Course guides
200641 - MLLG - Linear and Generalized Linear Models

Unit in charge: School of Mathematics and Statistics
Teaching unit: 715 - EIO - Department of Statistics and Operations Research.
Degree: MASTER'S DEGREE IN STATISTICS AND OPERATIONS RESEARCH (Syllabus 2013). (Optional subject).
Academic year: 2021  ECTS Credits: 5.0  Languages: English

LECTURER

Coordinating lecturer: MARTA PÉREZ CASANY

PRIOR SKILLS

With respect to the Theory of Probability, the students should know the basic probability distributions, their main properties and the situations that they are able to model in an appropriate way. They also have to be familiarized with the main concepts of Statistical Inference corresponding to a first course of Statistics.

REQUIREMENTS

We start modelization from scratch, so there are no pre-requisites. Nevertheless, some knowledge about linear regression and/or ANOVA will help better understand the subject.

DEGREE COMPETENCES TO WHICH THE SUBJECT CONTRIBUTES

Specific:
MESIO-CE4. CE-4. Ability to use different inference procedures to answer questions, identifying the properties of different estimation methods and their advantages and disadvantages, tailored to a specific situation and a specific context.
MESIO-CE3. CE-3. Ability to formulate, analyze and validate models applicable to practical problems. Ability to select the method and / or statistical or operations research technique more appropriate to apply this model to the situation or problem.
MESIO-CE6. CE-6. Ability to use appropriate software to perform the necessary calculations in solving a problem.
MESIO-CE1. CE-1. Ability to design and manage the collection of information and coding, handling, storing and processing it.
MESIO-CE7. CE-7. Ability to understand statistical and operations research papers of an advanced level. Know the research procedures for both the production of new knowledge and its transmission.
MESIO-CE8. CE-8. Ability to discuss the validity, scope and relevance of these solutions and be able to present and defend their conclusions.

Transversal:
CT3. TEAMWORK: Being able to work in an interdisciplinary team, whether as a member or as a leader, with the aim of contributing to projects pragmatically and responsibly and making commitments in view of the resources that are available.

CT5. FOREIGN LANGUAGE: Achieving a level of spoken and written proficiency in a foreign language, preferably English, that meets the needs of the profession and the labour market.

CT2. SUSTAINABILITY AND SOCIAL COMMITMENT: Being aware of and understanding the complexity of the economic and social phenomena typical of a welfare society, and being able to relate social welfare to globalisation and sustainability and to use technique, technology, economics and sustainability in a balanced and compatible manner.
TEACHING METHODOLOGY

The course will be taught in English. The course will be held in the first semester (S1) by means of two sessions per week. Usually, one session will be devoted to Theoretical questions and the other one to Practical. The practical sessions consist in the analysis of several data sets by means of the models presented in the theoretical sessions and statistical software R. In particular, we are going to use RStudio.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THE SUBJECT

The main objectives of this subject are that the students acquire:

1) Deep knowledge of LINEAR MODELS. In particular of simple and multiple regression, ANOVA and ANCOVA.
2) Some skills on non-linear models that can be linearized.
3) Deep knowledge of GENERALIZED LINEAR MODELS. In particular of logistic regression, log-linear models, models for polytomous data, models for Gamma response.
4) Knowledge of modelling using QUASI-LIKELIHOOD.
5) Important level of practice dealing with real data.

This knowledge will be very useful when posteriorly, the students collaborate with research groups in different areas, with the objective of advise them in the statistical part.

These skills will allow the student:

1) To be able posteriorly to assimilate more easily other subjects as: LONGITUDINAL MODELS or BAYESIAN ANALYSIS
2) To be able to collaborate, at the end of the Master, with research groups of different kinds and give advice from the statistical point of view.
6) Ability in obtaining conclusions and explaining them.

STUDY LOAD

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Total learning time: 125 h

CONTENTS

**Linear Model**

**Description:**
Presentation and Linear Model.
1.4. Transformations to obtain linearity, normality and/or homocedasticity. Non linear models than can be linearized.

**Full-or-part-time:** 18h
Theory classes: 10h 30m
Laboratory classes: 7h 30m
**Exponential families**

**Description:**

**Full-or-part-time:** 6h 45m  
Theory classes: 3h 45m  
Practical classes: 3h

**Generalized Linear models**

**Description:**

**Full-or-part-time:** 16h 30m  
Theory classes: 9h  
Practical classes: 7h 30m

**GRADING SYSTEM**

The 60% of the Final mark will come from the Final Exam. This exam will contain a theoretical as well as a practical part, both with the same weight. The remaining 40% will come from the activities realized during the course. The activities jointly with their weights are the following:

1) Mini Exam composed by 10 short questions (20%).
2) One deliverable in which the student will need to model a set of data with R and do a report of the main results (20%).

**EXAMINATION RULES.**

The Mini Exam and the Final Exam will be closed book, but the students might need to bring calculator and statistical tables.

**BIBLIOGRAPHY**

**Basic:**
- Fox, J.; Weisberg, S. An R companion to applied regression. sage, 2011.

**Complementary:**