

Personal Information

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Education

Jan. 2014 – **PhD in Statistics**, *University College Dublin*, Ireland, Supervisor: Prof. Nial Friel.
Jan. 2018 *Advances in the Bayesian analysis of statistical models with intractable normalising constants*.
Oct. 2011 – **MSc in Statistics**, *Lancaster University*, UK, *GPA: 69.19/100*.
Sept. 2012 Core modules: Likelihood Inference • Generalized Linear Models • Bayesian Inference • Computationally Intensive Methods.
Optional modules: Clinical Trials • Genomics • Pharmacological Modeling • Survival and Event History Analysis • Adaptive and Bayesian Methods in Clinical Research.
Thesis title: *Blood-borne biomarkers in cancer trials: the interaction of prognostic and pharmacodynamic biomarkers*.
Oct. 2007 – **BSc in Statistics**, *Athens University of Economics and Business*, Greece, *GPA (weighted):*
Jun. 2011 *8.09/10*.
Top 10% grade point average of all graduates of the Department until the summer of 2011. Moreover, best GPA among the six out of the seventy nine of the cohort who were registered at the academic year 2007–2008 and completed the indicative program of study in the minimum period of 4 years. Modules in the fields of: Statistical Quality Control • Econometrics • Biostatistics and Epidemiology • Bayesian Analysis • Time Series Analysis • Multivariate Statistics • Computational Statistics (in total 33 courses).

Compulsory national service

Mar. 2018 – Airman at Hellenic Air Force (HAF).
Mar. 2019

Professional Experience

Mar. 2019 – **Statistician – Data Science Consultant**, *Accenture S.A. Greece*.
present Examples of projects involved in:
• **Predictive Node Failure Analytics – Major Telco company**
Performed predictive modeling to identify network nodes that are prone to fail within the next 2 days and within the next two weeks. This aimed to: (i) support operations in the prioritization of corrective actions, (ii) enhance field maintenance activities and scheduling of activities, (iii) optimize network performance via identification of common issues and (iv) increase customer satisfaction.
• **Price and Promotion Analysis – Major Brewing company**
Tested the Microsoft-certified Price and Promotion Optimization solution, which is the flagship offering in the Consumer packaged goods portfolio. Analyzed the company's sales and promotions data for Greek and French retailers in order to estimate SKU price elasticities and return on investment for relevant promotions.

- Jan. 2014 – **PhD Researcher in Statistics**, *School of Mathematics and Statistics*, University College Dublin, Ireland.
Jan. 2018
Supervisor: Prof. Nial Friel.
Industrial project: *Statistical analysis of cattle selling price at Irish livestock marts*, The Irish Farmers Journal.
- Oct. 2012 – **Medical Applied Statistician**, *Cardiovascular Epidemiology Unit, Department of Public Health and Primary Care*, University of Cambridge, UK.
Dec. 2013
My duties have included:
- The design and statistical analysis of genetic association studies for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.
 - The investigation of the association between Lp(a), Uric acid and Creatinine and cardiovascular disease in the EPIC-Heart cohort, part of the European Prospective Investigation into Cancer and Nutrition (EPIC).
 - The evaluation of the association of circulating plasma fatty acids with incidence CVD, exploring the effects of: (i) composite plasma FAs (SFA, ω 3-PUFA, ω 6-PUFA, MUFA, trans-FA); (ii) ω 3-PUFAs from different food groups (eg. Of plant or marine origin); (iii) SFAs from dairy products; (iv) Desaturase activity, within EPIC-Heart.
 - The application of SNP- based quality control (QC) methods on customized Metabochip (Metabo+) genotype data from the Copenhagen City Heart Study (CCHS) and the Copenhagen Ischemic Heart Disease Study (CIHDS).
- Jun. 2012 – **MSc Researcher**, *Paterson Institute for Cancer Research, The Christie NHS Foundation*, Manchester, UK.
Sept. 2012
Dissertation project with using Phase II oncology trials with repeated blood biomarker data in order to: Inform the generation of simulated models into a 2x2 design, based on prognostic classifier and anticipated Pharmacodynamic response to a novel anti-cancer agent. • Better inform oncologists in the design and interpretation of anti-cancer trials. Presented to the CEP group, Paterson Institute for Cancer Research, The Christie NHS Foundation Trust, Manchester (Oct. 2012).

Academic training

Academy for PhD Training in Statistics, Applied Stochastic Processes and Computer Intensive Statistics, Leeds (Aug. 2014).

Academy for PhD Training in Statistics, Statistical Modeling and Statistical Asymptotics, Warwick (Apr. 2014).

Research interests

Markov chain Monte Carlo • Computational statistics • Bayesian statistics • Intractable likelihoods • Composite likelihoods • Markov random fields • Model selection: marginal likelihood estimation • Statistical network analysis.

Teaching

Delivering practical and tutorial sessions for the following modules (BSc, Master's and early stage PhD level) at University College Dublin:

STAT10060–Statistical modeling, Spring 2014/15.

STAT20110–Probability Theory, Fall 2014/15, Fall 2015/16, Fall 2016/17.

STAT30250–Linear models 2, Spring 2014/15, Spring 2015/16, Spring 2016/17.

STAT40590–Statistical Data Mining, Spring 2016/17.

STAT40180/STAT40620–Data Programming with R, Fall 2016/17.

