



Dimensionality reduction in Bayes spaces: Simplicial functional principal component analysis

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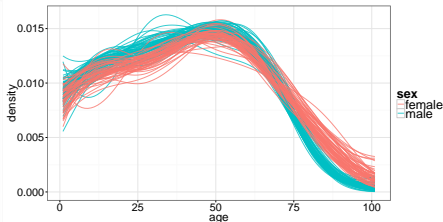
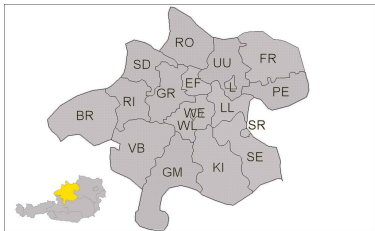
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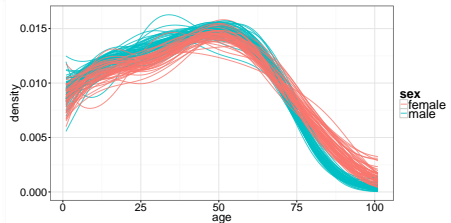
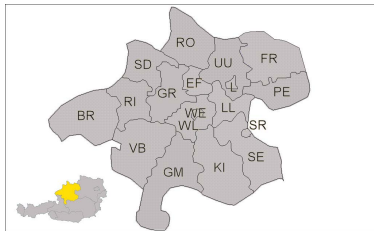
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- **Sample mean:** $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \odot \bigoplus_{i=1}^N X_i$
- It can be computed through the back-transform of the sample mean in L_0^2 of the clr-transformed data (the latter being defined point-wise)

$$\bar{X} = \text{clr}^{-1}(\bar{X}^c), \quad \bar{X}^c = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i^c$$

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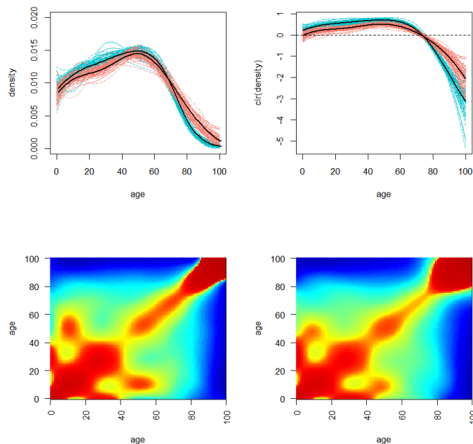
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- **Sample covariance function:**

$$v(s, t) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i^c(s) - \bar{X}^c(s))(X_i^c(t) - \bar{X}^c(t))$$

- Can be visualized as function of two variables (for smoothed clr-transformed densities)

EFDA: Population age distributions in Upper Austria



Male and female populations: Sample mean and sample covariance function

Functional principal component analysis (FPCA)

- Consider a *centred* functional random sample X_1, \dots, X_N in $L^2(I)$, i.e. from all observations $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N X_i$ is subtracted
- FPCA looks firstly for the main mode of variability, i.e., for the element ξ_1 in $L^2(I)$ – called first functional principal component (FPC)– maximizing over $\xi \in L^2(I)$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i, \xi \rangle_2^2 \text{ subject to } \|\xi\|_2 = 1.$$

- **Aim:** to capture the main modes of variability of the data by means of a small number K of linear combinations of the original variables: $X_i \approx \sum_{k=1}^K \langle X_i, \xi_k \rangle_2 \xi_k$

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→ **Outputs:** **eigenfunctions** of the covariance operator/harmonics ξ_j (interpreted in terms of the original data) and **scores** (coefficients, representing data structure of the original observations)

FPCA: computational details

- Dealing with FPCA is analogous to the multivariate PCA
- The FPCs $\{\xi_j\}_{j \geq 1}$ coincide with the **eigenfunctions** of the sample covariance operator $V : L^2(I) \rightarrow L^2(I)$, acting on $x \in L^2(I)$ as

$$Vx = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i, x \rangle_2 X_i$$

- The j -th FPC ξ_j and the associated **scores** $\Psi_{ij} = \langle X_i, \xi_j \rangle_2$, $i = 1, \dots, N$, are obtained by solving the **eigenvalue equation**

$$V\xi_j = \rho_j \xi_j;$$

ρ_j denotes the j -th eigenvalue, with $\rho_1 \geq \rho_2 \geq \dots$.

