

Analysis of brain data using graph theory techniques

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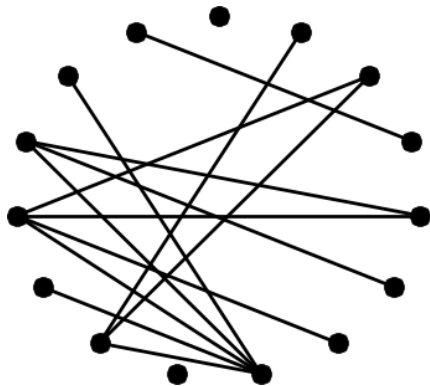
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What is a graph?

“A *graph* G is an ordered pair of disjoint sets (V, E) such that E is a subset of the set $V^{(2)}$ of unordered pairs of V ” [1].

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In other words:



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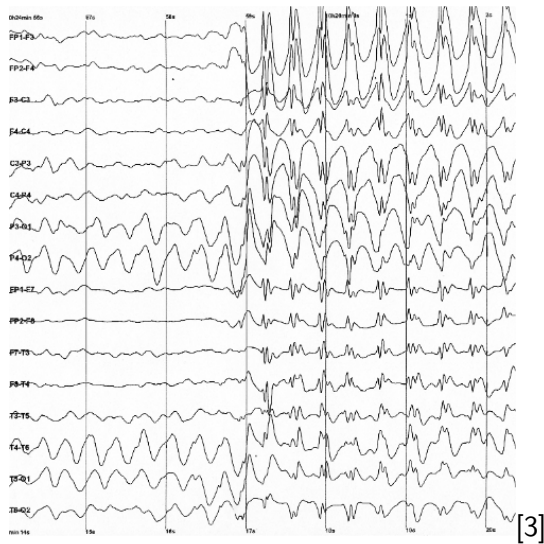
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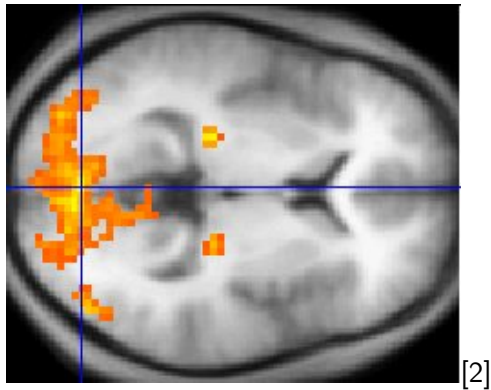
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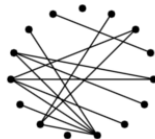
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- ▶ Synchronization Likelihood ([5])
- ▶ Wavelet techniques
- ▶ Multivariate techniques

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Questions

- ▶ Can we find small-world/scale-free (or other) characteristics in graphs generated from brain data?
- ▶ Do particular correlation techniques tend to generate graphs with specific characteristics?
- ▶ Can graph theory techniques be used in the diagnosis of neurological disorders?

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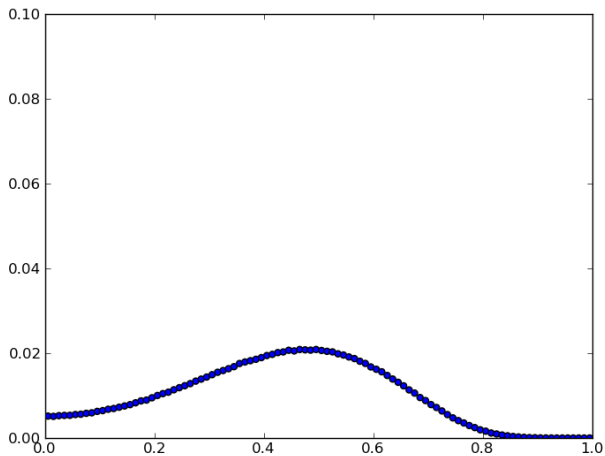
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Correlation on randomly generated data

