Spatial(-temporal) Interpolation with R

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What do we know?

What is GIS?

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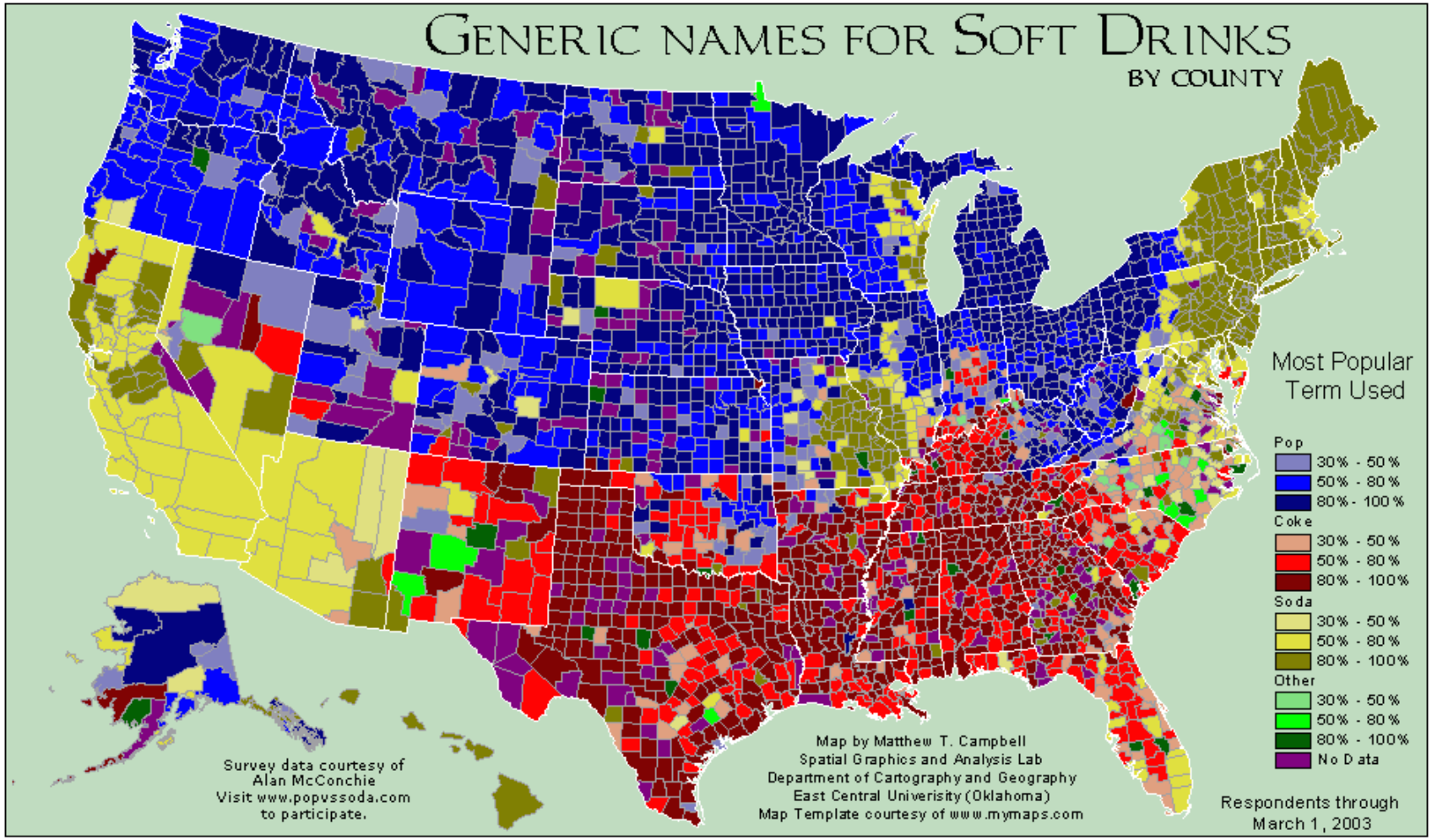
80% of data are Spatiotemporal



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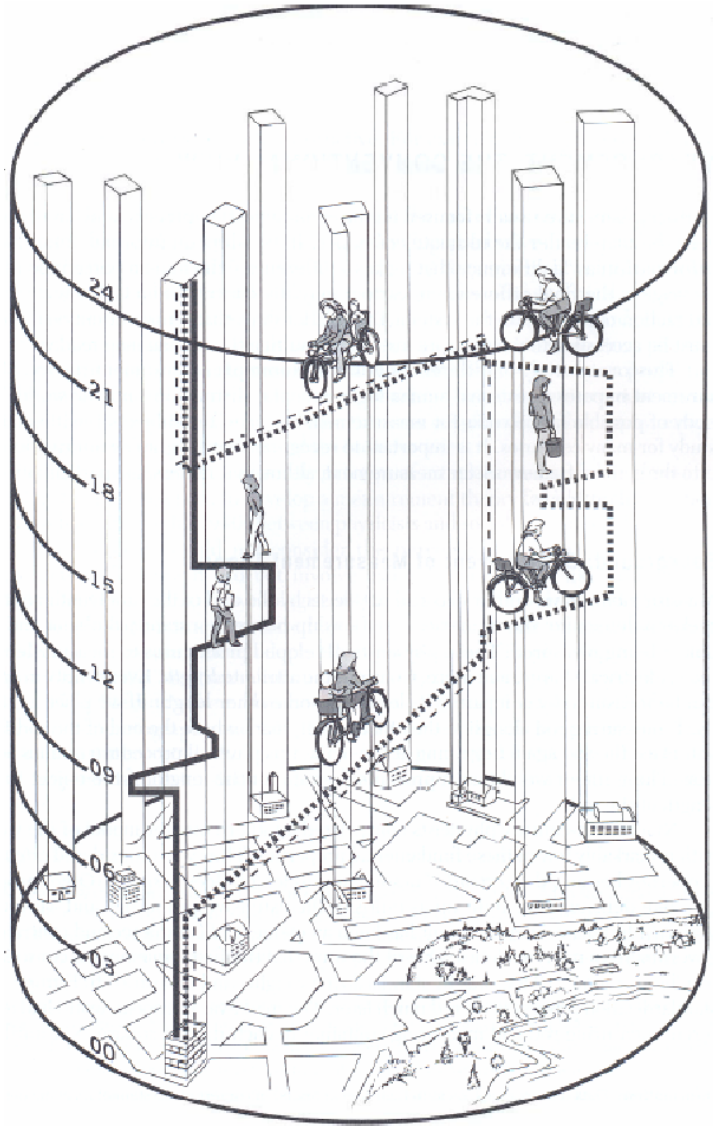

