

Hands on Sensory Statistics

A course designed to give you all the knowledge, practice and tools to do your own design, analysis and interpretation of sensory profile data.

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Venue:

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Virtual Attendance Available at no extra cost (numbers limited)

Course Summary

The course forms a comprehensive and hands-on introduction to those statistical methods needed by a sensory scientist. Emphasis is given to the practical decision making based on the results of each analysis. Participants will apply the methods to real life data using XLSTAT and SenPAQ software and will be guided by the written solutions that are a unique feature of our training. These solutions give you the possibility to pick up the notes after 6 months or a year and remind yourself how the technique works and then apply it to your own data. The course fee includes a fully licensed copy of SenPAQ; our easy to use software for analysis of profile data.

Software

In the training room you will have a computer with XLSTAT and SenPAQ installed but you are welcome to bring your own laptop if you prefer. We can provide you with a licence for XLSTAT (Base and Sensory) at a 30% discount (for the first year) either as you book or at the end of the training.

The Trainer

Anne Hasted began her career as an academic statistician at Reading University. She is the founder and senior consultant at Qi Statistics Ltd, a UK based consultancy, offering statistical training and support to research and industry. She has many years training and consultancy experience in the food industry, particularly in the areas of consumer and sensory research and is well recognised for providing user friendly training courses.

Detailed Course Content

Day 1: Univariate Analysis of Sensory Profile Data

The first day focuses on the techniques which consider sensory attributes one at a time. We start with mixed model analysis of variance to test for differences in product mean scores in replicated sensory panel tests and discuss the two sources of “noise” variation in panel data – the assessor by sample interaction and the assessor replication variation. The simplification of the model for unreplicated tests is discussed and used as a trick to simplify mixed model analysis. We then look at how ANOVA can be used to investigate panel performance and discuss the MAM model for investigating panel scaling effects, reviewing panel performance analysis using SenPAQ, XLSTAT, EyeOpenR and Panel Check .. The day then continues with an overview of discrimination and similarity tests, designing and analysing discrimination tests, the problems of testing for similarity. Measuring difference using proportion of discriminators and Thurstonian d' . The importance of confidence intervals. Triangle, Tetrad and A-Not A Tests and finishes with analysis of data collected as ranks rather than scaled scores.

Deliverables: Testing for product differences in replicated tests using mixed model analysis of variance, multiple comparison tests. Understanding panel performance metrics (discrimination, consistency, repeatability) and summarising them to detect poorly performing assessors. Design and analysis of discrimination and similarity tests, Thurstonian d' . Friedman’s test for rank data.

Day 2: Multivariate Analysis of Sensory Profile Data

Today we look at the various mapping techniques which can be used to visualise product differences using product scores for many variables in the profile simultaneously. Principal Component Analysis (PCA) is explained graphically, focussing on the interpretation of the plots. The difference between covariance and

correlation-based analysis is covered, component rotation and the useful option in XLSTAT to superimpose supplementary variables or products on the maps. Clustering of products and variables is outlined both as a method in itself but additionally as a validation of the low dimensional PCA solution. In the afternoon we introduce Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA) as a useful method for investigating relationships between different tables of data (eg: sensory/instrumental/hedonic or napping data), interpretation of RV coefficients. Canonical Variates (CVA) is outlined as an alternative to PCA, together with insights into panel performance. The day finishes with analysis of sorting trials using Multi-Dimensional Scaling (MDS) and cluster analysis

Deliverables: Understanding and interpretation of Principal Component Analysis (PCA). Canonical Variates Analysis (CVA) as an alternative approach- . Cluster analysis to identify product groupings and as a technique to visualise results from sorting tasks. Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA) as a technique to inter-relate several tables of data. How to decide which technique is most appropriate for your analysis.

Day 3: Relating Sensory to Instrumental, Liking and Emotions Data

We start with a refresher on simple linear regression modelling, extending to multiple regression with selection of variables. Outlining the problems of using regression with our typical data where only a limited number of products leads to principal component regression and Partial Least Squares (PLS). In the afternoon we consider temporal methods of data collection: repeated measures analysis of variance and mapping using three way PCA and PLS, Design and analysis of shelf life studies, comparison of Time Intensity, Temporal Dominance and the more recent TCATA methodology

Deliverables: Classical regression, principal components regression, partial least squares (PLS). Repeated measures ANOVA and mapping, shelf life design and analysis, time intensity, TDS and TCATA.

