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EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE

2022 Bednarowski Trust Fellow, University of Edinburgh 2021 Kosciuszko Foundation Fellow, Northeastern University, Boston 2017-2021 Principal Investigator in a National Science Center project on legal probabilism, University of Gdansk Postdoctoral Fellow of Research Foundation Flanders 2012-2019 Trinity College Long Room Hub Visiting Fellow, Trinity College Dublin 2012 2011-2012 Visiting Fellow, Benares Hindu University, Varanasi 2009 British Academy Visiting Fellow, Bristol University 2008-Associate Professor, University of Gdansk (with academic leaves) PhD in Logic & Philosophy of Mathematics, University of Calgary 2008

SELECTED DATA SCIENCE PROJECTS

• Legal Probabilism bayesian networks in R

R implementation of **bayesian network methods** for criminal evidence evaluation, based on our work with Marcello Di Bello on the *Legal Probabilism* entry in the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

Short-term impact of personal attacks on Reddit user activity

TA, research assistant, instructor of record, University of Calgary

In cooperation with Samurai Labs, we tracked 148,317 users and identified personal attacks among 182,528 posts and comments using their high precision software. I analyzed the data from three perspectives: (i) classical statistical methods, (ii) Bayesian estimation, and (iii) model-theoretic analysis with hurdle and zero-inflated models. They agree: personal attacks decrease the victims' activity.

Bayesian estimation of multi-class bias in word2vec embeddings

We propose Markov chain Monte Carlo methods to supersede cosine-distance-based bias measures such as WEAT and argue that the resulting picture is not as clear as it initially might have seemed.

• Probabilistic coherence measures over bayesian networks

Algorithms for calculating main existing coherence measures over bayesian networks, with a new method essentially relying on the causal structure, implemented in R, building on bnlearn, with application to multiple counterexamples to earlier proposals.

Long-term impact of personal attacks on Reddit user activity

Another cooperation with Samurai Labs. Methods for multiple time series with covariates deployed to study the impact of personal attacks on 25k users of Reddit over 10 weeks.

MC in backtesting of optimized trading strategies

Implementation in R of Monte Carlo methods for gauging uncertainty in algorithmic trading strategy evaluation. Illustrates how correcting for multiple testing in optimization can undermine claims to significance.

KEY SKILLS

2005-2008

R tasks and tools

- Bayesian statistics STAN, JAGS, BUGS, rethinking, rjags, runjags, BESTmcmc
- Bayesian networks bnlearn, gRain
- Discrete data models countreg, vcd, vcdExtra, car, MASS
- Time series, dynamic regression, algotrading xts, quantmod, tidyquant, TTR, fpp3
- Data wrangling and visualization tidyverse, ggplot2, ggpubr

other

- Python
- SQL
- Reproducible research R markdown, LaTeX, beamer, Shiny
- Datacamp: 24 courses completed 130,102xp, 1,536 exercises aced

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

• Multiple university courses related to probability, statistics and inference

e.g.: statistical methods in criminology; probability & philosophy of juridical evidence evaluation; Uncertainty and R programming; interpretations of probability; decisions, games, and social choice theory; cognitive failures; meta-arithmetic; formal theories of truth; ontology of mathematics, logic I, logic II

• 3 books and ca. 30 research papers in top academic journals

e.g.: Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy; Aggressive Behavior; Review of Symbolic Logic; Law, Probability & Risk; The International Journal of Evidence & Proof, Journal of Applied Logics, Artificial Intelligence and Law

· 30 invited lectures

e.g.: University of Oxford, Arizona State University, Bristol University, Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Munich Center for Mathematical Philosophy, University of Edinburgh, University of Quebec, Kyoto University, Keio University, Nagoya University, University of Groningen, University of Gothenburg, Canterbury University, University of Turin

- 13 major research grants and awards, 15 international conferences organized, referee for 18 journals
- Coordination of LoPSE research group (4-7 researchers) since 2013