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The purpose of this department is to develop theories and their applications for analyses of medical, biological and Environmental data. The main research projects carried out in 2001 and in the process of making plan in this department are summarized as follows:

1. Study of mathematical models for radiation carcinogenesis.
2. Study of exploratory methods for nonlinear structures in multi-dimensional regression data.
3. Study of genomic variety for cancer patients.
4. Study of geographical distribution of cancer mortality in Japan using municipality-specific SMR data.
5. EPMC estimation in discriminant analysis when the dimension and sample sizes are large.
6. Study of body burdens for environmental contaminants such as Dioxin compounds in human.
7. Monte Carlo Method for Testing Number of Components for Normal Mixture Model.

We developed computer algorithms/software for these studies and to apply the methodologies for analyses of the real data. We also cooperated with many other researchers in the environmental or biomedical fields and give their studies all aspects of support in theoretical and technological methodologies, such as biometrics, mathematical science, information science and computer science.

Some academic meetings were organized by our department in this fiscal year. One was the symposium on "Mathematical Modeling and Statistical Analysis in Biomedical Research", which was held on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2003, at Ondo (Kure city), and was covered by Basic Study(A) of Grant-in-Aid, Scientific Research, Ministry of Education and Science, Japan. Professor Murray Clayton (Wisconsin University, U.S.), Professor Ker-Chau Li (UCLA, U.S.), Professor Jeffrey L. Thorne, Dr. Stephane Aris-Brosou (North Carolina University) and Professor W. K. Fung (Hong Kong University) were invited as guest speakers. One more mini-symposium was held on December 14, 2002, where Dr. Hidetoshi Shimodaira (Tokyo Technical Institute) gave a lecture on Bootstrap method.

As for personal affairs, Professor Megu Ohtaki attended SSC2002, which was held at MacMaster University in Hamilton (Canada) on 24-27 May 2003, as an invited speaker. Professor Megu Ohtaki, Dr. Kenichi Satoh and Dr. Keiko Otani attended the international workshop on SIR, which was held at La Trobe University in Bundoora (Australia) on 2-4 October 2003, and gave talks. Mr. Tetsuji Tonda joined our department as a research associate, Mr. Mohd. Muzibur Rahman and Mr. Tokuyuki Kawano also did as Postgraduate students, and so did Dr. Chie Asano as a Research Fellow.

1 . Study of mathematical models for radiation carcinogenesis.

Ohtaki, M., Imade Arcana, Kai, R. ^{*1}, Niwa, O. ^{*2}, Izumi, S. ^{*3}, Satoh, K., (^{*1}Oita Univ. of Nurse Sci., ^{*2}Kyoto Univ., ^{*3}RERF)

Purpose: To develop mathematical models of radiation carcinogenesis and cell death.

Method and Results: We extended the classical multi-target model to those models having heterogeneity target size. The simplest model consists of a geometric series of target size. If the common rate is large, the survival curve asymptotically approximates to that of the single target model with the minimum size of target regardless of the number of targets. We also developed multi-target models of cell death with taking effect of recovery from damage into consideration. As for Armitage-Doll type of multistage models for carcinogenesis, some Monte Carlo simulations on the relationship between the number of stages and mutation rate were done, then we found that the relation depends not only on cell division, cell death but speed of differentiation, and that it should be hard to estimate the number of stages using ordinary epidemiologic or animal experimental observations.

2 . Study of exploratory methods for nonlinear structures in multi-dimensional regression data.

Ohtaki, M., Satoh, K., Rahaman, M. M., Zhu, L. ^{*1}, Goto, M. ^{*2}, Fujikoshi, Y. ^{*3} (^{*1}Hong Kong Univ., ^{*2}Osaka Univ., ^{*3}Graduate School of Science)

Purpose: To develop statistical methods for exploring nonlinear structure in multi-dimensional regression data.

Methods and Results: We studied the performance of SIR, pHd, SAVE and SIR-SAVE, which is a linear combination of SIR and SVAE, using computer simulation method. We found that SIR-SAVE works better than else algorithms and that the choice of the slice number should be paid attention. We also studied on "SSIR", which is the special algorithm of SIR with two slices, to explore an EDR vector on the single index model, in which the step of principle component analysis for the original SIR can be avoided by using two sample mean vectors in two slices of response variable and those difference vector.

