



Functional Data Analysis of Big Neuroimaging Data

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Big Neuroimaging Data

Is it really big?





Human Brain Project

aims to simulate the complete human brain on Supercomputers to better understand how it functions BR/



BRAIN Funding Opportunities

The Brain Research through

Advancing Innovative Neurotechnologies or BRAIN, aims to reconstruct the activity of every single neuron as they fire simultaneously in different brain circuits, or perhaps even whole brains.









Big Neuroimaging Data

NIH normal brain development 1000 Functional Connectome Project Alzheimer's Disease Neuroimaging Initiative National Database for Autism Research (NDAR) Human Connectome Project





www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/.../T/Twins400.jpg



Complex Study Design

cross-sectional studies; clustered studies including longitudinal and twin/familial studies;







Complex Data Structure

Multivariate Imaging Measures Smooth Functional Imaging Measures Whole-brain Imaging Measures 4D-Time Series Imaging Measures





Big Data Integration



http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/DNA_sequence



Models for Big Data Integration

Image-on-Scalar (IS) model Image data as response, clinical variables as predictors.

Scalar-on-Image (SI) model Clinical variables as response, image data as predictors

Image-on-Genetic (IG) model Image data as response, genetic data as predictors

Image-on-Image (II) model Image data as response, image data as predictors





Noisy Imaging Data

- Spatial Maps
- Registration'
- `Smoothing'
- Correlation'



Inference

Prediction

Spatial Heterogeneity'





Imaging-on-Scalar Regression



VBA versus FDA

- **Data** $\{(x_i, Y_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$ $Y_i = \{Y_i(d_0) : d_0 \in D_0\}$
 - Intrinsic Discrete Approach (VBA) $Y_i = \{Y_i(d_0) : d_0 \in D_0\}$
 - Intrinsic Functional Approach (FDA)

$$Y_i(\bullet) = \{Y_i(d) : d \in D\}$$

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Functional Data Analysis (FDA)

Big data

$$y_i(d) = x_i^T B(d) + \eta_i(d)$$
 $\eta_i(\bullet) \sim SP(0, \Sigma_{\eta})$

Hotelling-type Test Statistics

$$T_n^2$$

Pro:

Incorporate spatial smoothness and spatial correlation

Con:

Computational and theoretical difficulties

$$\overline{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i / n \quad S_Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y}) \otimes (Y_i - \overline{Y}) / n \qquad T_n^2 = n \sup_{\|u\|=1} \frac{\langle \overline{Y}, u \rangle^2}{\langle u, S_Y u \rangle}$$

$$P(T_n^2 = \infty) = 1 \qquad S_Y \rightarrow \alpha(S_Y) \qquad S_Y \rightarrow diag(S_Y)$$



High-dimensional Regression Models

Big data

$$Y_i = BX_i + \eta_i$$
 $\eta_i(\bullet) \sim SP(0, \Sigma_\eta)$ $\dim(Y_i) >> n$

 T_n^2

Hotelling-type Test Statistics

$$\overline{Y} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Y_i / n \qquad S_Y = \sum_{i=1}^{n} (Y_i - \overline{Y})(Y_i - \overline{Y})^T / n \qquad T_n^2 = n \sup_{\|u\|=1} \frac{\langle \overline{Y}, u \rangle^2}{\langle u, S_Y u \rangle}$$
$$P(T_n^2 = \infty) = 1 \qquad (\overline{Y}, S_Y) \to \alpha(Y, S_Y)$$

?? ??



Voxel Based Analysis (VBA)

Data
$$\{(x_i, Y_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$$
 $Y_i = \{Y_i(d_0) : d_0 \in D_0\}$

VBA

Stage 0: Gaussian Kernel Smoothing

Stage 1: Model Fitting $\prod_{i=1}^{n} p(Y_i \mid x_i) = \prod_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{d \in D_0} p(Y_i(d_0) \mid x_i, \theta(d_0))$

Ignore spatial smoothness

Stage 2: Hypothesis Testing

 $H_0: \theta(d) = \theta_*(d)$ for all voxels

 $H_1: \theta(d) \neq \theta_*(d)$ for some voxels

Random Field Theory: functional data and local smoothness FDR







VBA

Cons

Potential large smoothing errors.