Course Schedule

7 October	
9.00-9.15	Introductions
9.15-12.30	<p>Analysis of Variance Sensory Descriptive Data Basic Statistics Refresher, Review of QDA approach, intuitive assessment of noise variation. Analysing QDA using analysis of variance. Testing for sample differences using a mixed model, least significant difference, multiple comparison tests. Mixed models SenPAQ and XLSTAT exercises</p>
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30-15.00	<p>Panel Monitoring Measuring discrimination, repeatability, consistency (partition of interaction effect, assessor v panel correlations). Understanding SenPAQ output. MAM analysis. Setting up a traffic light system for panel performance. XLSTAT module for panel performance. Review of Panel Check and EyeOpenR SenPAQ and XLSTAT exercises</p>
15.00-15.15	<i>Tea</i>
15.15-16.15	<p>Discrimination Tests. Concept of statistical power, discrimination tests- sample size calculations. Triangle v Tetrad. Thurstonian models versus guessing models. Similarity testing – importance of confidence intervals. Exercises using free VPOWER software</p>
16.15-17.00	<p>Non-Parametric Testing Non-parametric testing. How to analyse data collected as ranks. Application of non-parametric methods when ANOVA fails. XLSTAT exercises</p>
Evening	Course Dinner
8 October	
9.00-11.00	<p>Principal Component Analysis of QDA Data Covariance, correlation. Interpreting correlation using cosines. Geometric interpretation of PCA. PCA of sensory data-covariance or correlation? Methods to determine dimensionality. Supplementary variables and observations. Effect of outliers, Varimax rotation. How is PCA different to factor analysis. Exercises in SenPAQ and XLSTAT</p>
	<i>Break</i>
11.15-12.30	Cluster Analysis of Products and Variables

	Similarity/dissimilarity measures. Standardisation, How does Agglomerative Hierarchical Classification (AHC) work? Recommended settings. Clustering products and variables – linking with PCA XLSTAT Exercises
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30-14.30	Multiple Factor Analysis (MFA) Theory and RV coefficients. Combining sensory, instrumental and liking data. Application to Napping. XLSTAT Exercises
14.30-14.45	<i>Break</i>
14.45-16.00	Canonical Variates Analysis (CVA) Discriminant analysis (DA). Canonical Variates (CVA). Application to mapping sensory profile data at assessor level. Graphical displays, confusion matrix. SenPAQ and XLSTAT exercise
16.00-17.00	Sorting Tasks and Multi-Dimensional Scaling Sorting trials What is MDS – analysing distance and similarity matrices. XLSTAT Exercise
9 October	
9.00-10.30	Relating Sensory, Instrumental and Consumer Data 1 Linear regression, multiple regression. Modelling curvature, overfitting, stepwise regression. Principal components regression XLSTAT Exercises
	Break
10.45-12.30	Relating Sensory, Instrumental and Consumer Data 2 Partial Least squares regression compared to PCA regression. Geometric interpretation. Understanding Q^2 , VIP and standardised coefficients. Assessing dimensionality using cross validation. Relating sensory and instrumental data, relating liking to sensory data. XLSTAT Exercises
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30-14.30	Temporal Measurement Repeated measures, problems of correlated errors, model fitting and three way PCA and PLS
14.30-14.45	<i>Break</i>
14.45-15.45	From Time Intensity to Dominance to TCATA Review of methods
16.00	Close

Training Facility



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This is an excellent facility with plenty of hotels close by with a range of prices. More details can be found at

<https://www.attune.com/spaces/united-states/new-york/new-york/attune-new-york-city/visitor-info/>

Virtual Training Option

This Microtek Facility offers Virtual Training

This gives you the option to attend the class from the comfort of your home or office, you'll feel as if you are physically present in the classroom and will be able to join in discussions, ask questions and get help with the practical exercises just as if you were in the classroom. All you need is a standard internet connection and a computer that has a camera and microphone..

Easy-to-Use: No complicated software to buy or learn. The interface is intuitive and easy to navigate. In the event you need assistance, technical support is there to assist you before and during the training. We will send you a folder with all the class notes and exercises and you will be able to download the data sets.

Pricing and Fees*

Registration Fee - Course attendance	£2165
Registration Fee – Virtual attendance	£2165
XLSTAT Base + Sensory Module (1 year licence-commercial – discounted first year price)	£592

*Payment may be made in £, \$ or Eu. The current exchange rate will be applied at the time of payment.

- Course fees reduced by 10% for members of academia
- Fees include folder of course material, fully licensed copy of SenPAQ, lunch each day and an optional course dinner.
- Discounts: We offer a 10% discount on registrations when two or more people from the same company register for the same course at the same time.

Book online from this link: <https://www.qistatistics.co.uk/product/hands-on-sensory-statistics-new-york-2/>

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