclusions pertain to just those factor levels included in the study (fixed factor model), or the conclusions extend to a population of factor levels of which the levels in the study are a sample (random effects model). In two-way and multi-way ANOVA (populations differ in more than one characteristic), the effects of factors are studied simultaneously to obtain information about the main effects of each of the factors as well as about any special joint effects (factorial design). In nested designs, where each level of a second factor (mostly a random factor) occurs in conjunction with only one level of the first factor, analysis of variance enables us to extract the variability induced by the nested factor from the effects of the main factor. For correct analysis of the data in multi-way ANOVA, not only the linear model and the type of factor have to be considered but, also, the assumptions that must be satisfied.

Analysis of Variance

In this course we will focus on correct execution of data analysis and understanding the results of this analysis. We will provide insight into the conclusions and pay attention to expressing these conclusions in a correct and understandable way. The different methods will be extensively illustrated with examples from scientific studies in a variety of fields.

Dates and venue

January 8, 15, 22 and 29, February 5, 19 and 26, 2013, from 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm (each lecture, except on January 8, is followed by a hands-on practical session) at the Faculty of Science, Building S9, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Ghent. Please note that there is no class on Tuesday February 12.

Target audience

This course will benefit investigators from a diversity of areas, who need to use statistical methods in the collection and handling of data in their research, in particular for assessing the effect of e.g. different treatments.

Exam

Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelor level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

Participants are expected to have an active knowledge of the basic principles underlying statistical strategies, at a level equivalent to the "Introductory Statistics" course of this program. In the first session, on January 8, 2013, these principles will be briefly reviewed. This review session is open to interested participants of subsequent modules. Participants who have recently followed the introductory course are exempt from that first session.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

Recommended handbook: "Applied Linear Statistical Models", M.H. Kutner, C.J. Nachtsheim, J. Neter and W. Li, 5th ed. (2004), McGraw-Hill, ISBN 978-0071122214.

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 800 EUR for participants of the private sector.

The book is optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 65 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form. The examination fee is 30 EUR.

Applied Linear Regression

Tom Loeys (UGent)

Course description

Linear regression addresses how a continuous dependent variable is affected by one or more continuous predictors. The fact that many practical problems deal with continuous variables (e.g. income, blood pressure, temperature) makes linear regression a popular tool, and most of us will be familiar with the concept of drawing a line through a cloud of data points.

The first two sessions of this module introduce the conceptual framework of this method using the simple case of a single predictor. Formulas and technicalities are kept to a minimum and the main focus will be on interpretation of results and assessing model validity. This includes confidence statements on the predictor effect (hypothesis tests and confidence intervals), using the regression model to predict future results, and verification of model assumptions.

In session 3 and 4 the conceptual framework will be expanded to accommodate more than one predictor leading to the multiple linear regression model. How to deal with these complex models in general and how to come to the most simple model starting from a large number of predictors will be discussed in detail. In these complex linear models special attention will be given to interpreting individual predictor effects, as these can be complicated by underlying relations between predictors (confounding).

In the last session a real world data example will be discussed at length and will be used to illustrate all the concepts from the previous sessions. Finally we will briefly touch on problems where the linear regression model is not appropriate and needs to be replaced by related approaches such as generalized linear models and mixed models. Different aspects will be illustrated with case examples from the instructors practical experience, and students are encouraged to bring examples from their work.

Exercises on PC are made with the SPSS software. If preferred, participants can use SAS or R, but there are no annotated exercises available using these software packages.

Dates and venue

February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2013 from 5.30 pm to 9.30 pm (each lecture is followed by a hands-on practical session) at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Dunantlaan 1, Ghent.

Exam

Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelor level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

Participants are expected to have an active knowledge of the basic principles underlying statistical strategies, at a level equivalent to the "Introductory Statistics" course of this program. In the first session of Module 6, "Analysis of Variance", on January 8, 2013, these principles will be briefly reviewed. This session is free and open to interested participants of this year's program.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

Recommended handbook: "Applied Linear Statistical Models", M.H. Kutner, C.J. Nachtsheim, J. Neter and W. Li, 5th ed. (2004), McGraw-Hill, ISBN 978-0071122214. Please note that this is the same book as recommended for Module 6 'Analysis of Variance'.

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The book is optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 65 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form. The examination fee is 30 EUR.