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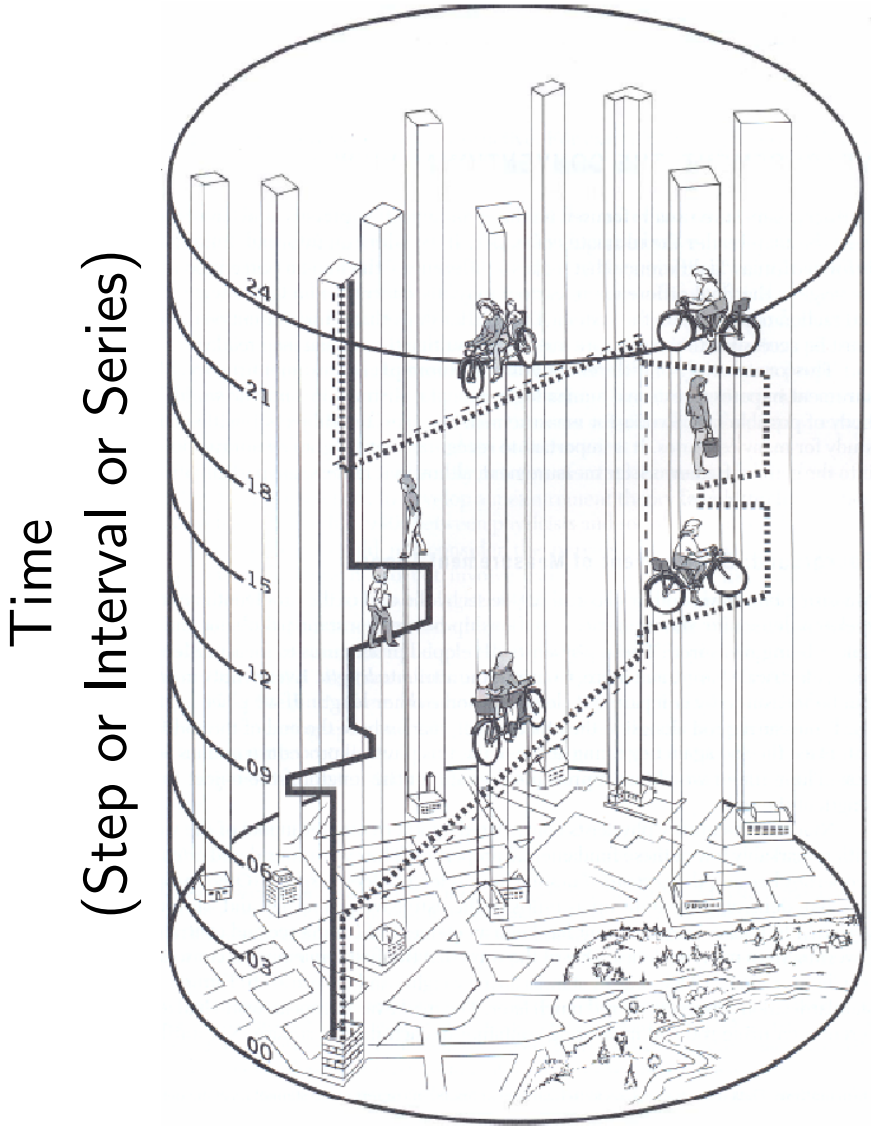