Treat voxels as independent units/images as a collection of independent voxels.

Ignore spatial correlation and smoothness in statistical analysis.

Inaccurate for both Prediction and Estimation.

Decrease statistical power.



VBA Bayesian Extensions

Bayesian Modeling

Spatial smooth prior (MRF) $p(\theta) = p(\{\theta(d_0) : d_0 \in D_0\})$

$$p(\theta \mid Y) \propto \{\prod_{i=1}^{n} p(Y_i \mid x_i, \theta)\} p(\theta) = \{\prod_{i=1}^{n} \prod_{d \in D_0} p(Y_i(d) \mid x_i, \theta(d))\} p(\theta)$$

Pro:

- Computationally straightforward;
- Bayesian inference based on MCMC samples

Con:

- Computationally heavy;
- Lack of understanding for Bayesian inference tools.



Varying Coefficient Models

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Smoothed Functional Data



Covariates (e.g., age, gender, diagnostic)



DTI Fiber Tract Data



Data

- Diffusion properties (e.g., FA, RA)
- $Y_i(s_j) = (y_{i,1}(s_j), \cdots, y_{i,m}(s_j))^T$ • Grids { s_1, \cdots, s_{n_G} }
- Covariates (e.g., age, gender, diagnostic) x_1, \cdots, x_n





MVCM

Decomposition:

$$y_{i,k}(s) = x_i^T B_k(s) + \eta_{i,k}(s) + \varepsilon_{i,k}(s)$$
Coefficients
$$x_1, \dots, x_n$$

$$y_{i,k}(\bullet) \sim SP(0, \Sigma_\eta)$$
Covariance operator:
$$\sum_y (s, s') = \sum_\eta (s, s') + \sum_{\varepsilon} (s, s')$$

$$\sqrt{n} \{ \operatorname{vec}(\hat{B}(d) - B(d) - 0.5O(H^2)) : d \in D \} \xrightarrow{L} G(0, \Sigma_B(d, d'))$$

Zhu, Li, and Kong (2012). AOS



Motivation

Diffusion Tensor Tract Statistics

FA







Longitudinal Extensions

Longitudinal Data

Spatial-temporal Process

Functional Mixed Effect Models

 $t \wedge y_i(s,t_3)$ $y_i(s,t_2)$ $y_i(s,t_1)$

$$y_i(s,t) = x_i(t)^T B(s) + z_i(t)^T \xi_i(s) + \eta_i(s,t) + \varepsilon_i(s,t)$$

Objectives: Dynamic functional effects of covariates of interest on functional response.

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FMEM

Decomposition:

$$\sqrt{n} \{ \operatorname{vec}(\hat{B}(d) - B(d) - 0.5O(H^2)) : d \in D \} \xrightarrow{L} G(0, \Sigma_B(d, d'))$$

Ying et al. (2014). NeuroImage. Zhu, Chen, Yuan, and Wang (2014). Arxiv.



Real Data

Gender: Male/Female	83/54
Gestational age at birth (weeks)	38.67 ± 1.74
Age at scan 1 (days)	297.89 ± 13.90
Age at scan 2 (days)	655.34 ± 24.00
Age at scan 3 (days)	1021.70 ± 28.26
Number of Gradient directions	
dir6/dir42 at scan 1	80/24
dir6/dir42 at scan 2	59/44
dir6/dir42 at scan 3	42/49

Available scans	Ν
Neonate scan only	1
1 year scan only	2
2 year scan only	3
Neonate + 1 year scan	43
Neonate + 2 year scan	30
1 year + 2 year scan	28
Neonate + 1 year + 2 year scan	30



DTImaging parameters:

- TR/TE = 5200/73 ms
- Slice thickness = 2mm
- In-plane resolution = 2x2 mm²
- b = 1000 s/mm^2
- One reference scan b = 0 s/mm^2
- Repeated 5 times when 6 gradient directions applied.