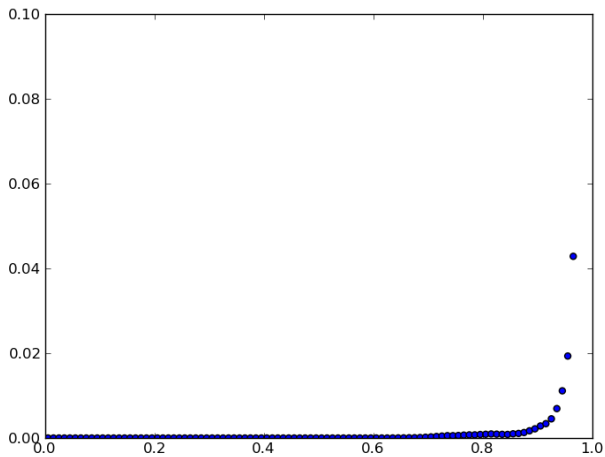
100 sets of 200 time series, each with 20 samples, were randomly generated via Cholesky factorisation, to have a desired correlation in the range $[0.4, 0.6]$.

Three correlation techniques (pearson, coherence, functional distance) were applied to the data sets, and the probability distributions of the generated correlation values were plotted.

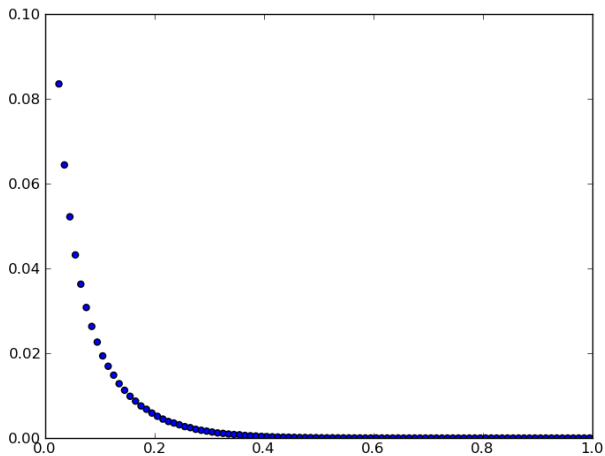
Pearson correlation



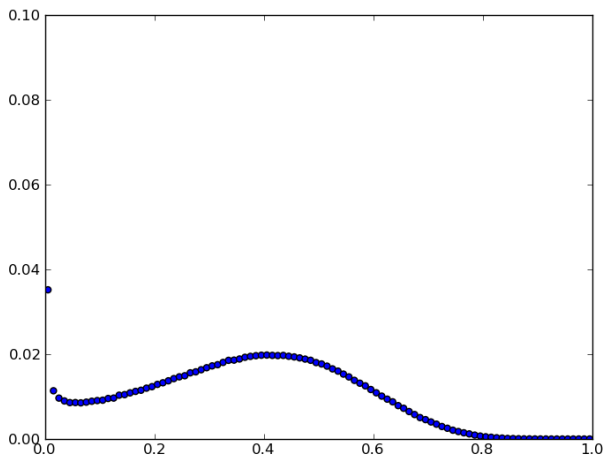
Coherence



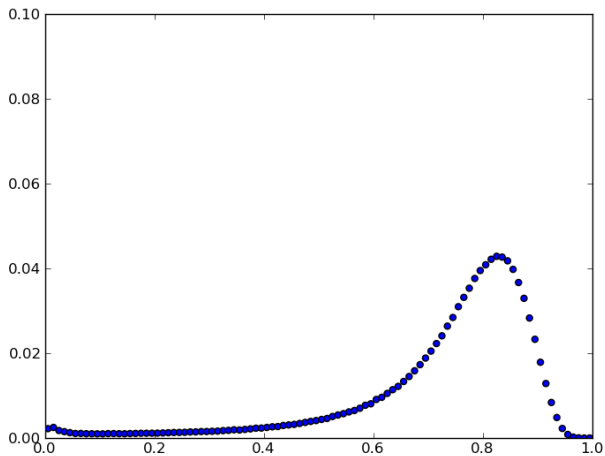
Functional distance ($\sigma = 0.5$)



Functional distance ($\sigma = 1.0$)



Functional distance ($\sigma = 2.0$)



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Thanks!

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