FPCA: computational details

- For each j , the term $\rho_j / \sum_j \rho_j$ is associated with the **proportion of total variability** explained by the FPC ξ_j .
- The eigenvalue equation is solved using basis expansion of each datum X_i , $i = 1, \dots, N$ using K known basis functions ϕ_1, \dots, ϕ_K :

$$X_i(\cdot) = \sum_{k=1}^K c_{ik} \phi_k(\cdot),$$

where $c_{ik} = \langle X_i, \phi_k \rangle_2$, $k = 1, \dots, K$

→ Commonly, **smoothing splines** are used for this purpose

Simplicial functional principal component analysis

→ **SFPCA**: Reformulate FPCA in terms of Bayes spaces for X_1, \dots, X_N being a (centred) sample in $\mathcal{B}^2(I)$, i.e., we performed perturbation-subtraction by $\bar{X} = \frac{1}{N} \odot \bigoplus_{i=1}^N X_i$

- Maximizing over $\zeta \in \mathcal{B}^2(I)$

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i, \zeta \rangle_B^2 \text{ subject to } \|\zeta\|_B = 1; \langle \zeta_j, \zeta_k \rangle_B = 0, k < j$$

→ We can formulate the problem and find the unique solution because $\mathcal{B}^2(I)$ is a separable Hilbert space

→ **Problem**: how to efficiently implement all of this?

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- The zero integral constraint needs to be incorporated into the basis expansion → **compositional splines**

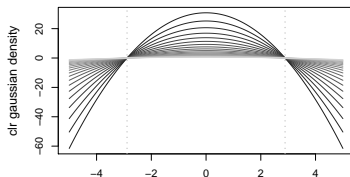
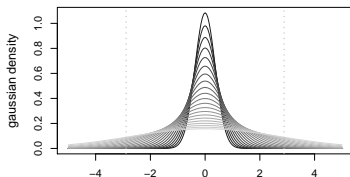
Example: Truncated normal PDFs

- Normal densities, $\mu = 0, \sigma_i = \exp(-1 + (i - 1)/10)$,
 $i = 1, \dots, 21, I = [-5, 5]$

$$f(t; \sigma_i) =_{\mathcal{B}^2} \exp \left\{ -\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_i^2} \right\}, \quad t \in I, \quad (1)$$

$=_{\mathcal{B}^2(I)}$ denotes the equivalence in the space $\mathcal{B}^2(I)$

$$f^c(t; \sigma_i) = -\frac{t^2}{2\sigma_i^2} + \frac{25}{6\sigma_i^2}, \quad t \in I.$$



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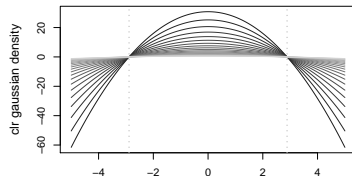
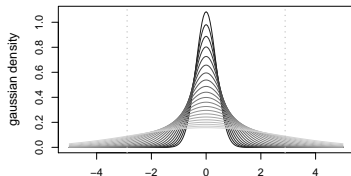
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- An extended exponential family on Ω is a **finite dimensional affine subspace** of the Bayes space $\mathcal{B}^2(I)$

Dimensionality of PDFs from the exponential family

- Most routinely used distributions belong to the exponential family
- **Example:** a Gaussian density $N(0, \sigma^2)$ *restricted on Ω* belongs to a 1-parametric extended exponential family, with $\alpha = \sigma$, $\vartheta_1(\alpha) = 1/\sigma^2$, and $T_1(t) = -t^2$



Dimensionality of PDFs from the exponential family

- A PDF in $Exp_{\mathcal{B}(I)}(g, \mathbf{T}, \vartheta)$ can be expressed as a linear combination in $\mathcal{B}^2(I)$:

$$f(t, \alpha) =_{\mathcal{B}^2(I)} g(t) \oplus \bigoplus_{j=1}^k [\vartheta_j(\alpha) \odot \exp\{T_j(t)\}], \quad t \in \Omega,$$

