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CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral researcher in Statistics (From Dec 2021)
Department of Economics, Management and Statistics (DEMS)
University of Milano Bicocca
Supervisor: Prof. Bernardo Nipoti

EDUCATION

PhD in Statistics

Oct 2018 – Nov 2021; defense on May 4, 2022
Department of Statistical Science, University of Padova
◦ Thesis: “Bayesian modeling of calcium imaging data”
◦ Supervisor: Prof. Antonio Canale
◦ Co-supervisor: Prof. Michele Guindani

Master's Degree in Statistics

Oct 2015 – Nov 2017
Department of Statistical Science, University of Padova
◦ Thesis: “Bayesian nonparametric models: applications in insurance”
◦ Supervisor: Prof. Antonio Canale
◦ Final mark: 110/110 *cum laude*

Bachelor's Degree in Statistics, Economics and Finance

Oct 2012 – Sep 2015
Department of Statistical Science, University of Padova
◦ Thesis: “Covariate-specific area under the ROC curve”
◦ Supervisor: Prof. Gianfranco Adimari
◦ Final mark: 110/110 *cum laude*

VISITING PERIODS

Department of Statistics, University of California, Irvine.
Irvine, CA; USA.
Jan 2020 – Nov 2020
Supervisor: Prof. Michele Guindani

AWARDS

- ISBA Poster Award, ISBA 2022
- Junior travel award, ISBA 2022
- Best Student/Postdoc Contributed Paper Award, ISBA 2021

WORK EXPERIENCE

Data analyst at BIP, Milan (Jan 2018 – Sep 2018).

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Bayesian modeling
- Model-based clustering
- Computational statistics

PUBLICATIONS

In reverse chronological order:

- D'Angelo L. and Canale A. (2023) Efficient posterior sampling for Bayesian Poisson regression. *Journal of Computational and Graphical Statistics*, 32(3), 917–926. DOI: 10.1080/10618600.2022.2123337.
- D'Angelo L., Canale A., Yu Z. and Guindani M. (2023) Bayesian nonparametric analysis for the detection of spikes in noisy calcium imaging data. *Biometrics*, 79(2), 1370–1382. DOI: 10.1111/biom.13626.
- D'Angelo L. (2023) A comparison of computational approaches for posterior inference in Bayesian Poisson regression, in *Book of Short Papers SIS 2023*, 903–907. (Draft version available at <https://sis2023.dises.univpm.it/>).
- D'Angelo L. and Denti F. (2023) Bayesian analysis of Amazon's best-selling books via finite nested mixture models, in *Book of Short Papers SIS 2023*, 1117–1120. (Draft version available at <https://sis2023.dises.univpm.it/>).
- D'Angelo L. (2022) Bayesian nonparametric clustering of spatially-referenced spike train data, in *Book of Short Papers SIS 2022*, 514–519.
- Denti F., D'Angelo L. and Guindani M. (2022) Bayesian approaches for capturing the heterogeneity of neuroimaging experiments, in *Book of Short Papers SIS 2022*, 17–29.
- D'Angelo L. and Canale A. (2021) Contributed Discussion on: “Centered Partition Processes: Informative Priors for Clustering”, in *Bayesian Analysis*, 16(1), 356–358.
- D'Angelo L., Canale A., Yu Z. and Guindani M. (2021) Detection of neural activity in calcium imaging data via Bayesian mixture models, in *Book of Short Papers SIS 2021*, 745–750.
- D'Angelo L. (2019) Model based clustering in group life insurance via Bayesian nonparametric mixtures, in *Book of Short Papers SIS 2019*, 781–786.

SOFTWARE

- D'Angelo L. and Denti F. (2023) “SANple: Fitting Shared Atoms Nested Models via Markov Chains Monte Carlo”, *R package*, URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=SANple>
- Denti F. and D'Angelo L. (2023) “SANvi: Fitting Shared Atoms Nested Models via Variational Bayes”, *R package*, URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=SANvi>
- D'Angelo L. (2021) “bpr: Fitting Bayesian Poisson Regression”, *R package*, URL: <https://CRAN.R-project.org/package=bpr>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Invited talk: “A Bayesian hierarchical mixture model for clustering Spotify's songs and artists”; *StaTalk 2023*, Roma, Italy; September 15, 2023.
- Contributed talk: “A comparison of computational approaches for posterior inference in Bayesian Poisson regression”; *SIS 2023*, Ancona, Italy; June 21 – 23, 2023.
- Invited talk: “Bayesian nonparametric clustering of spatially-referenced spike train data”; *SIS 2022*, Caserta, Italy; June 22 – 24, 2022.
- Discussant at the solicited session “Bayesian inference for complex random structures”; *SIS 2022*, Caserta, Italy; June 22 – 24, 2022.

