



#### GEOSTATISTICS AND APPLICATIONS

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### Need for a model of reality



### Derteministic model



Figure 9.1 An example of an estimation problem. The dots represent seven sample points on a profile to be estimated.





Figure 9.2 With the seven sample points shown in Figure 9.1 viewed as heights of a bouncing ball, the dashed curve shows a deterministic model of the heights at unsampled locations.



#### No uncertainty in predictions

### Probabilistic model



#### The model that describes the process is imcomplete or unknown



#### **Uncertainty in predictions**

### Why geostatistics?







#### Different levels of knowledge about a certain process









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## Probabilistic approach



## Random Function Model



- Parameters of a random variable:
  - Expected value  $E\{V\} = \tilde{m} = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p_i v_{(i)}$
  - Variance  $Var{V} = \tilde{\sigma}^2 = E{[V - E{V}]^2}$

# Parameters of joint random functions:

Covariance

 $Cov\{UV\} = \tilde{C}_{UV} = E\{(U - E\{U\})(V - E\{V\})\}$ 

Correlation coefficient

$$\tilde{\rho}_{UV} = \frac{\tilde{C}_{UV}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\sigma}_U^2 \tilde{\sigma}_V^2}}$$

Spatial Correlation

#### **Bi-point statistic**



Correlation coefficient

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#### Spatial Correlation



## Variogram and Spatial Covariance

- Measures that summarize the dispersion of bi-plots between z(x) and z(x+h)
- Tools to quantify the spatial continuity of the phenomenon.



#### Variogram models



#### Variogram vs Covariance







RL10 – Draught index: number of days per year with precipitation lower than 10 mm





R30 – number of days per year with precipitation higher than 30 mm

Anisotropy





RM Durao, MJ Pereira, AC Costa, J Delgado, G Del Barrio, A Soares International Journal of Climatology 30 (10), 1526-1537

## Estimation or simulation?

The mean image is sufficient to represent the knowledge of a quantity?



#### Estimation



Simulation

... depends upon the variability/variance of the feature ... depends on our ignorance ... depends on the objective of the study

## Geostatical Methods

#### **Estimation**

- Ordinary kriging
- Simple kriging
- Universal kriging
- Kriging with external drift
- Morphological kriging
- Cokriging
- Collocated Cokriging

#### Simulation

- Sequential Gaussian Simulation
- Sequetial Indicator Simulation
- Probability Field
   Simulation
- Sequential Direct
   Simulation
  - SDS with local anisotropies
  - Co-simulation
  - Block simulation

## Spatial Inference

#### **Probabilistic Framework of the Geostatistical Estimator**

#### Problem: We do not know the real values

Solution: Build a Model that appropriately accommodates our data set and the physical phenomena.

 $z(x_0)$  and the neighbouring samples  $z(x_{\alpha}), \alpha = 1, N$  are considered to be outcomes of a set of random variables located in  $x_0$  and  $x_{\alpha}, \alpha = 1, N$ .



#### Estimation

• Estimating the value of an attribute  $Z(x_0)$  at a point or a local area  $x_0$ , based on a set of *n* samples Z(xi).

 $\alpha = 1, \dots, N$ 



$$[z(x_0)]^* = \sum_{\alpha=1}^N \lambda_\alpha z(x_\alpha)$$

The weights  $\lambda_{\alpha}$ - Reflect the structural proximity of samples  $Z(x_{\alpha})$  to the point  $Z(x_0)$ - Should have a disaggregating effect of preferred groups of samples

Ordinary Kriging System

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{\beta}^{N} \lambda_{\beta} C(x_{\alpha}, x_{\beta}) + \mu = C(x_{\alpha}, x_{0}) \\ \sum_{\beta} \lambda_{\beta} = 1 \end{cases}$$



Air pollution

#### LDV



#### O<sub>3</sub> – June 2009



**ΜÁΧ**: **88** μg/m<sup>3;</sup> **MIN: 48** μg/m<sup>3</sup>

#### **O**<sub>3</sub> – October 2009



MÁX: 76  $\mu g/m^3$ ;MIN: 21  $\mu g/m^3$ 

Indicator kriging of the soft variable –  $Prob[oil contamination class \ge 2]$ 









Soil pollution

Morphological classification









## Sequential Simulation

- Stochastic Simulation: Reproduction of the variability of the phenomenon through the distribution function F(x) = Prob {Z (x) <z} and the variogram γ(h)
- Any simulated image reproduces the distribution function, and the variogram of the experimental values.
- Sequential simulation is based on the successive application of Bayes theorem in sequential steps



Data with different levels of uncertainty

#### TPH concentration > 1000 mg kg<sup>-1</sup>

"contaminated" samples



#### misclassification of soft data:

- 6.7% of samples with oil contamination class < 2 are "contaminated"
- 14.3% of samples with oil contamination class  $\geq$  2 are "clean".

Soil pollution

Determination of the misclassified areas inside both "contaminated" and "clean" spots.



$$prob\{z(x) > z_{c} | z_{1}(x_{\alpha}), \alpha = 1, N_{c1}\}$$
$$prob\{z(x) > z_{c} | z_{2}(x_{\alpha}), \alpha = 1, N_{c2}\}$$

stochastic simulation

#### Simulation of TPH concentration values – horizon 2







#### Probability of exceeding 1000 mg/kg

-95-

-95\*\*





-95-99

-95-4

-95''''

-95-49

-96"

📕 🖙 1000 mg 4g

📕 > 1000 mg.4kg

"contaminated" and "clean" spots for different levels of uncertainty



Contaminated soil volume (m<sup>3</sup>)

#### Volumes

Layer

Table 1. Contaminated soil volumes for three different uncertainty levels: 40% probability, 50% probability and 60% probability; the values in brackets refer to the relative difference to the 50% probability case.