3 . Study of genomic variety for cancer patients

Ohtaki, M., Otani, K. ^{*1}, Satoh, K., Tonda, T., Nishiyama, M. ^{*2}, Matsuura, M. ^{*3}, Miki, Y. ^{*3}, Noda, T. ^{*3}, Ando, M. ^{*4}, Saito, A. ^{*4} (^{*1}JBIC, ^{*2}Translational Cancer Res., ^{*3}JFCR, ^{*4}NEC)

Purpose: To explore important genes which are related to degree of cancer risk or sensitivity side-effect of anti-tumor drug.

Methods and Results: We developed a mathematical model for cDNA microarray gene expression data to separate crude observations into true signals and experimental errors and proposed an efficient algorithm for normalization of cDNA microarray data. We applied our methods to the cDNA microarray measurements using two different fluorescent dyes to identify differently expressed genes between a query and a reference sample.

4 . Study of geographical distribution of cancer mortality in Japan using municipality-specific SMR data.

Ohtaki, M., Satoh, K., Kawasaki, H.^{*1}, Nakayama, T.^{*2}, Yanagihara, H.^{*3}, Yamaguchi, N.^{*4} (^{*1}School of Medicine, ^{*2}Oita University of Nurse Sciences, ^{*3}Inst. Stat. Math., ^{*4}Tokyo Women's Medical Univ.)

Purpose: To explore the spatial-time distribution of cancer mortality in Japan.

Methods and Results: We developed a statistical system for visualization of spatial-time distribution of cancer SMR in Japan using spatial-time nonparametric smoothing with Poisson-gamma model. Using this system, we developed animated SMR maps of major cancers in Japan for the period from 1975 to 1994.

5 . EPMC estimation in discriminant analysis when the dimension and sample sizes are large

Tonda, T., Wakaki, H.^{*} and Fujikoshi, Y.^{*} (^{*}Graduate School of Science)

Purpose: To construct an estimator of error-rates when the dimension and sample sizes are large.

Method and Results: We obtain a higher order asymptotic unbiased estimator for the expected probability of misclassification (EPMC) of the linear discriminant function when the dimension and the sample sizes are large. We also study a numerical comparison for the performance of our estimator with other estimator. It is shown that the bias and MSE of our estimator are less than the other estimators.

6 . Study of body burdens for environmental contaminants such as Dioxin compounds in human.

Fujioka, T.^{*1}, Otani, K.^{*2}, Ohtaki, M. (^{*1}Graduate School of Science, ^{*2}JBIC)

Purpose: To estimate half -lives for Dioxin compounds in human blood.

Methods and Results: We devised the statistical model proposed at the study for fiscal 2000 to estimate the half-lives for dioxins in human. This model based on the pharmacokinetic theory takes into consideration individual differences in dioxin intake and elimination. We analyzed a set of data for longitudinal measurements of dioxin concentration in blood of workers who had engaged in dismantling the municipal waste incinerators.

7 . Monte Carlo Method for testing number of components for normal mixture model.

Shimamoto, T., Muraki, C., Satoh, K., Ohtaki, M.

Purpose: A statistical test about the number of the component in the mixture normal distribution that has two at most components.

Methods and Results: One method based on the Monte Carlo method for the statistical official approval about the number of the component in the mixed normal distribution that has at most two components was devised. The pseudo random number under the normal distribution was made to occur, and the significance of the likelihood ratio that the experience distribution of the likelihood ratio test statistics was seek by using the mixture ratio estimated from the data and observed was evaluated.

8 . Database of witnesses by Hibakusha and its content analysis

Kawano, N., Hoshi, M.^{*1}, Matsuo, M.^{*2}, Satoh, K., Ohtaki, M. (^{*1}Int. Radiat. Inform. Cent., ^{*2}Institute for Peace Science)

Purpose: Deeper understanding of Hiroshima and Nagasaki A-bombs and preserving *Hibakusha's* witnesses

Methods and Results: We attempt at making database of witnesses by *hibakusha*. These *hibakusha's* witnesses have been collected by International Radiation Information Center and Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University. We input full text of new five witnesses into a computer in 2002. We will try to open the database to the public, but we consider the issues of *hibakusha's* privacy and the copyright on a book. This is a joint research project with Institute for Peace Science, Hiroshima University. We also attempt to clarify the realities of atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. For this purpose, we analyze the content of witnesses of *hibakusha*. First, we try to answer a question, "who wrote the witnesses of *hibakusha* and what were they watching and writing?" Second, we choose the words or terms in the witnesses of *hibakusha* that are often used. We clarify the realities of atomic bomb in terms of analyzing the terms or words.

List of Contributions

A. Original Papers

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