Real Data





Real Data Analysis Results



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Prediction

 $y_{i,k}(s) =$



 $f(x_i, B_k(s) + \eta_{i,k}(s))$

Long-range Correlation

 $+\mathcal{E}_{i,k}(S)$

Small-range Correlation

Missing Big Data???

Hyun, J.W., Li, Y. M., J. H. Gilmore, Z. Lu, M. Styner, H. Zhu (2014) NeuroImage



Real Data

Table 3: rtMSPE for the surface data of the left lateral ventricle

Missingness		VWLM	GLM+fPCA	SGPP
10%	x-coordinate	1.9272	0.9810	0.0738
	y-coordinate	2.2448	1.3455	0.1067
	z-coordinate	2.1554	1.1753	0.0926
30%	x-coordinate	1.9337	1.0197	0.1156
	y-coordinate	2.2655	1.3827	0.1657
	z-coordinate	2.1906	1.2069	0.1446
50%	x-coordinate	1.9263	1.0294	0.1615
	y-coordinate	2.2012	1.3471	0.2204
	z-coordinate	2.1862	1.1830	0.1924

Prediction Accuracy is much improved



Multiscale Adaptive Regression Models

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Piecewise Smooth Data

Mathematics.





Noisy Piecewise Smooth Functions with Unknown Jumps and Edges

Image is the point or set of points in the range corresponding to a designated point in the domain of a given function.
 ▲ Ω is a compact set. x̃ ∈ Ω ⊆ R^k

 $\longrightarrow f(\tilde{x}) \in M \subseteq R^m \qquad f: \Omega \to M \subseteq R^m$





Neuroimaging Data with Discontinuity

Noisy Piecewise Smooth Function with Unknown Jumps and Edges



Covariates (e.g., age, gender, diagnostic, stimulus)

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SVCM

Decomposition:

$$y_{i}(d) = f(x_{i}, B(d) + \eta_{i}(d)) + \varepsilon_{i}(d), d \in D$$

$$\xrightarrow{\text{Piecewise Smooth}} Short-range Correlation} Short-range Correlation} Short-range Correlation} Short-range Correlation} \varepsilon_{ij}(\bullet) \sim SP(0, \Sigma_{\eta})$$

$$\varepsilon_{ij}(\bullet) \sim SP(0, \Sigma_{\eta})$$

Covariance operator:

$$\Sigma_{y}(d,d') = \Sigma_{\eta}(d,d') + \Sigma_{\varepsilon}(d,d)$$

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SVCM

Cartoon Model

$$B_k(d)$$

- **Disjoint Partition** $D = \bigcup_{l=1}^{L} D_l$ and $D_l \cap D_{l'} = \phi$
- Piecewise Smoothness: Lipschitz condition
- Smoothed Boundary
- Local Patch
- Degree of Jumps







Challenging Issues

- Smoothing coefficient images, while preserving unknown boundaries
- Different patterns in different coefficient images
- Calculating standard deviation images
- Asymptotic theory





Smoothing Methods

Propogation-Seperation Method J. Polzehl and V. Spokoiny, (2000,2005)



Reconstruction local constant PS





Reconstruction local quadratic PS



nonadaptive kernel smoothing



Maximum Overlap DWT



Features

Increasing Bandwidth



- Adaptive Weights
- Adaptive Estimates



Smoothing Methods

MARM

At each voxel d

- **Increasing Bandwidth** ٠
- **Adaptive Weights** •
- **Adaptive Estimates** •

At each voxel
$$d$$

Increasing Bandwidth
Adaptive Weights
Adaptive Estimates
 $\omega(d,d';h_s) = K_{loc}(\|d-d'\|/h_s)K_{st}(D_{\mu}(d,d';h_{s-1})/C_n)$
 $D_{\mu}(d,d';h_{s-1}) = \rho(\hat{\mu}(d;h_{s-1}),\hat{\mu}(d';h_{s-1}))$



Simulation



From up to down: initial and adaptive estimates; left to right: $\beta_1(d)$, $\beta_2(d)$, and $\beta_3(d)$.



