Data Science for ESM data

What it is, Why it's relevant, and How to do it

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Outline

- 1. What are the components of the Data Science analysis pipeline?
- 2. What questions do Data Science analyses try to answer?
 - How are they different than inferential statistics or network analyses?
 - ASIDE: The uniqueness of ESM data
- 3. An example DS analysis: predicting stress in adolescents
 - Aalbers, et al., (in press, JMIR)

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What Q's do Data Science analyses answer?

Consider an example: Linear Regression

What would a standard inferential statistical analysis tell us?

Model 1: y ~ X

Model 2: $y \sim X + Z$

anova(model_1, model_2)

Q: Is Z a significant predictor of y? Q: Is there a sig. difference in y due to Z? Follow-ups:

- Evaluate R² values
- Interpret beta weights

Consider an example: Linear Regression

What would a standard network analysis tell us?

For each y in X:

Model: $y_t \sim X_{t-1}$

Form matrix of beta weights as connections of measures from t-1 to t

Q: What is the relationship between X values over time?

Follow-ups:

- Interpret beta weights (as partial correlations)
- Build nice networks that differentiate between sources of variance

Consider an example: Linear Regression

What would a standard data science analysis tell us?

Randomly split the data into a training set (70%) and test set (30%)

Model: $y_{\text{train}} \sim X_{\text{train}}$

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Accuracy = SSE(y_{test}, Model(X_{test}))
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Q: How well can we predict y using X?

Follow-ups:

- Evaluate R² values
- Feature importance
- Error analysis

What Q's do Data Science analyses answer?

"How well can we predict y using X?"

IS: "Is Z a significant predictor of y?"

NA: "What is the relationship between X values over time?"



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An Example: Digital Biomarkers of Stress

Digital Biomarkers of Stress: data structure



Q: How accurately can we predict momentary stress based on phone usage?



Our Data Science pipeline











- Pressure to set many beta = 0
- Error based on RMSE

- Based on decision trees ٠
- Train many trees, average the predictions (forest)
- Error based on R²

Support Vector

- Non-linear transformation of the input features
- Error not RMSE based





Q: Can we predict for a new person?

ABS(y_{test}, Model(X_{test}))
Spearman rho(y_{test}, Model(X_{test}))

Results

Ideographic (predicting future stress for a person)

- Correlation metric:
 - Random Forest: median rho = 0.10, 20.5% people rho significantly > 0
- Absolute error metric:
 - Support Vector: median error = 0.85, best model for 38% of people

Nomothetic (predicting for new, unseen people)

- Correlation metric:
 - Random Forest: median rho = 0.18, 55.8% people rho significantly > 0
- Absolute error metric:
 - Baseline model: median error = 0.83, best model for 89% of people

Results: Individual Differences



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Results: Nomothetic



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Results:

Where to next?

- Phone application data alone can be limited in utility and scope
 - Combinations of data streams (ESM, phone, sensors) can provide a more rich digital footprint
- New research group in CSAI: AI & Data Science for Health & Well-being
 - Expertise in Sequential Pattern Mining and Machine Learning / Deep Learning

Thanks!



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