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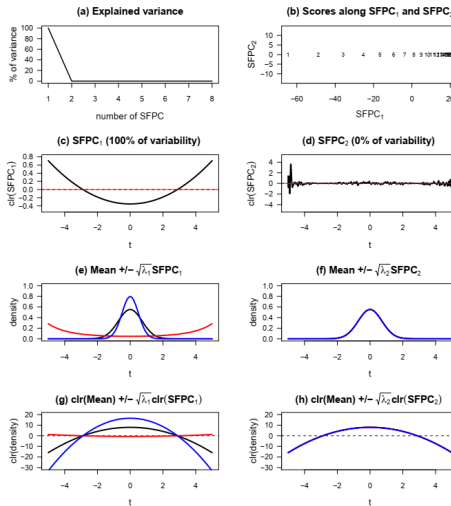
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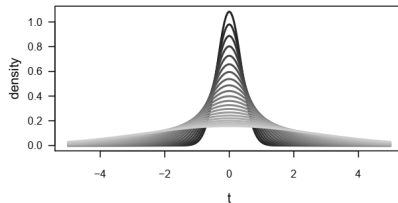
⇒ For $k_0 \leq k$ uncertain parameters, the SFPCA estimates an orthonormal basis of the corresponding k -dimensional affine space in $\mathcal{B}^2(I)$, which is associated to $k_0 \leq k$ non-zero eigenvalues

Dimensionality of PDFs: normal distribution

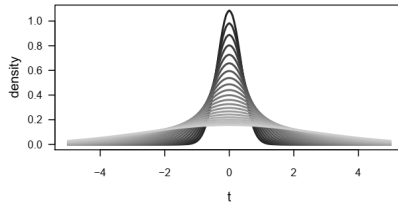


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(j) Approximated densities (via SFPC₁)

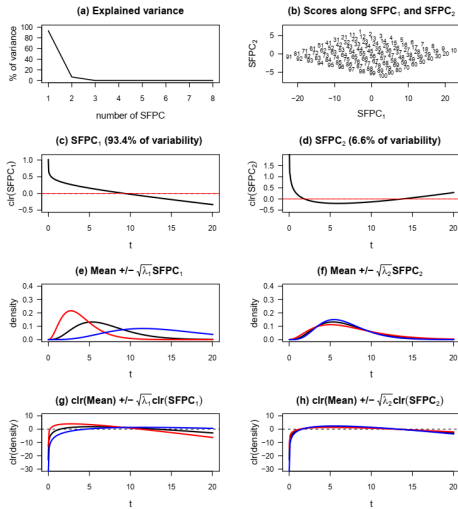


Dimensionality of PDFs: gamma distribution

Data: $n = 100$ densities with kernel Gamma $\Gamma(\theta_i, \kappa_j)$, with $\theta_i = 1/9 + (i - 1)/9$ and $\kappa_j = 2 + (j - 1)/4$ for $i, j = 1, \dots, 10$, and domain $I = [e^{-7}, e^3]$

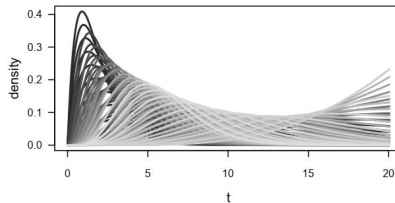
- A Gamma distribution $\Gamma(\theta, \kappa)$ on I belongs to a 2-parametric extended exponential family with $\alpha = (\theta, \kappa)$, $\vartheta_1(\alpha) = \theta$, $\vartheta_2(\alpha) = \kappa$, $T_1(t) = -t$, and $T_2(t) = \ln(t)$, for $t \in I$
- We expect now that a **sensible dimensionality reduction method** will single out the dimension $k = 2$ of these densities
- A comparison with FPCA for the original densities is performed as well

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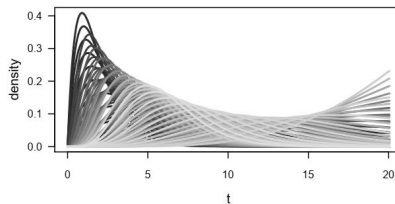


