
International Quantitative Linguistics Association

I. Thesaurus of univariate discrete probability distributions -- free for IQLA members

Thesaurus of univariate discrete probability distributions by Gejza Wimmer & Gabriel Altmann (STAMM Verlag GmbH Essen, 1st ed. 1999, XXVII + 838 pages, paperback, ISBN: 3-87773-025-6) presents the most comprehensive overview in the field of discrete probability distributions. It contains 750 univariate discrete distributions (fully indexed with all names by which they are known), presenting their probability (mass) function, the support, the parameter space and the probability generating function.

For each distribution its relations (identities, reparametrisations, special cases, convergences, family memberships) to the other ones are provided in the book and elaborated in detail. A full list of references is appended to each distribution. The bibliography at the end of the book contains more than 4000 items.

The book can be used both by theoreticians striving for generalizations (there is a separate list of families of

distributions, and the families are presented in full extent) and by empirical scientists searching for generating mechanisms or models of their data.

IQLA members can receive it for shipping and handling costs only. Each member can order up to three copies.

Send orders to koehler@uni-trier.de; first, you will be informed about the shipping costs to your place, then asked for confirmation of your order.

II. IQLA-GIAT Summer School in Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data Summer School

This summer IQLA is organizing the IQLA-GIAT Summer School in Quantitative Analysis of Textual Data to be held at the University of Padua, Italy, from September 16 to September 20, 2013.

The participants selected for the IQLA-GIAT Summer School have the opportunity to develop the necessary expertise to exploit integrated approaches to text analysis for a better understanding of the role played by theoretical issues, expected results and data and software selection.

The IQLA-GIAT Summer School is aimed at:

1. sharing information on software, corpora, relevant literature and research results;
2. promoting a dialogue among different disciplines on actual research issues;
3. developing innovative analytical tools and integrated research methods;
4. introducing students and young researchers to new strains of research and applications;
5. sharing state-of-the-art knowledge in five main areas:
 - Corpora and textual data collection
 - Quantitative linguistics
 - Authorship attribution
 - Content mapping and data visualization
 - Software for computer-aided analysis of textual data

All courses are taught in English

The teaching staff includes researchers and experts from European universities: Toulouse II, ENS Lyon (France), Trier (Germany), Athens (Greece), Neuchatel (Switzerland), Bologna, Padova, Trieste, Roma "La Sapienza" (Italy).

Teaching activities include lectures and lab sessions, as well as workshops illustrating software and tools.

Please see <http://www.iqla.org/IQLA-GIAT%20Summer%20School%202013.pdf> for more details.

III. Prof. Sheila Embleton awarded major academic distinction



On November 28 in Ottawa, Dr. Sheila Embleton, York University, Toronto, Canada, was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal. These medals, in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of Queen Elizabeth's accession to the throne, honour Canadians who have made outstanding contributions to their community and to Canada. Dr. Embleton was honoured for her role in forging academic and cultural partnerships between Canada and India, Canada and Finland, Canada and Germany, her work with the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute and Mitacs (which forges academic, government, and industry linkages).

IV. "Glottology" Journal is now available

Glottology – International Journal of Theoretical Linguistics is now available at: <http://bit.ly/11x3IFw>.

The Glottology is an international journal providing a forum for papers and discussions concerning methodological and theoretical problems of language and text, and empirical characterization of language and text in qualitative or quantitative form:

- observations and descriptions of all aspects of language and text phenomena including the areas of psycholinguistics, sociolinguistics, dialectology, pragmatics, etc. on all levels of linguistic analysis,
- applications of methods, models or findings from quantitative linguistics concerning problems of natural language processing, language teaching, documentation and information retrieval,

- methodological problems of linguistic measurement, model construction, sampling and test theory,
- epistemological issues such as explanation of language and text phenomena, contributions to theory construction, systems theory, philosophy of science. Glottotheory is published twice a year and publishes essays, research reports, conference and reviews in English and German language. Each contribution is subjected to a peer review.

V. Proceeding of QUALICO 2012

The volume of selected papers from QUALICO 2012 will soon be published by Serbian Editorial House "Akademska Misao" (<http://www.akademska-misao.co.rs>) with the title "Methods and Applications of Quantitative Linguistics: Selected papers of the VIIIth International Conference on Quantitative Linguistics (QUALICO) in Belgrade, Serbia, April 16-19, 2012" edited by Ivan Obradović, Emmerich Kelih, & Reinhard Köhler.

The volume will contain 16 papers, grouped into four thematic areas: Stylometrics, Fundamental linguistic research, Application-oriented research and Methodological issues.

VI. "Issues in Quantitative Linguistics 3" (= Studies in Quantitative Linguistics No. 13)

The volume "Issues in Quantitative Linguistics 3" (= Studies in Quantitative Linguistics No. 13) dedicated to Karl-Heinz Best on the occasion of his 70th birthday edited by Reinhard Kohler and Gabriel Altmann has just been published by RAM-Verlag (ISBN 978-3-942303-12-5).

The volume contains 20 contributions extending to 400 pages and is available as Printed Edition, CD-ROM edition and

Internet download (pdf file). Contents are available in this address: <http://www.ram-verlag.eu/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/studies13contents.pdf>

VII. Announcement – Call for "news"

We kindly ask all IQLA members to inform secretary@iqla.org about recent or new projects, publications, conferences, personal news, etc., in QL and related research fields. It is planned to publish this information on the IQLA web pages and in the next available IQLA newsletter, Vol. 4, No. 2, 2013.

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