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A course on Bayesian inference

by Paul Damien

Groningen

May 10-12, 2000

Organized by the Department of Statistics, Measurement Theory and Information Technology and the Department of Economics of the University of Groningen, and the Groningen Research School SOM.

Bayesian statistics has recently received much interest in statistics, psychology, economics, biology and many other disciplines. Undoubtedly, that popularity is largely due to the (Markov Chain Monte Carlo) algorithms that enable the estimation of complex statistical models. The course on Bayesian inference is given by one of the great experts in the field, Paul Damien, from the University of Michigan, USA. Paul obtained his PhD in Mathematics from Imperial College in London and is an elected Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society. He has published extensively on Bayesian statistics and has given invited lectures on Bayesian inference all over the world. He is currently in the process of writing a book on non-parametric Bayesian inference, that will be published by Wiley. The course in Groningen is suited for novices and experts. It will cover the foundations of statistical inference, basic Bayesian and semi- and non-parametric Bayesian models, as well as Bayesian computational methods, in particular the elegant 'sliced sampler' recently developed by Damien and co-authors.

Registration

Registration (until the maximum of fifty attendants is reached) follows by completing the registration form and is only effective after payment has been received. The regular fee for the course is Dfl. 475, while for AIO's, OIO's and students it is Dfl. 375. In addition to participation, the fee covers documentation.

You can send the registration form to Annelies Verstappen, Department of Statistics, Measurement Theory and Information Technology, Grote Kruisstraat 2/1, 9712 TS Groningen, The Netherlands. You can also fax the registration form at +31-(0)50-3636304.

You have to organise accommodation by yourself. The address of the Tourist Information Center is VVV Groningen Tourist Information, Gedempte Kattendiep 6, 9711 PN Groningen, The Netherlands. If you wish, we can send you information about some hotels.

In case you do not register for this three-day course, but want to be informed about future courses, please send a message to the address above, or by email: a.verstappen-remmers@ppsw.rug.nl

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name :

First name :

Title :

Institution / Company :

Address :

City :

Postal Code:

Country :

Email :

Phone :

Fax :

Amount :

/ 475,00 or / 375,00 (Cross out what does not apply.)

Yes, I register for the three-day Course on Bayesian Inference by Paul Damien on May 10-12, 2000. After receiving an invoice I will pay the registration fee before April 19, 2000. The registration fee amounts to Dfl. 475,00; for AIO's; OIO's and students Dfl. 375,00.

I would like to receive information about hotels.



diagnostic classes are related

16.15-16.30 Closing Remarks

16.30-17.00 General meeting of the VOC

Treinen:

- From Amsterdam: Departure 4 minutes after every hour (straight connection) and 34 minutes after every hour (with a transfer at Amersfoort)
- From Utrecht: Departure 22 minutes after every hour (straight connection) and 52 minutes after every hour (with a transfer at Amersfoort)

From Groningen Station one may take the bus 5 to the Academiegebouw (stop: Grote Markt), take a train-taxi (10 min). It is a 15 minute walk from the station to the Broerstraat.

According to VOC policies, participation in the conference is free. Registration is not required.

Information:

Hanneke Tamling, University of Groningen  
tel.:050 - 363 7065, h.g.tamling@eco.rug.nl

Boeking hotel

U wordt verzocht (indien nodig) zelf uw hotel te boeken. Op dit internetadres vindt u een plattegrond waarop de meeste hotels zijn aangegeven: <http://www.rug/cis.bezoek/frwat.htm> (ook het Academiegebouw staat op deze plattegrond).

Enkele suggesties voor geschikte hotels zijn (alle prijzen zijn richtprijzen; werkelijke prijzen kunnen iets afwijken):

Hotels Prijzen (1-pers. of 2-pers. kamer)      Algemene Informatie

1. University Guesthouse  
Kl. Kromme Elleboog 7b  
9712 BS Groningen  
050-3635533

f 95,- (1p)

f 130,- (2p)

Centrum, toeristenklasse, moeilijk parkeren.

Is het dichtst bij het Academiegebouw. Staat niet op de plattegrond. Als u hier reserveert s.v.p. vermelden dat u naar het VOC-congres gaat.

2. Martini Hotel Donderslaan 156 9728 KX  
Groningen 050-5252040

f 165, - (1p)

f 190, - (2p)

Rand van de Stad (Martinihal), luxueus, makkelijk  
parkeren  
Staat niet op plattegrond

3. Mercure Hotel  
Expositielaan 7  
9727 KA Groningen  
050-5258400

f 185, - (1p)

f 245, - (2p)

Rand van de stad (Martinihal), luxueus, makkelijk  
parkeren Staat niet op plattegrond

4. Corps de Garde Oude  
Boteringstraat 72/74  
9712 GN Groningen  
050-3145437

f 150, - (1p)

f 165, - (2p)

Centrum, luxueus, makkelijk parkeren

5. Hotel de Ville  
Oude Boteringstraat 43  
9712 GD Groningen  
050-3181222

f 220, - (1p)

f 300, - (2p)

Centrum, luxueus, moeilijk parkeren  
Staat niet op plattegrond; is tegenover Corps de Garde

6. Hotel de Doelen  
Grote Markt 36  
9711 LV Groningen  
050-3127041

f 157,50 (1p)

f 185,00 (2p)

Centrum, moeilijk parkeren

7. Hotel Weeva

Gedempte Zuiderdiep 8  
9712 GD Groningen  
050-3129919

f 85,00 (1p)

f 140,00 (2p)

Centrum, Eenvoudig, moeilijk parkeren

8. Hotel Friesland

Kleine Pelsterstraat 4  
9711 KN Groningen  
050-3121307

f 45,00 (1p)

f 80,00 (2p)

Centrum, eenvoudig (douche en toilet op de gang)  
moeilijk parkeren.

9. Hotel Groningen

Damsterdiep 94  
9713 EK Groningen  
050 -3135435

f 125,00 (1p)

f 130,00 (2p)

Iets buiten het centrum, eenvoudig Kamers met douche en toilet op  
de gang kosten f 50,00 (1p) of f 85,00 (2p)