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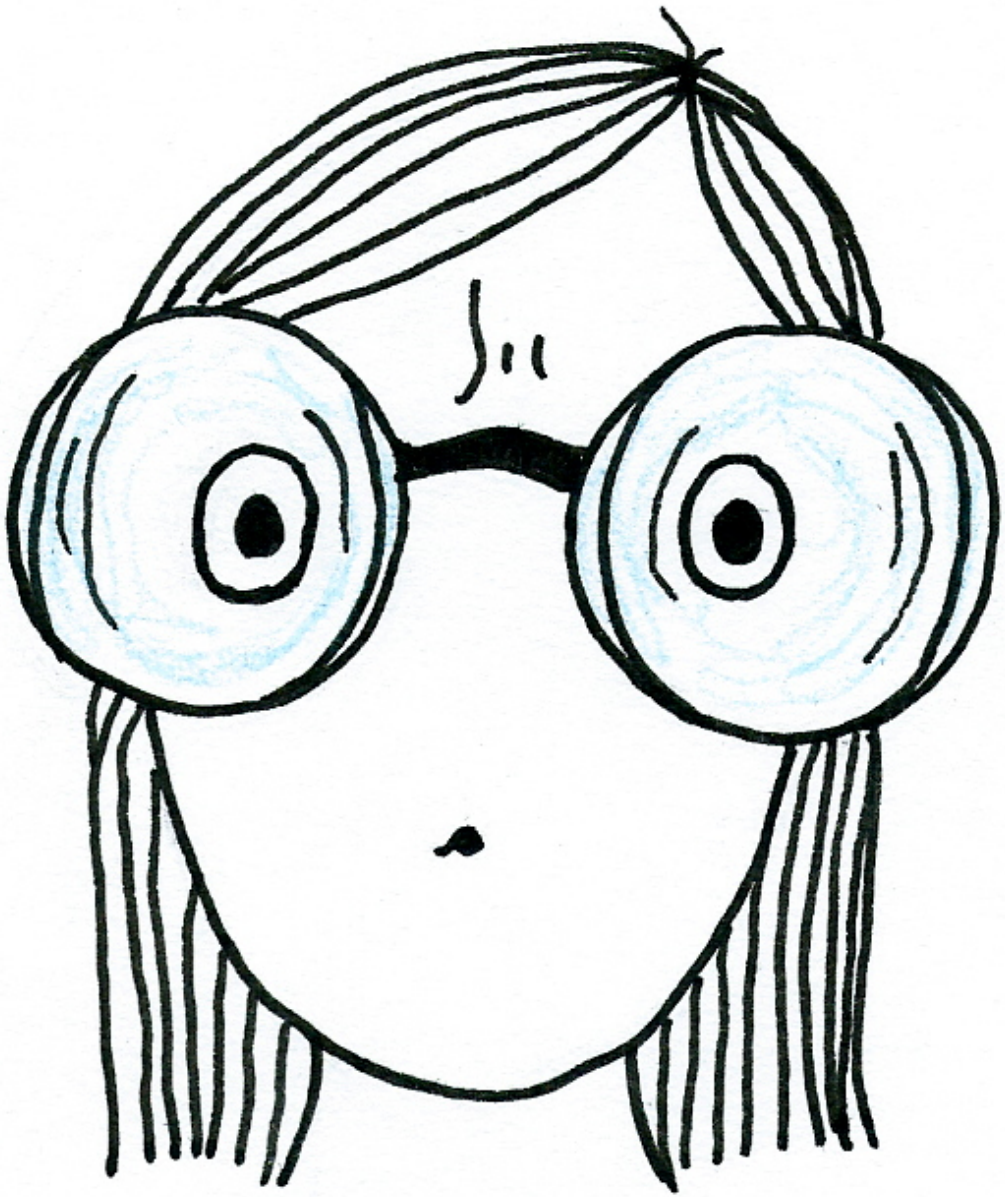

What is Spatial Statistics?

Spatial(-temporal) Statistics

Experts Thoughts

- Spatial statistics offers a way of describing the spatial continuity that is an essential feature of many natural phenomena and provides adaptations of classical regression techniques to take the advantage of this continuity
  Isaaks and Srivastava, 1989. An Introduction to Applied Geostatistics

- Spatial statistics provides a set of statistical tools for incorporating the spatial coordinates of observations in data processing
  Goovaerts, 2007. Geostatistics for Natural Resources Evaluation

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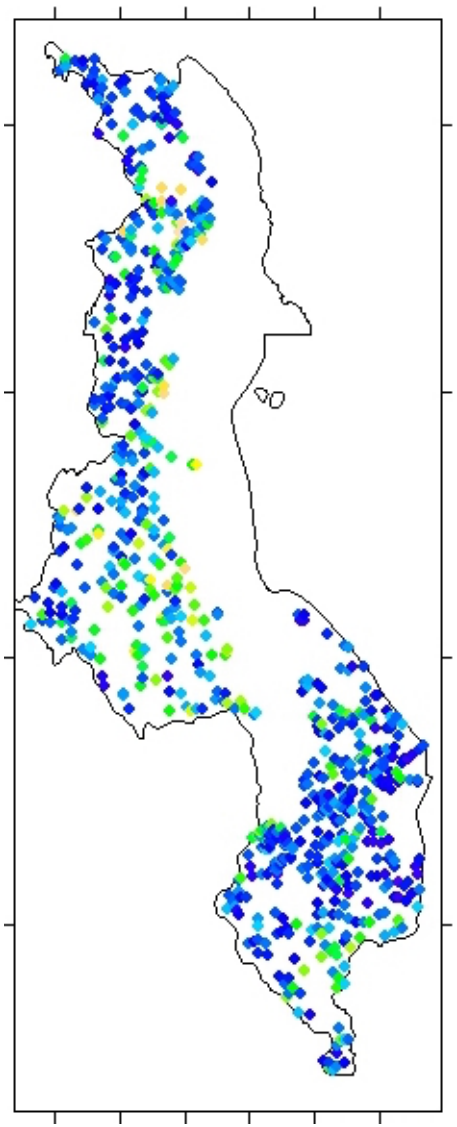