Simulation

True Image



SVCM



Initial Estimate in SVCM



Estimate with LF and r=2



Estimate with LF and r=1



Estimate with LF and r=0





Simulation





Scalar-on-Imaging Regression



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HRM versus FRM

Data
$$\{(y_i, X_i) : i = 1, \dots, n\}$$
 $X_i = \{X_i(d) : d \in D\}$
 $y_i = \langle X_i, \theta \rangle + \varepsilon_i$

Strategy 1: Discrete Approach (High-dimension Regression Model (HRM))



Strategy 2: Functional Regression Model (FRM)

$$y_i = \theta_0 + \int_D \theta(d) X_i(d) m(d) + \varepsilon_i$$



High-dimension Regression Model

Approach 1: Regularization Methods



Key Conditions:

- Sparsity of S
- Restricted null-space property for design matrix X

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High-dimension Regression Model

 $n \times p$



n





CP decomposition

Tucker decomposition



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Simulations



Key Conditions:

- Tensor Approximation B
- Restricted space property for X and B



ADHD 200

Attention Deficit and Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) data

(http://fcon_1000.projects.nitrc.org/indi/adhd200/)

- ▶ 776 subjects: 491 normal controls and 285 combined ADHD subjects
- 442 males (average age: 11.98, sd: 3.14 years) and 287 females (average: 11.86, sd: 3.49)
- T1-weighted images were acquired and preprocessed by standard steps
- Segmentation: grey matter (GM), white matter (WM), ventricle (VN), and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF)



Figure: Panel (a) is the unpenalized estimate overlaid on a randomly selected subject; (b) is the regularized estimate; (c) is a selected slice of the regularized estimate overlaid on the template; and (d) is a 3D rendering of the regularized estimate.

Two regions of interest: left temporal lobe white matter and the splenium in the corpus callosum



Strategy 2: Functional Approach

$$y_{i} = \theta_{0} + \int_{D} \theta(d) X_{i}(d) m(d) + \varepsilon_{i}$$
$$\theta(d) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \theta_{k} \psi_{k}(d)$$
$$y_{i} = \theta_{0} + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \theta_{k} \int_{D} \psi_{k}(d) X_{i}(d) m(d) + \varepsilon_{i}$$

Basis Methods: fixed and data-driven basis functions



Key Conditions

Key Conditions: an excellent set of basis functions

- Sparsity of $\{\theta_k : k = 1, \cdots\}$
- Decay rate of spectral of C(d,d') = Cov(X(d),X(d'))

$$\theta(d) \approx \sum_{k=1}^{K} \theta_k \psi_k(d) \qquad K << n$$

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The ADNI data

Mild Cognitive Impairment subjects

Interested in predicting the timing of an MCI patient that converts to AD by integrating the imaging data, the clinical variables, and genetic covariates.



Full Model:AUC=0.96Partial Model:AUC=0.82



Limitations

Is this the right space for statistical inference?











Rabbit and Wolf Story

 $y_i = f_0(X_i) + \varepsilon_i$ $\{y_i : i = 1, \dots, n\}$

 $X_i = \{X_i(d) : d \in D\}$







$G_i = G\{\tilde{X}_i(d) : d \in D_0\}$









 $\tilde{X}_i = \{\tilde{X}_i(d) : d \in D_0\}$





Feature Space Determination



Splitting

Weighting

$$y_i = \theta_0 + \sum_k \int_{D_k} \theta(d) X_i(d) m(d) + \varepsilon_i \qquad y_i = \theta_0 + \int_D \theta(d) w(d) X_i(d) m(d) + \varepsilon_i$$