> MODULE 8

Multilevel Analysis for Grouped and Longitudinal Data

Leoniek Wijngaards-de Meij (University of Utrecht, NL)

Course description

Social research often concerns relationships between individuals and the social contexts to which they belong. Individuals and their social contexts can be conceptualized as a hierarchical structure, with individuals nested within groups. Classical examples are educational research, with pupils nested within schools, and cross-national research, with individuals nested within their national units. Such systems can be observed at two levels, and as a result we have data with group level variables and individual level variables. To analyze such hierarchical structures, we need multilevel modeling, which allows us to study the relationships between variables observed at different levels in the hierarchical structure.

Multilevel modeling can also be used to analyze data from longitudinal research, by viewing measurement occasions as being nested within respondents. This has several advantages compared to more classical approaches to longitudinal data. In addition, multilevel models have been generalized to cover situations where data do not have a simple multilevel structure, such as cross-classified data or multiple-membership models.

This short course is intended as a basic and nontechnical introduction to multilevel analysis. It starts with a description of some examples, and shows why multilevel models are necessary if the data have a hierarchical structure. It then covers the basic theory of two- and three-level models. Next it explains how multilevel models can be applied to analyzing longitudinal data, and why and when this may be an attractive analysis approach, as compared to more classical analysis methods such as multivariate analysis of variance (Manova). Multilevel logistic models to analyze data where the outcome variable is dichotomous or a proportion, and multilevel multivariate modeling to analyze where there are multiple outcome variables will be shortly introduced.

The course includes three computer labs, where multigroup and longitudinal data are analyzed. The computer labs in the course use the multilevel program HLM and the SPSS Mixed procedure, which is available in SPSS starting with version 11.5.

Dates and venue

April 8, 9 and 10, 2013, from 9 am till 4 pm at the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences, Dunantlaan 1, Ghent.

Target audience

This course will not only benefit applied researchers in the behavioral and social sciences, but whoever deals with data with a hierarchical or multilevel structure.

Exam

Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelor level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

The course assumes reasonable familiarity with analysis of variance and multiple regression analysis, but prior knowledge of multilevel modeling is not assumed.

Course material

Copies of course notes.

The course is based on: "Multilevel Analysis. Techniques and Applications", J.J. Hox (2010), 2nd ed., New York: Routledge, ISBN 978-1848728462.

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 900 EUR for participants of the private sector.

The book is optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 40 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form. The examination fee is 30 EUR.

Survival Analysis

Els Goetghebeur (UGent)

Course description

This course will examine modern methods in the analysis of event time data, or survival analysis, with an emphasis on practical applications in medical research.

The course starts with basic ideas in the non-parametric analysis of right censored data, including the concept of non-informative censoring, with estimates of the hazard function, the Kaplan Meier estimate of a survival distribution and its standard error, the logrank test for comparing survival outcomes in two or more groups, and sample size calculations.

The course will then cover regression models for censored data, focusing primarily on the Cox proportional hazards model. Examples will be used to illustrate the methods for estimating models in SAS and R and for interpreting model coefficients. The regression modeling will cover the use of stepwise regression to choose parsimonious models, numerical and graphical methods to examine possible interactions, the use of time-dependent covariates, and model diagnostics to check the appropriateness of an estimated model.

The course will further cover some special topics, such as the analysis of data with dependent competing risks, the analysis of clustered data with correlated cases, and the use of sequential designs in clinical trials.

Hands-on computer sessions will help you to practice the principles exposed in this course. Students can choose SAS or R for this purpose.

Dates and venue

April 16 and 30, and May 7 and 14, 2013, from 5.30 pm to 9 pm at the Faculty of Science, Building S9, Campus Sterre, Krijgslaan 281, Gent. The course includes three hands-on practical sessions.

Target audience

(Biomedical) researchers involved in the planning, execution and/or interpretation of time-to-event data. The latter arise in clinical trials of chronic diseases and the study of prospective cohorts in public health and epidemiology; equally in sociology or in marketing where the time to marriage or failure of a company may for instance be studied.

Exam

Participants can, if they wish, take part in an exam at a date which will be specified later. A certificate from Ghent University will be issued to participants with a university degree at the bachelors level or an equivalent degree upon succeeding in this test. As such this course can be incorporated in a doctoral training program.

Course prerequisites

Participants are expected to be familiar with linear regression.

Course material

Copies of lecture notes.

Recommended (but not required) text: "Modelling Survival Data in Medical Research", Collett, D., 2nd ed. (2003), Crc Press Llc, ISBN 978-1584883258.