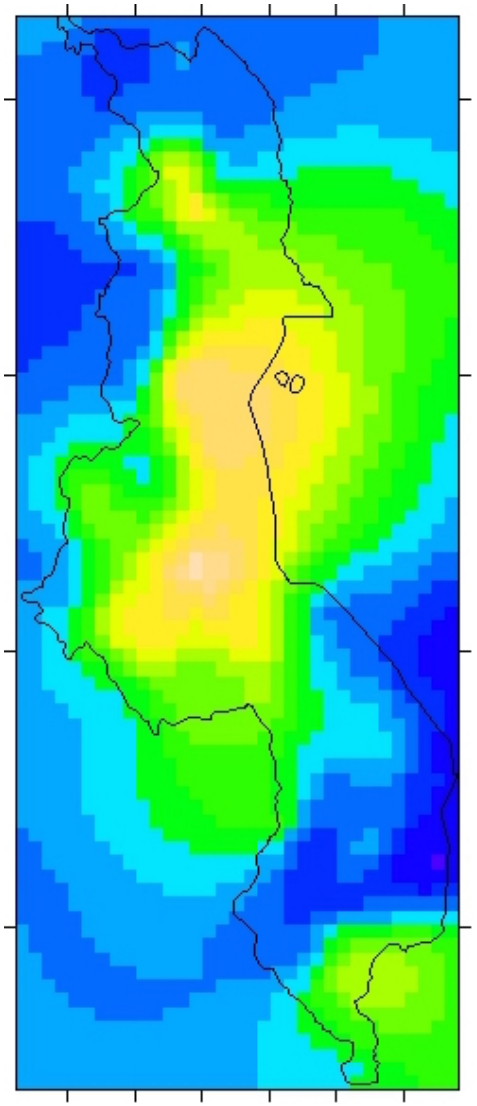

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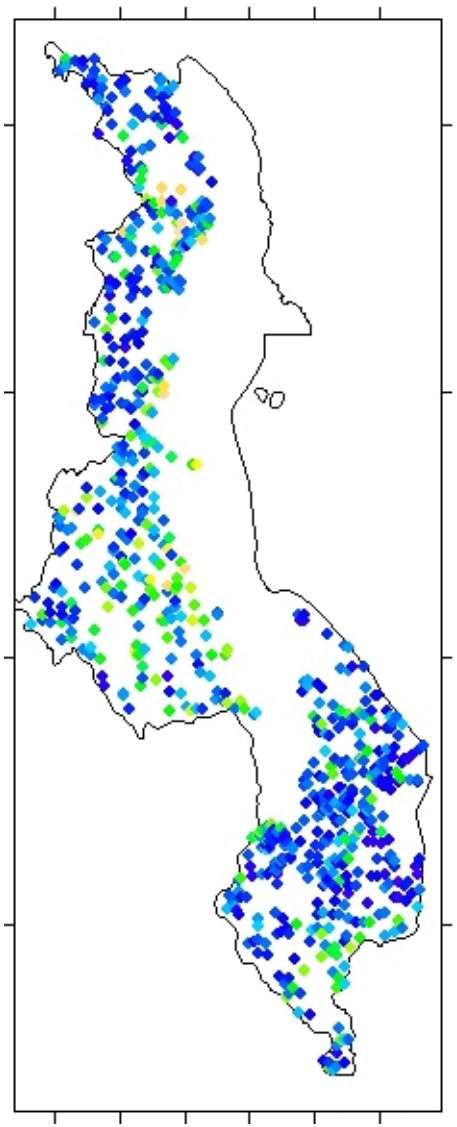

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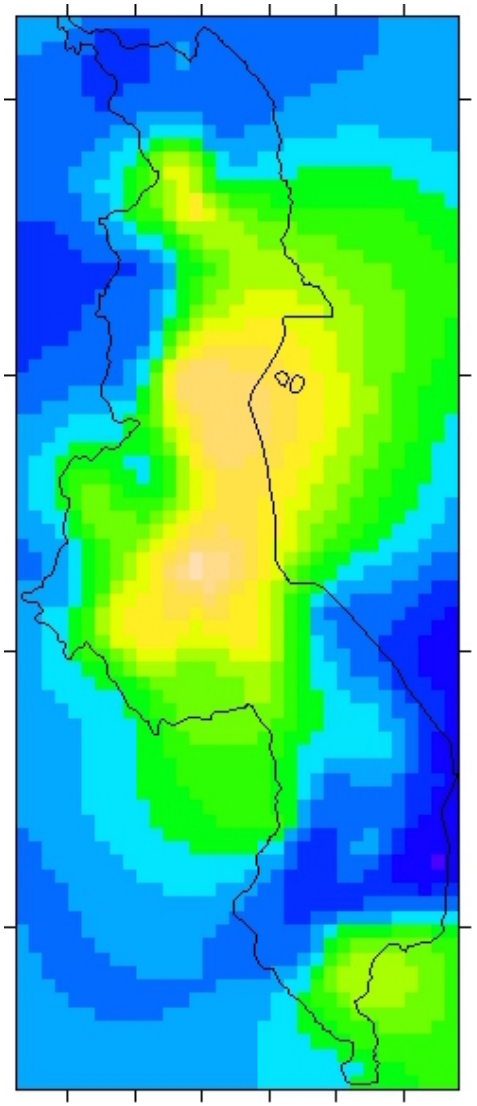

z is a random process with unique mean and variance

z(sampled locations) $\approx$ z(unsampled location)

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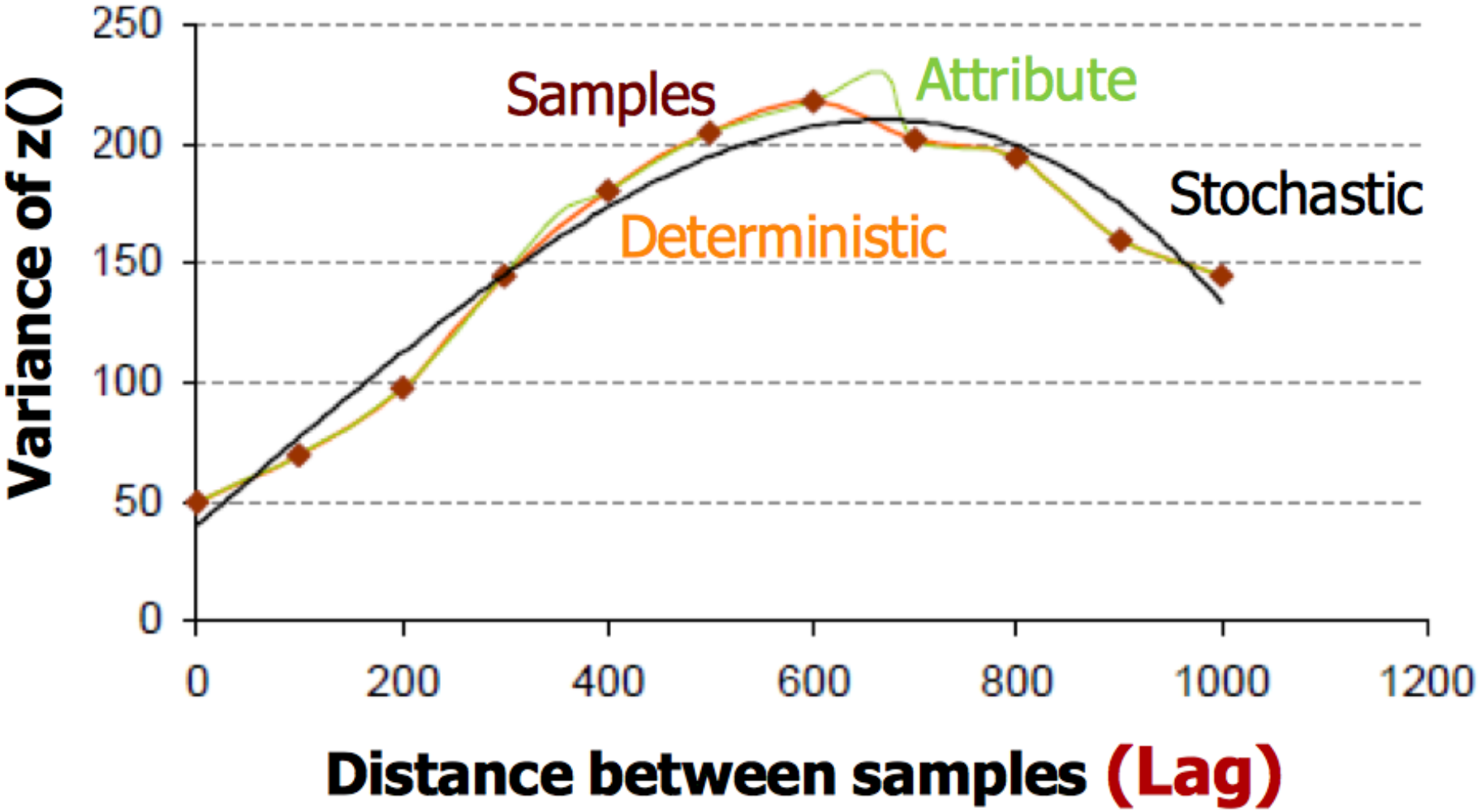
Output