(m a.t.s.)	40%	50%	60%	
[0,1]	23 900	23 900	23 900	
	(0%)		(0%)	
[1,2]	46 150	41 250	38 975	
	(+11.9%)		(-5.5%)	
[2,3]	41 175	36 950	35 175	
	(+11.4%)		(-4.8%)	
[3,4]	38 850	37 575	36 025	
	(+3.4%)		(-4.1%)	
[0,4]	150 075	139 675	134 075	
	(+7.4%)		(-4.0%)	

Methodology allowed the delineation of areas targeted for remediation with different levels of uncertainty.

Soil pollution

Accounting for soft information permitted a less uncertain quantification of the contaminated soils without increasing the quantity of hard data required, which would result in a considerable increase in study costs.

## Uncertainty and Support

Relation

$$\sigma^2_{p/A} = \sigma^2_{p/v} + \sigma^2_{v/A}$$
 (Journel and Huijbreghts, 1978)

 $\sigma^2_{p/A}$  is the variance of a punctual value p in the domain A

 $\sigma^2 p/v$  is the variance of p in a volume v inside A

 $\sigma^2$ v/A is the variance of v inside A



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## Applications

Meteorological variables

Input data:

•Emissions

Data with different levels of uncertainty and different supports

#### Air pollution



This hybrid multi-scale approach is a valuable

predicting air quality

methodology for

19.4

15 52

7 761

3.882

0.00299

19 4

15 52

11.64

7.761

3.882

0.00299

- Downscaling and calibration (with experimental point data) of maps obtained by deterministic dispersion models is achieved by the proposed method
- The possibility of incorporating the blockdata error into the kriging system is an important feature of the method



#### Environmental health



## Applications

Is there an association between air quality and birth weight in regions A and B?

#### Health data

Predominantly urban areas (PUA<sup>d</sup>) Region A: PUA of A. do Sal and Grândola Region B: PUA of Sines, S. André, S. Cacém

#### <u>Air quality data</u>

Lichen diversity biomonitoring program Lichen Diversity Value (LDV) for Fruticose species

Manuel C. Ribeiro, Fernanda Santos, Cristina Branquinho, Sofia Augusto, Esteve Llop, Maria João Pereira. 2012. geoENV IX – Geostatistics for Environmental Applications

Urban regions

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Individual exposure model based on stochastic simulation

$$E_j = \sum_{s=1}^S t_{sj} * q_{sj}$$

 $E_{\rm j}$  (weighted) average exposure of jth mother during pregnancy

- time (as a proportion of overall time of gestation) spent by jth mother during pregnancy, at location s
- $q_{sj}$  Air quality index for jth mother during pregnancy, at location s

We geocoded mother's residential history during gestational period (place of residence, place of work).

Underweight category subset (n=55) where we found significant associations between average individual exposure measures and birth weight percentile ( $\rho$ =0,326; p-value=0,015).



After checking assumptions of linear model for this subset, we estimated univariate linear models for this subset. Significant covariates found:

Previous low birth weight
Gestational BMI gain
Gestational diabetes
Air quality



...then we performed 100 multivariate analysis using simulation data for air quality:

$$g(\mu_j) = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_j + \beta_z \mathbf{Z}_j, j = 1, 2, ..., n$$

Distribution of 100 estimated  $\hat{\beta}_1$  (air quality exposure coefficient).



 Mean of distribution estimates coefficient air quality=0,0065
 Standard deviation=0,00376
 Empirical distribution varies between (0,0005; 0,011) for CI 90%.
 For CI 90%, air quality index is significantly associated with birth weight increase

An increase of 1 unit of LDV index is associated with an 0,0065 birth weight percentile units increase.

#### Hipothesis

Classification algorithms of RS images tend to produce more errors in given classes than in others and for each thematic class different errors occur depending on sensors and ground conditions

#### Solution

- calculate the trend of the errors m<sub>i</sub> by each image derived thematic class i.
- 2. local errors are calculated conditioned to the mean error of the predicted class for that location and to the neighboring error values

Geostatistical stochastic simulation SIS with local varying means



	Ground-based							User's accuracy		
Class labels	Α	В	С	D	Е	F	G	Н	- 1	
Image-derived										
А	6	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	6	0.35
В	0	39	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.95
с	0	7	14	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.58
D	0	5	4	68	4	0	0	0	0	0.84
E	1	1	1	3	42	1	0	0	0	0.86
F	0	0	0	1	2	17	0	0	0	0.85
G	0	1	0	5	3	1	10	0	0	0.50
н	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	1.00
I	3	11	1	3	1	0	0	0	26	0.58
Producer's accuracy	0.60	0.58	0.67	0.83	0.79	0.89	1.00	1.00	0.74	

Table 1. Confusion matrix. Class labels: A – coniferous forest; B – deciduous forest; C – grassland; D – permanent tree crops; E– non-irrigated land; F – irrigated land; G – artificial areas; H – water; I – maquis and mixed forest.



#### Uncertainty assessment









#### Uncertainty assessment



Geostatistics goes far beyond estimation...

□ Taking into account varying data supports

Combining different types of data with distinct levels of uncertainty

Combining physical models with geostatistical models

Spatial uncertainty assessment





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