

# YastroML

*Statistics, Data Mining & Machine Learning in Astronomy*  
Discussion Group

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1/27/14

second meeting of #NYCastroML study group of  
[amazon.com/Statistics-Min...](https://www.amazon.com/Statistics-Minimum-Error-Modeling-Book/dp/1449917238) & AstroML is Tomorrow  
Tues 9AM, Pupin Library - Columbia @ColumbiaAstro

PRINCETON SERIES IN MODERN OBSERVATIONAL ASTRONOMY



# Statistics, Data Mining, and Machine Learning in Astronomy

*A Practical Python Guide for the Analysis of Survey Data*

Željko Ivezić, Andrew J. Connolly,  
Jacob T. VanderPlas & Alexander Gray

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April 11<sup>th</sup>

## 5. Bayesian Statistical Inference

- Intro to Bayesian Method
- Bayesian Priors
- Bayesian Parameter Uncertainty Quantification
- Bayesian Model Selection
- Nonuniform Priors: Edd, Malm, & LK Biases
- Example: Parametric Estimation
- Example: Model Selection
- Numerical Methods (MCMC)
- Frequentist vs Bayesian Comparison



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April 25<sup>th</sup>

## 7. Dimensionality and Its Reduction

- The **Curse** of Dimensionality
- Principal Component Analysis
- Nonnegative Matrix Factorization
- Manifold Learning
- Independent Component Analysis & Projection Pursuit
- ***Which technique to use?!***

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May 2<sup>nd</sup>

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- Kernel Regression
- Locally Linear Regression
- Nonlinear Regression
- Uncertainties in the Data
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- Gaussian Process Regression
- Overfitting, Underfitting, and Cross-validation
- ***Which method to choose?!***

# Machine Learning

May 9<sup>th</sup>

## 9. Classification

- Assigning Categories
- Generative Classification
- K-Nearest-Neighbor Classifier
- Discriminative Classification
- Support Vector Machines
- Decision Trees
- Evaluating Classifiers: ROC Curves
- **Which Classifier to use?!**

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May 16<sup>th</sup>

## 10. Time Series Analysis

- Main Concepts
- Modeling Toolkit
- Analysis of Periodic Time Series
- Temporally Localized Signals
- Analysis of Stochastic Processes
- **Which Method to use?!**

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## Introduction

- Group wiki: [cod.al/yams](http://cod.al/yams)
- Group repository: [github.com/YastroML](https://github.com/YastroML)