Awards and Scholarships

- 2019 Seal of Excellence of the European Commission for the project proposal "Bayesian inference and model selection for stochastic epidemics" (proposal number: 838594). Host institution: Athens University of Economics and Business (Greece). Call: Horizon 2020's Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions 2018 (H2020-MSCA-IF-2018). Evaluation: the project proposal was scored as a high-quality project proposal in a highly competitive evaluation process.
- 2016 Best poster presentation at CASI 2016: 36th Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland, Limerick (May 2016).
- 2014 Insight Centre for Data Analytics Doctoral training Studentship.
- 2010 Awarded with honorary scholarship from The State Scholarships Foundation of Greece for the academic year 2009-2010.
- 2009 Awarded with honorary scholarship from The State Scholarships Foundation of Greece for the academic year 2008-2009.

Computer skills

- 2008 European Computer Driving License Syllabus Version: 4.0 (Nov. 2008)

Basic C++, Apache Hive, Apache Spark, SAS, Linux

Intermediate STATA, SPSS, Minitab

Advanced R, MS Office, Git and version control, L^AT_EX, OpenOffice, Microsoft Windows

Certifications and Professional Development

- 2013 Computing for Data Analysis - Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Sept-Oct 2013.
- 2013 Equality & Diversity Essentials, Cambridge University, Sept. 2013.

Professional Activities

- 2016 Member of the steering committee of the 39th *Research Students' Conference in Probability and Statistics*, Dublin, Ireland (June 2016).
- 2015 Chair of the "Exponential Random Graphs" session, *XXXV Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis*, Brighton, UK (Jun. 2015).

Languages

Greek **Native speaker**

English **Full professional proficiency** *IELTS: Overall band score of 7.5 (2011); Certificate of Proficiency in English, ESOL, from Cambridge University (2005).*

Publications

- [7] Bouranis, D., Gasparatos, D., Zechmann, B., Bouranis, L. and Chorianopoulou S. (2018). The effect of granular commercial fertilizers containing elemental sulfur on wheat yield under Mediterranean conditions, *Plants*, 8(1):2. DOI: 10.3390/plants8010002
- [6] Bouranis, L., Friel, N., and Maire, F. (2018). Model comparison for Gibbs random fields using noisy reversible jump Markov chain Monte Carlo. *Computational Statistics and Data Analysis*, 128:221-241. DOI: 10.1016/j.csda.2018.07.005
- [5] Bouranis, L., Friel, N., and Maire, F. (2018). Bayesian model selection for exponential random graph models via adjusted pseudolikelihoods. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 27(3):516-528. DOI: 10.1080/10618600.2018.1448832

- [4] Bouranis, L., Friel, N., and Maire, F. (2017). Efficient Bayesian inference for exponential random graph models by correcting the pseudo-posterior distribution. *Social Networks*, 50:98-108. DOI: 10.1016/j.socnet.2017.03.013
- [3] Bouranis D., Chorianopoulou S., Bouranis L. (2014). Modelling the trends of nutrient concentration dynamics in S-deprived young maize plants. *Journal of Plant Nutrition*, 37(13):2128-2143. DOI: 10.1080/01904167.2014.920372
- [2] Bouranis D., Chorianopoulou S., Bouranis L. (2014). A power function based approach for the assessment of the sulfate deprivation impact on nutrient allocation in young maize plants. *Journal of Plant Nutrition*, 37(5):704-722. DOI: 10.1080/01904167.2013.873455
- [1] Bouranis L., Sperrin M., Greystoke A., Dive C., Renehan AG. (2013). The interaction between prognostic and pharmacodynamic biomarkers. *Br J Cancer*, 109(7):1782-1785. DOI: 10.1038/bjc.2013.527

Scientific oral communications

Talks

- [9] Greek Stochastics κ' Meeting, Athens, Greece (Dec 2018).
- [8] Statistics Seminars, Athens University of Economics and Business, Greece (Nov 2018).
- [7] Seminar series, the Mitchell Centre for social network analysis, University of Manchester, UK (Feb 2018).
- [6] Social Simulation Conference, Dublin, Ireland (Sept 2017).
- [5] Greek Stochastics ι' Meeting, Milos, Greece (Jul 2017).
- [4] Working Group on Statistical Learning, University College Dublin, Dublin (Apr. 2017).
- [3] Working Group on Statistical Learning, University College Dublin, Dublin (Oct. 2015).
- [2] Exponential Random Graphs session, XXXV Sunbelt Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis, Brighton, UK (Jun. 2015).
- [1] Working Group on Statistical Learning, University College Dublin, Dublin (Feb. 2015).

Poster presentations

- [5] CASI 2017: 37th Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland, Dublin (May 2017).
- [4] CASI 2016: 36th Conference on Applied Statistics in Ireland, Limerick (May 2016).
- [3] CRISM Workshop: Estimating Constants, Warwick, UK (Apr. 2016).
- [2] Greek Stochastics ζ' Meeting, Athens, Greece (Dec 2014).
- [1] Insight Student Conference, Dublin, Ireland (Sept. 2014).

Software

2019 **Bergm**, R package version 5.0.1. A. Caimo [aut, cre], L. Bouranis [aut], R. Krause [aut] N. Friel [ctb]. Available on CRAN: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=Bergm>

Reviewing activity

PLOS ONE

Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics

Memberships

American Statistical Association

Irish Statistical Association

Royal Statistical Society

References

References are available upon request.