- Contributed talk: “Bayesian nonparametric analysis for the detection of spikes in noisy calcium imaging data”; *JSM 2021*; August 8 – 12, 2021.
- Contributed talk: “Bayesian nonparametric analysis for the detection of spikes in noisy calcium imaging data”; *ISBA 2021*, June 23 – July 2; 2021.
Pre-recorded video available at youtu.be/SLLSJVuFnMs.
- Contributed talk: “Detection of neural activity in calcium imaging data via Bayesian mixture models”; *SIS 2021*, Pisa, Italy; June 21 – 25, 2021.
- Talk: “Efficient posterior sampling for Bayesian Poisson regression”; Junior session at the *Bayesian Nonparametrics for Complex Data, Concluding workshop*, University of Padova; January 24, 2020.
- Contributed talk: “Model based clustering in group life insurance via Bayesian non-parametric mixtures”; *SIS 2019*, Milan, Italy; June 12 – 14, 2019.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- “Clustering activation patterns of spatially-referenced neurons”; *Statistical methods and models for complex data*, Padova, Italy; September 21 – 23, 2022.
- “Clustering activation patterns of spatially-referenced neurons”; *ISBA 2022*, Montreal, Canada; June 27 – July 1, 2022.

SEMINARS

- “Modeling grouped data via finite nested mixture models: an application to calcium imaging data”; seminar at Dipartimento di Statistica, Informatica, Applicazioni “Giuseppe Parenti”, Università degli Studi di Firenze, Firenze, Italy; June 8, 2023.
- Two seminars during the MSc course “Temi e metodi di popolazione e società” (Dott. P. Belloni): “Introduzione ai modelli mistura Bayesiani” (Introduction to Bayesian mixture models) and “Modelli mistura gerarchici per il clustering di contenuti musicali” (Nested mixture models for clustering Spotify’s songs and artists); Department of Statistics, University of Padova, Padova, Italy; May 8–9, 2023.
- “Analysis of calcium imaging data via finite nested mixture models”; seminar at the Department of Economics, University of Bergamo; April 4, 2023.
- “Analysis of calcium imaging data via nested mixture models”; seminar during the MSc course of Bayesian Statistics, Department of Mathematics, Politecnico di Milano; October 28, 2022.
- “Clustering activation patterns of spatially-referenced neurons”; virtual seminar at the Department of Statistics, ITAM, Mexico; September 2, 2022.
- Presentation of the topic and data description at the Data Research Camp, San Servolo Island, Venice, Italy; July 12, 2022.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Classes on the use of Latex for scientific writing and bibliography management (1 CFU). April 2021, University of Padova.
- Tutor: lectures and exercises for the courses of Statistics (Advanced) and Mathematical Analysis 1. October 2016 – June 2017, University of Padova.

WORKSHOPS

- Bayesian Nonparametrics for Complex Data, Concluding workshop. January 24, 2020; Department of Statistical Sciences, University of Padova, Padova, Italy.
- Data Research Camp, San Servolo Island, Venice, Italy. July 2 – 5, 2019. 3-day meeting where groups of young scholars, advised by a senior researcher, were asked to develop innovative methods and models to analyze a common dataset.

SERVICE

Memberships

- International Society for Bayesian Analysis
- Società Italiana di Statistica

Reviewer for:

Biostatistics; Computational Statistics and Data Analysis; Journal of the Royal Statistical Society: Series C; Statistical Science; Statistics in Medicine.

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Languages: R, Rcpp (good); C/C++, Python (basic).
- Other: Latex (good); GitHub (basic); HTML, CSS (basic).

LANGUAGES

Italian (native); English (good).

DATA HACKATHONS

- June 27 – 28, 2017: First prize winner at Stats Under the Stars³, Florence.