UNIVERSITÀ DEGLI STUDI DI MILANO-BICOCCA

COURSE SYLLABUS

Laboratory of Computation and Statistics

2223-2-E3001Q086

Aims

Introduction to proability and data analysis techniques typical of statistics applied to physics, by means of computer exercises to simulate experimental measurements, to which studied techniques will be applied.

Contents

- Probability and Statistics for physicists
- Foundations of object oriented programming (C++)
- Data analysis techniques used in physics

Detailed program

Probability, Statistics and Data Analysis:

- definition of probability, fundamental properties
- continuous probability distribution functions: properties
- notable examples and graphical representation through histograms
- central limit theorem
- discrete probability distribution functions and notable examples
- multi-dimensional distributions
- estimators, properties, notable examples
- likelihood
- estimators definition: maximum likelihood, least squares
- goodness-of-fit test

- hints on confidence intervals

C++ proramming language and the object oriented paradigm

- Algorithms design: pseudo-random numbers, distributions, zeroes of functions and numerical integration
- Monte Carlo techniques
- the ROOT toolkit
- ROOT usage examples for data analysis: fits and data interpretation

Prerequisites

C programming in Linux environment: basic unstructions to work in a Unix environment (file-system, text editor, program compiling and running), basic knowledge of the C programming language (variables nad their representation in memory, pointers and their use, control structures, function design).

Probability and Statistics: calculus, linear algebra, first introduction to probability and statistics (as taught in Laboratorio 1 course)

Teaching form

- lectures of probability and statistics
- compulsory attendance laboratory exercises of computing and data analysis

Detailed hours and locations will be published in the e-Learning page in September

Textbook and teaching resource

The teaching resourses will be published in the eLearning page of the course, and will contain on-line material, probability and statistics manuals and the ROOT toolkit user guide.

The suggested manuals for probability and statistics are:

- W. J. Metzger - Statistical Methods in Data Analysis
- M. Loreti - Teoria degli Errori e Fondamenti di Statistica
- Claude A. Pruneau - Data Analysis Techniques for Physical Scientists
  For consultation:
- C. Walck - Hand-book on Statistical Distributions

Semester

First semester

Assessment method

A practical computing exercise will grant admission to an oral exam, where the practical exercise will be discussed, and probability, statistics, data analysis and programming skills will be tested.

Office hours

By email appointment

Sustainable Development Goals