- Spatial Data Model
- Computer/mathematical representation that allows one to perform estimations and/or simulations for attribute values at spatial/temporal locations not sampled

Spatial(-temporal) Variability



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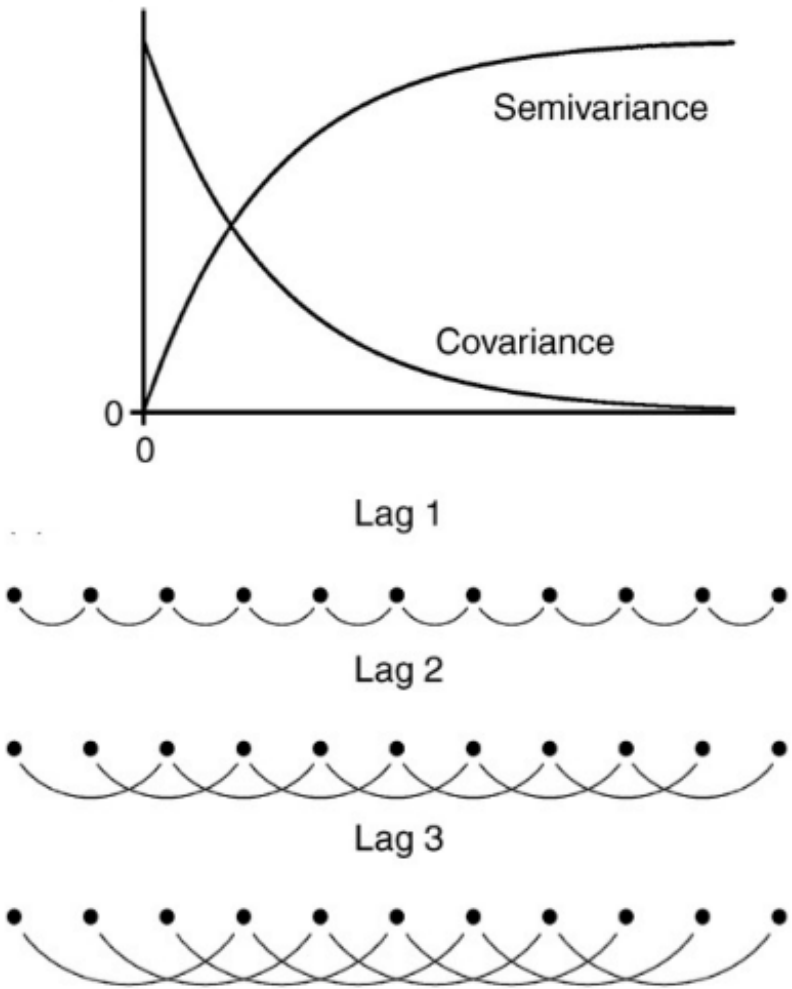
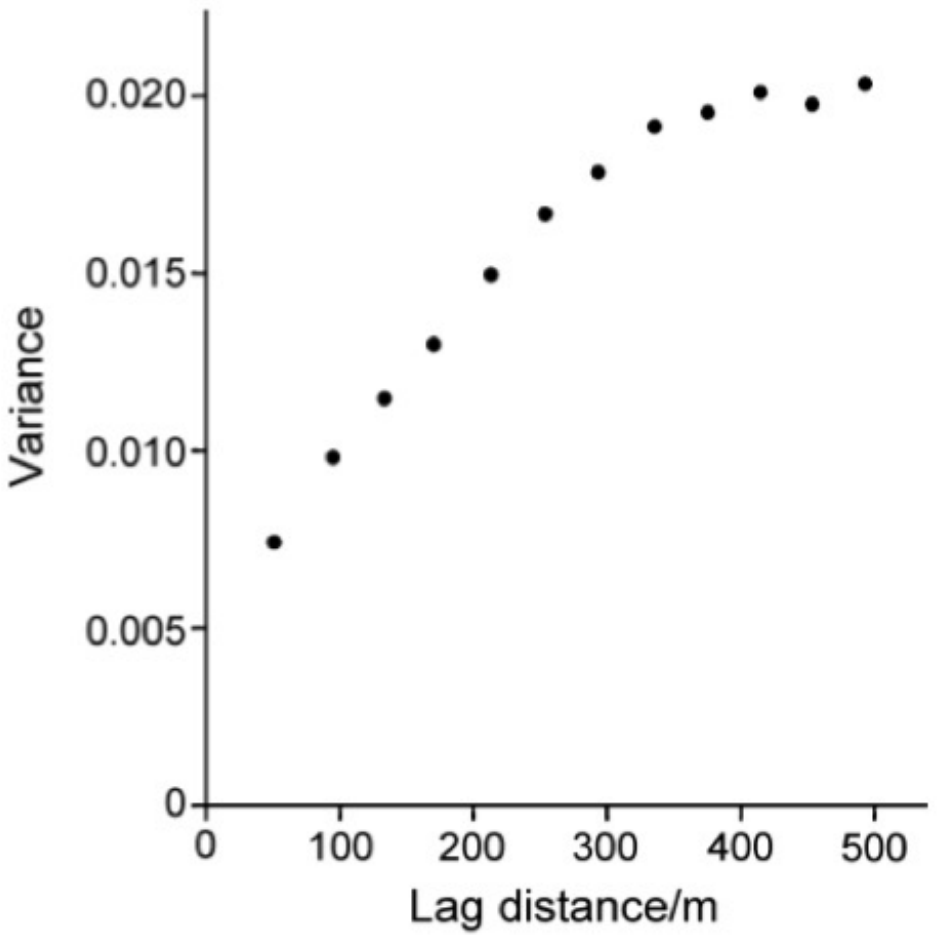
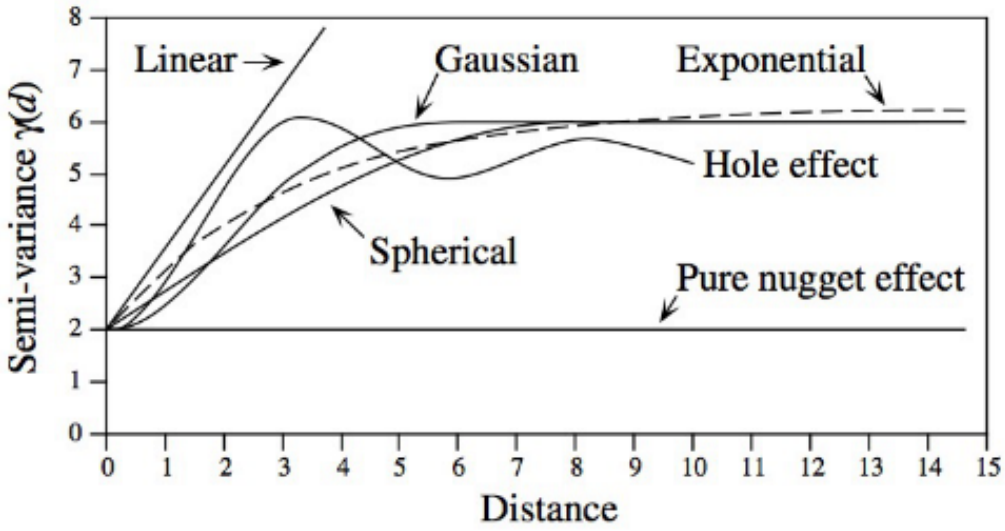
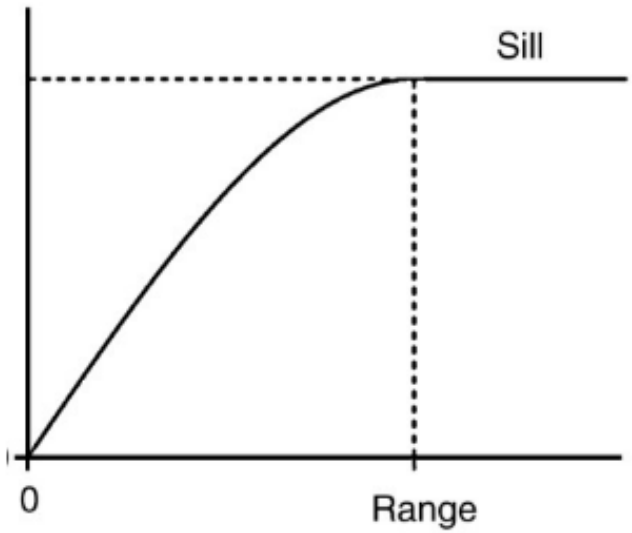
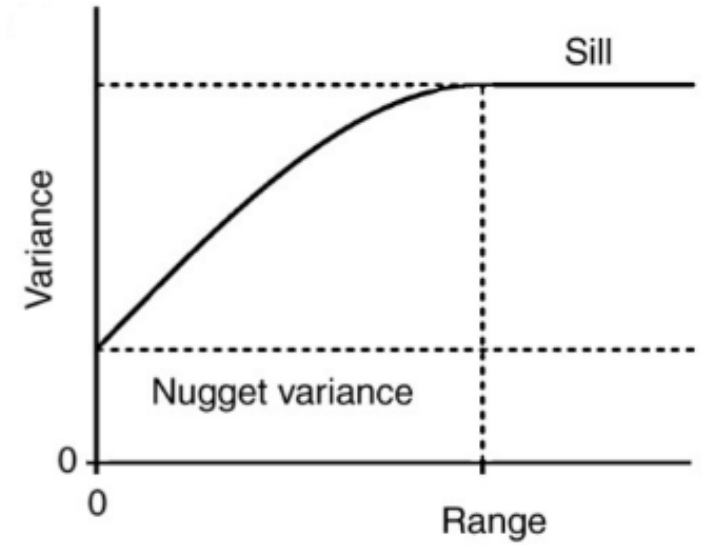