Fees

Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the non-profit and public sector. These prices are available at the ICES website. The registration fee amounts to 665 EUR for participants of the private sector. The book is optional and can be bought at the additional cost of 65 EUR. Please indicate this clearly on the registration form.

The examination fee is 30 EUR.

The Teachers

De heer Kris Erauw is stafmedewerker bij de dienst onderwijsondersteuning van de Faculteit Psychologie en Pedagogische Wetenschappen aan de Universiteit Gent. Hij stond jarenlang mee in voor de begeleiding van studenten bij de vakken statistiek en methodologie, en bij het schrijven van hun scriptie. Daarnaast ondersteunt hij onderzoekers bij het ontwikkelen van een gepast onderzoeksopzet en bij het verwerken van hun data.

Prof.dr. Els Goetghebeur chairs the Center for Statistics and co-chairs the curriculum committee for the Advanced Master of Statistical Data Analysis at Ghent University, where she is Professor in the Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science. She co-ordinates the valorization consortium Stat-Gent CRESCENDO, launched to foster application of UGent statistical expertise for industry and government. She taught at Harvard, Stanford and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Her research focuses on methodological problems encountered in the biomedical sciences. She has a special fondness for causal inference, survival analysis and a newly acquired taste for health care quality measurement and for the analysis of genetic data.

Dr. Tom Loeys received the MSc degree in mathematics (1996) from Ghent University, the MSc in biostatistics (2001) from the Limburgs Universitair Centrum, and earned a PhD in biostatistics (2002) from Ghent University. He worked as a biometrician at Merck, Sharp and Dohme (Brussels) till 2009 where he was involved in the design, analysis and reporting of phase-2 and phase-3 clinical trials in a wide range of therapeutic areas. Since June 2009 he is working at the Department of Data Analysis of the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences at Ghent University.

Dr. Geert Silversmit has a PhD in Physics from Ghent University, post-doctoral experience in analytical chemistry and an MSc in Statistical Data Analysis from Ghent University (2012). He is currently working at Stat-Gent CRESCENDO, the Industrial Research Fund (IOF) valorization consortium with the mission to valorize UGent statistical expertise.

Prof. dr. Stefan Van Aelst is Professor at Ghent University, Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Science, Faculty of Sciences. He is responsible for statistics courses in Bachelor and/or Master programs in Mathematics, Computer Science and Geography. He also teaches courses in the Master of Statistical Data Analysis. His research focuses on the development of robust methods for statistical models.

Prof. dr. Stijn Vansteelandt is Professor at Ghent University, Department of Applied Mathematics and Computer Sciences, Faculty of Science. He teaches courses in statistics to students in the Faculty of Science, the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science and the Masters program in Statistical Data-Analysis. He did post-doctoral research at the Harvard School of Public Health and Ghent University. His current research focuses mainly on missing data and causal inference in clustered sampling designs and longitudinal studies.

Alain Visscher studied Biology and Environmental Sciences at the University of Antwerp, and Statistical Data Analysis at Ghent University. His scientific interests include biodiversity, environmental statistics and a wide range of other topics. He is currently working at Stat-Gent CRESCENDO, the Industrial Research Fund (IOF) valorization consortium with the mission to valorize UGent statistical expertise.

Prof. dr. Leoniek Wijngaards-de Meij is Professor in Applied Statistics at the Department of Methodology and Statistics of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Utrecht University, the Netherlands. She received an MSc in Clinical Psychology and a PhD in Dyadic processes of parents grieving their child in Clinical Psychology at Utrecht University. She has worked as statistical consultant on multilevel analysis for numerous social science research projects, and was member of the organization of the Multilevel Conference 2011. She has been teaching courses on Multilevel Analysis on both Graduate and Undergraduate level. These courses include Multilevel for Research Masters, ML Minor courses and a Multilevel Summer school at Utrecht University, and PhD courses for several institutes including the KLI (Research Institute for Social Psychology), the EPP (Research Institute for PsychoPathology) and the Erasmus University.

Prof. dr. Maria Ysebaert is an honorary Professor of Ghent University. She studied biochemistry at Ghent University, the University of Oregon Medical School and the Nobel Institute in Stockholm. Apart from biochemistry, she also taught biostatistics at Undergraduate and Postgraduate level at the Faculty of Veterinary Science at Ghent University. Currently, her scientific interests concerns statistical analysis in research on molecular structure of proteins.

Practical information

Registration

Please use the registration form in this brochure or on our website: www.ipvw-ices.UGent.be.