Spatially Weighted PCA





Spatially Weighted PCA

Table 1: Average Misclassification Percentage for Simulation I

	PCA			SPCA			WPCA-1	WPCA-2	SWPCA	PSWPCA
	ALL	50	100	200	400	1000	ALL	ALL	ALL	ALL
REG	.302	.126	.132	.142	.162	.205	.199	.130	.026	.025
	(.078)	(.052)	(.052)	(.055)	(.057)	(.064)	(.064)	(.056)	(.025)	(.024)
k-NN	.338	.135	.141	.152	.182	.225	.186	.156	.030	.027
	(.071)	(.049)	(.049)	(.050)	(.053)	(.071)	(.055)	(.059)	(.029)	(.025)
SVM	.327	.140	.147	.159	.183	.226	.215	.152	.033	.028
	(.078)	(.054)	(.055)	(.055)	(.059)	(.072)	(.067)	(.055)	(.029)	(.026)

Standard deviations are in parenthesis. For SPCA, the number of "top" selected voxels used in the algorithm are considered to be 50, 100, 200, 400, and 1000.

Table 2: Average Misclassification Percentage for Simulation I (Non-PCA Methods)

SPLS-REG	SPLS-kNN	SPLS-SVM	SPLS	SDA
.130	.139	.156	.128	.120
(.052)	(.056)	(.066)	(.050)	(.050)

Standard deviations are in parenthesis.



Multiscale Factor Prediction Model

Hippocampal Surfaces Data Analysis

- Hippocampal surface data consist of the vector with the length 30,000 at the baseline for each subject.
- The first 15,000 parts of the vector were from the left location and the rest parts of it were from the right location.
- We use the diagnostic covariate (Alzheimer's disease VS Normal), gender and age as demographic information.
- We also use the APOE genotype variables since relevant studies have shown that the APOE4 genotype has significant effect on the subject.



Multiscale Factor Prediction Model

Hippocampal Surfaces Data Analysis

- Our goal is to predict the behavior score of the subject at the time when it is five year after the baseline.
- We had 406 individulas, 226 individuals for training and 180 individuals for test set, respectively.
- First, we estimated the number of the nonzero gobal coordinates as 500, 700 and 1000 cases where for each case, the half of each case was selected from the left and the rest was selected from the right.
- Next, we extracted the local information from the sequence of the correlation matrices.



Multiscale Factor Prediction Model

Table: Predictions for behavior score in hippocampal surfaces data.

ID	Y_{true}	\hat{Y}_{1000}	\hat{Y}_{700}	\hat{Y}_{500}	Age	Status	Gender	AP1	AP2
270	27.33	27.934	27.746	27.559	85.2	1	1	3	4
268	13.33	14.895	14.733	15.238	82.8	1	1	3	4
318	30.67	32.029	32.237	31.742	88.2	1	1	3	3
283	20	18.348	18.631	19.043	80.1	1	1	3	3
304	24	22.873	23.128	22.894	80.1	1	0	3	4
307	17.67	16.163	16.126	16.267	76.2	1	0	3	4
312	17.33	17.484	17.532	17.42	72.3	1	0	3	4
280	20.67	22.537	20.688	20.092	72	1	0	3	4
302	17.67	17.947	17.425	17.506	80.1	1	0	2	4
345	10.33	10.132	11.517	12.233	80.7	0	1	3	4
343	3.67	4.035	3.502	3.977	73.8	0	1	3	4
337	7.33	6.809	7.012	7.758	72.6	0	1	3	4
361	9.67	10.466	10.794	10.992	85.8	0	1	3	3
344	13	14.677	14.689	14.61	70.8	0	1	3	3
364	11	11.557	11.718	11.742	70.8	0	1	3	3
401	0.67	1.12	1.175	1.082	74.1	0	1	2	3
380	7	6.866	5.476	5.961	72.9	0	0	3	4
353	8.67	8.123	7.431	7	83.7	0	0	3	_3



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