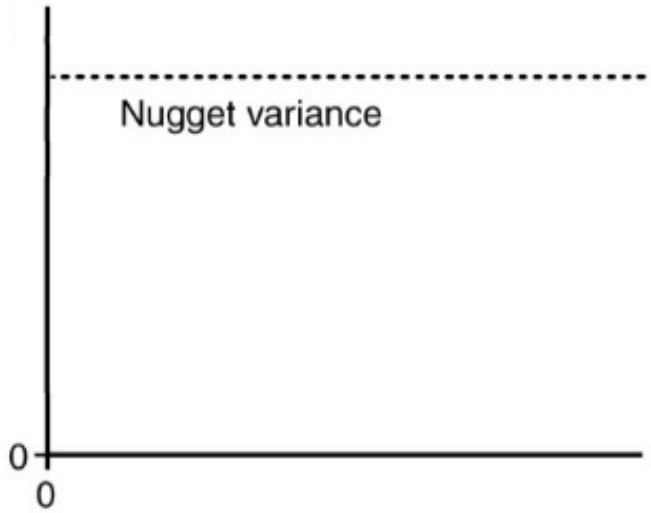


Spatial(-temporal) Variogram



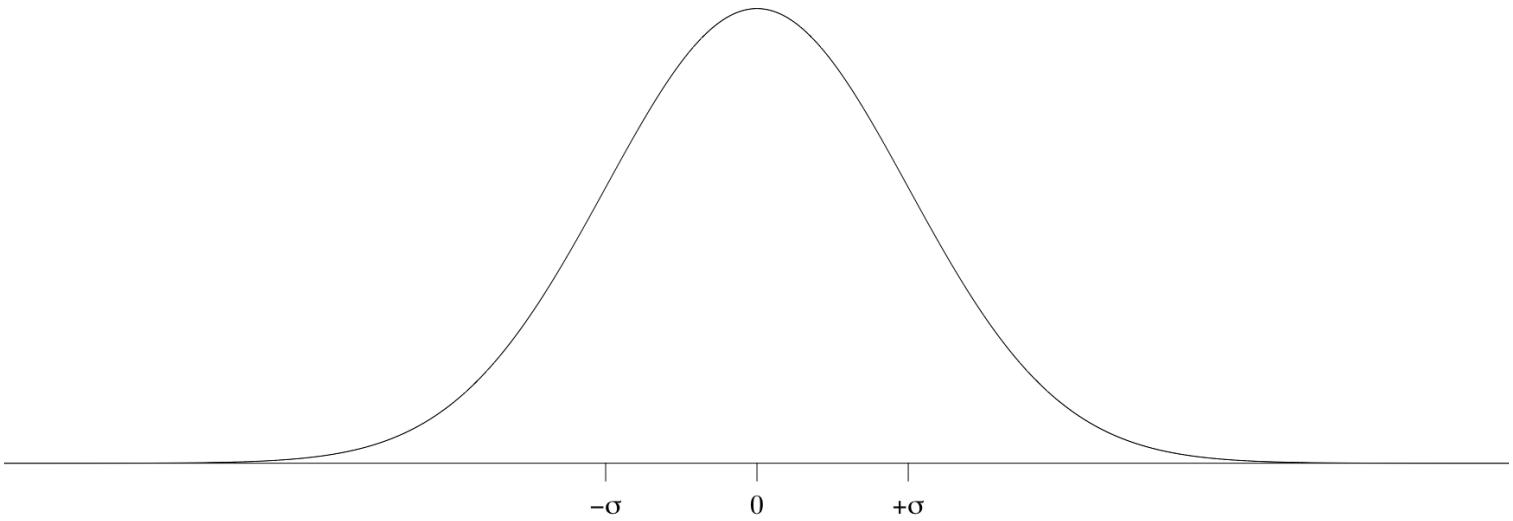






Stochastic or Geostatistical Interpolation

- A probability distribution function is associated to its probable values
- Uncertainties can be associated to its estimation
- e.g. Kriging
- Minimization of estimation variance (error)

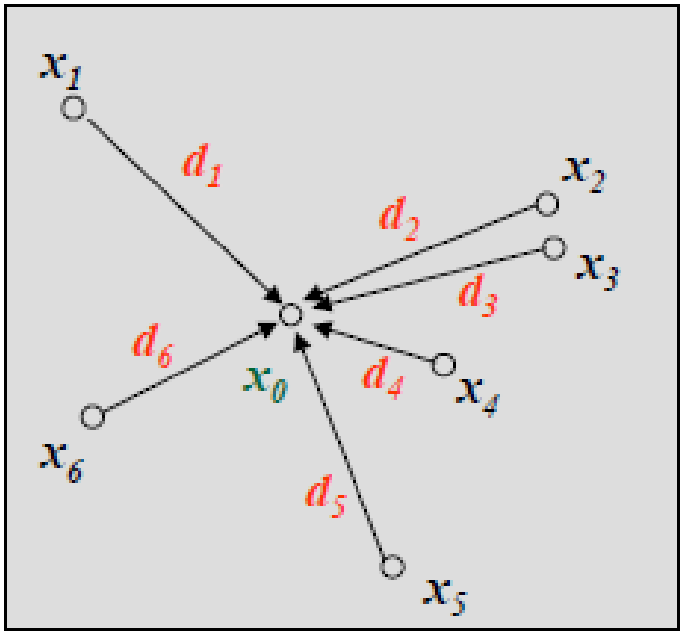


Normal Distribution

Deterministic Interpolation

- An unique value is associated to its spatial location
- No uncertainty is associated to its estimation
- e.g. Inverse Distance Weighting (IDW)

$$Z^*(x_0) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i^2} z(x_i)}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{d_i^2}}$$