Your registration is valid from the moment you receive an e-mail confirmation from ICES. If you have not received this mail within a week, please contact ICES to double check. From the moment the confirmation e-mail is sent the payment and cancellation conditions are in effect.

The registration fee covers tuition, some or all of the course materials, use of auditoria and PCs, drinks and sandwiches. Reduced prices apply to students and participants of the nonprofit and public sector. These prices are available on the ICES website. The examination fee for each module that has an exam connected to it is 30 EUR.

Pavment

The registration fee is due within 30 days following receipt of the invoice. Payment is possible through bank transfer with clear statement of the structured message on the invoice. All mentioned amounts are free from VAT.

Additional reduction

When 3 or more participants from the same company or institute register simultaneously for the same module(s), an additional overall reduction of 20% is granted, books and exam fees not included. Therefore, please check before enrolling if anyone else at your institute or company is interested to participate. This reduction does not apply to (doctoral) students.

Cancellation

- Participants can cancel their registration in writing only and this until 5 working days before the start of the module concerned. In such case 25% of the registration fee will be retained. In case of cancellation within 5 working days before the start of the module, the full registration fee is due.
- ICES reserves the right to cancel or postpone one or more modules for organizational reasons, in which case participants are given the option of a full refund of the registration fee.

The complete cancellation conditions are available on our website: www.ipvw-ices.UGent.be

Financial support from the government: training vouchers and the KMO-portfolio

- The training vouchers (opleidingscheques) are an initiative of the Flemish community and can be ordered online (www. vdab.be/opleidingscheques) by any employee living in the Flemish or Brussels Region. Please read through the full conditions of use on the VDAB website, order the vouchers well in advance and send them to ICES as soon as you receive them. Please do not write anything on the vouchers. The invoice for your registration for the course is drawn up by ICES after you've sent us your training vouchers.
- Employers on the other hand can make use of the KMO-portfolio. Please read through the whole procedure before opening an account on www.kmo-portefeuille.be.

Doctoral schools

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- Arts, Humanities and Law
- (Director: prof. Mark Van Hoecke)
- Social and Behavioural Sciences (Director: prof. Hans Verstraeten)
- Natural Sciences
- (Director: prof. Frank Witlox)
- (Bioscience) Engineering
- (Director: prof. Paul Van der Meeren)
- Life Sciences and Medicine
- (Director: prof. Jozef Vercruysse)

These institutions, in close consultation with the faculties, support doctorandi: on the one hand they organize specialized training and workshops in research skills and "transferable skills", on the other hand they set up guest lectures and information sessions, and invest in promotional tasks and contacts with the industry.

To check if and under which conditions one of our courses is eligible for a refund from your UGent doctoral school, please visit the training pages on the website of your DS

(www.ugent.be/doctoralschools/en/doctoraltraining/courses).

In all cases initial payment stays with your department. Your DS will only refund the registration fee (books excluded) to your department upon proving to them that you attended the course and paid for it. Additionally, if an exam is connected to the course you need to pass this exam in order to get the refund. For further information please contact your DS.

Inschrijvingsformulier Statistiek 2012-2013

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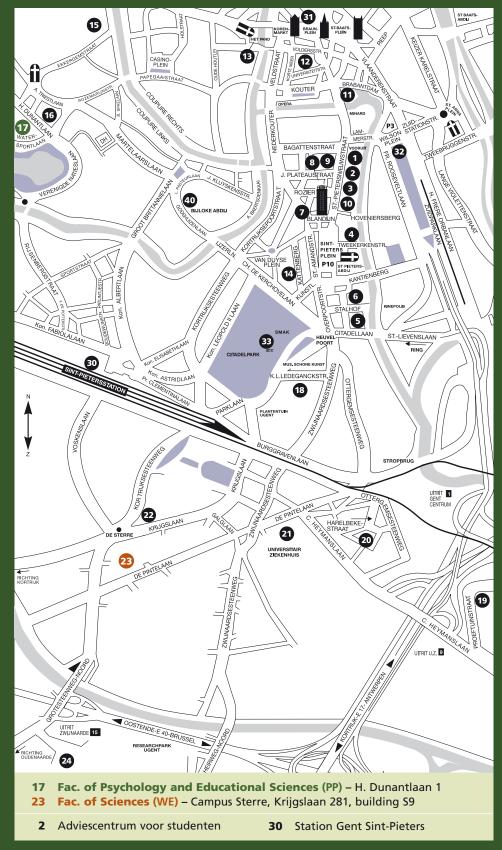
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