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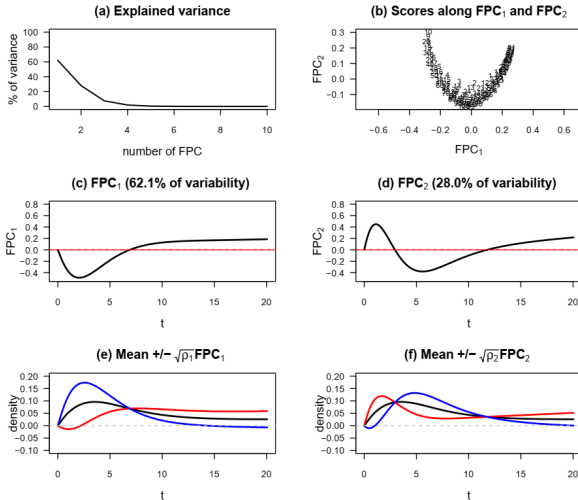
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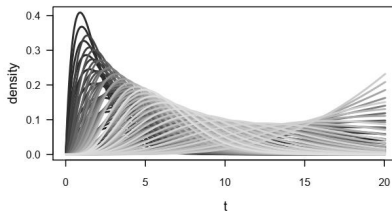


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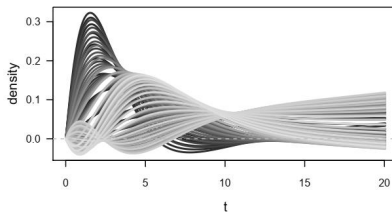


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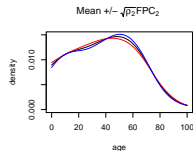
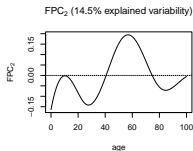
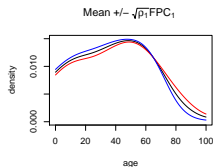
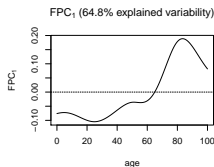
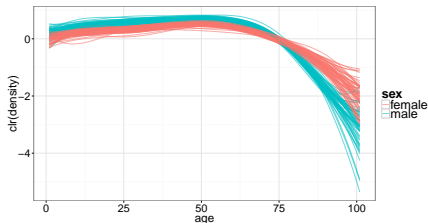
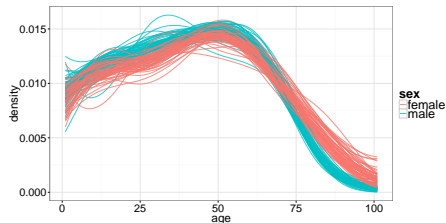
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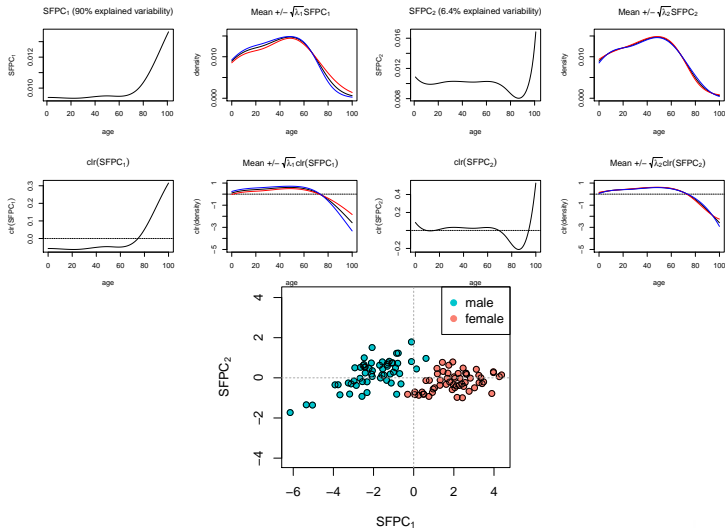
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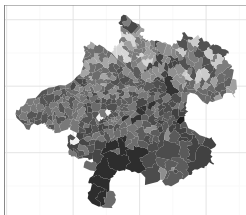
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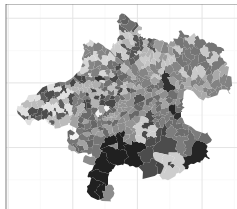


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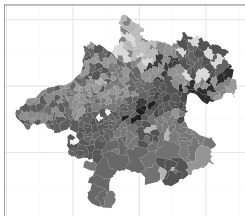
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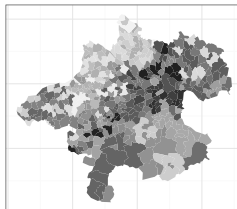
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SFPC 2
(male)

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SFPC 2
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SFPCA: R code

<https://github.com/AMenafoglio/BayesSpaces-codes>

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