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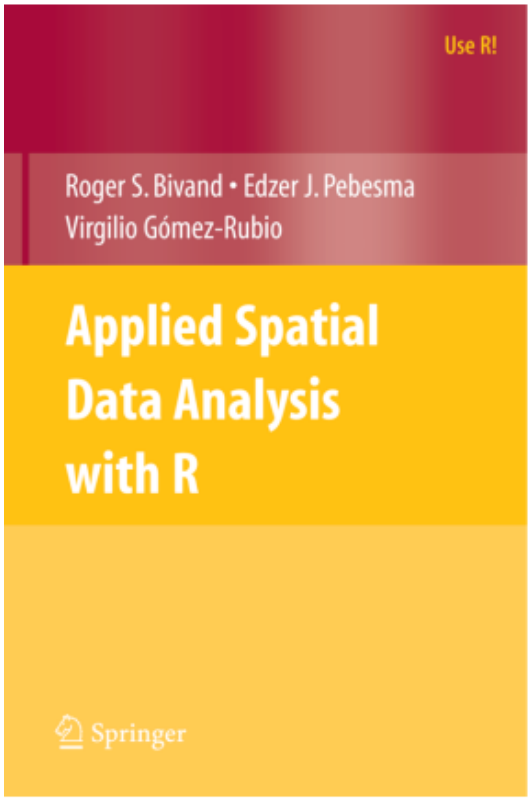

Spatio-temporal geostatistics using **gstat**

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1 Introduction

Since **gstat** package version 1.0-0, a dependency of gstat on the R package **spacetime** was introduced, allowing the code in **gstat** to exploit spatio-temporal data structures from that package. This vignette describes the possibilities and limitations of the package for spatio-temporal geostatistics.

To understand some of the possibilities and limitations, some knowledge of the history of the software is needed. The original **gstat** software (Pebesma and Wesseling, 1998) was a standalone computer *program* written in around 25,000 lines of C code, and would do geostatistical modelling, prediction and simulation. The **gstat** R package (Pebesma, 2004) consisted mostly of an R interface to this C code, together with convenience functions to use R's modelling interface (formula's, see **?lm**) and graphic capabilities (trellis graphics in package **lattice** to show cross variogram as matrix plots; interaction with variogram clouds using base plots).

Starting 2003, a group of programmers developed a set of classes and methods for dealing with spatial data in R (points, lines, polygons, grids), which was supported by the publications of the well-known ASDAR book (Bivand et al.

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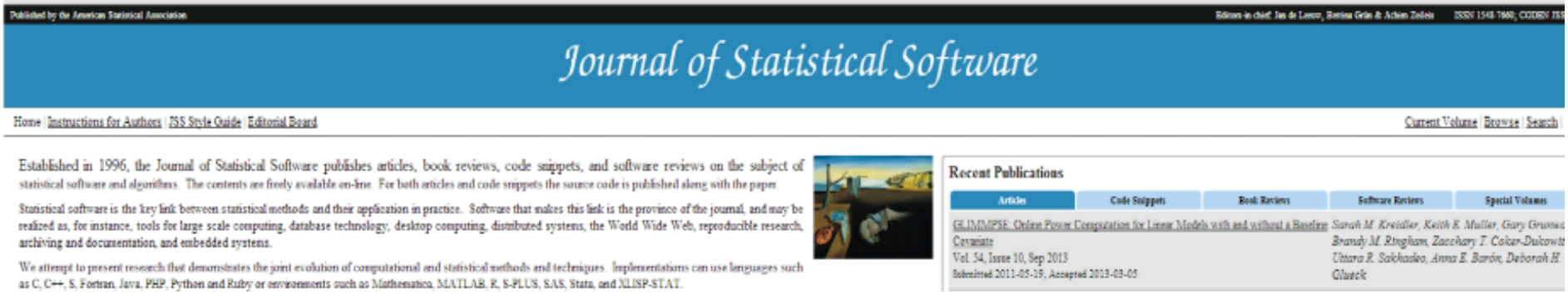

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https://github.com/AvitBhowmik/summer_academy_15

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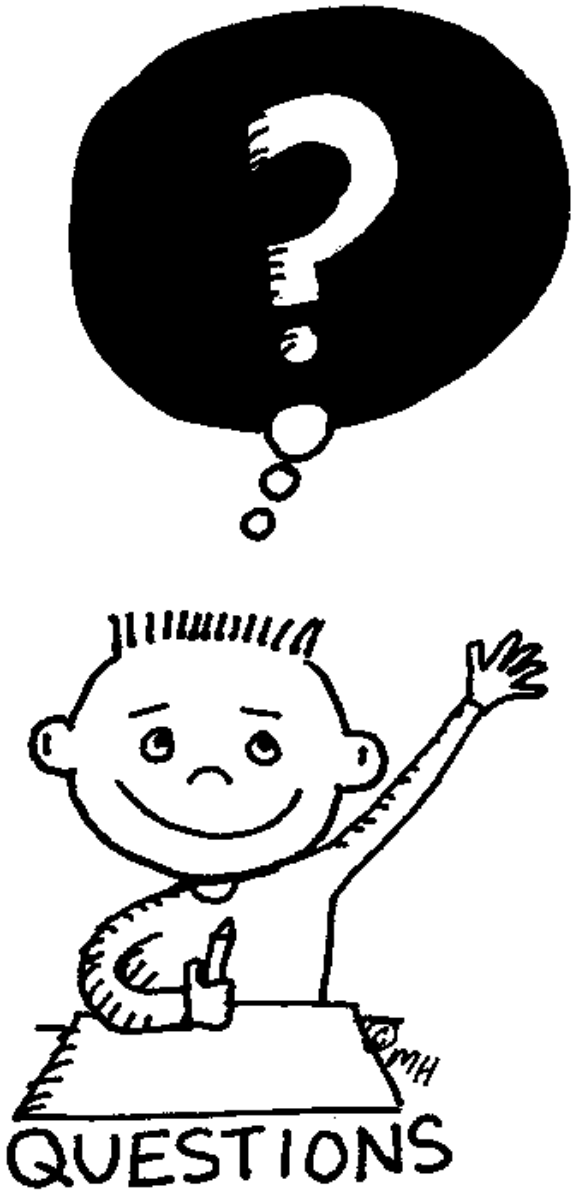
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