

R code for the dynamic prediction methods described in the paper: “Dynamic child growth prediction: a comparative methods approach”

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In this document we present the R code corresponding to the BENDY, DLM, DPFR, and DPFFR dynamic prediction methods. Data is available for a time-dependent study variable, HAZ, and is stored in matrix format. We begin by describing the dataset structure. Data for HAZ is recorded as an $n \times 16$ matrix for n subjects where monthly data from month 0 until month 15 is available. This matrix is labeled Y . The i -th row, $1 \leq i \leq n$, denoted by $Y[i,]$ contains HAZ data for the i -th subject in the sample.

Given t^* and available HAZ data, we provide the R code for predicting HAZ at $t^* + 1, t^* + 2, \dots, 15$ using the dynamic prediction methods described in the paper “Dynamic child growth prediction: a comparative methods approach”. The vector `month = 0:15` indicates a grid of equally spaced time points from month 0 until month 15 where HAZ data is available.

Throughout this presentation the case of interest is to predict future HAZ from the data corresponding to historic HAZ. Here t^* is labeled as `hist.lgth` to mark the length of known history for the observed HAZ process. We use leave one-curve out cross validation for prediction.

Libraries `refund` and `mgcv` are loaded.

```
library(refund)
library(mgcv)
```

Get the data and define number of samples $n = 197$, length of history $t^* = 7$, and vector `month = 0:15` for months $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 15\}$.

```
dta.y <- read.table("/Users/ai10/Desktop/HAZ_s.csv", sep = ",", header = FALSE)
Y = as.matrix(dta.y)
n = nrow(Y)

month = 0:15
hist.lgth <- 7
```

Initialize matrices where we store predictions.

```
Y.predict.BENDY <- matrix(nrow = n, ncol = length(month) - hist.lgth)
Y.predict.DLM <- matrix(nrow = n, ncol = length(month) - hist.lgth)
Y.predict.DPFR_gam <- matrix(nrow = n, ncol = length(month) - hist.lgth)
Y.predict.DPFR_pfr <- matrix(nrow = n, ncol = length(month) - hist.lgth)
Y.predict.DPFFR_gam <- matrix(nrow = n, ncol = length(month) - hist.lgth)
Y.predict.DPFFR_pffr <- matrix(nrow = n, ncol = length(month) - hist.lgth)
```

BENDY

Dynamic predictions with BENDY are obtained for each subject at each time point $t^* + j$. For all subjects except subject i we consider data $Y[-i, 1]$ and $Y[-i, t^*]$, corresponding to first and last HAZ data from the

known HAZ history, as predictive data for BENDY. We use all except the i -th subject to obtain the BENDY model fit, because we perform the leave one-curve out cross validation for prediction. The BENDY model fit is done n times to account for dynamic prediction for all n subjects.

The `lm` function in R is used to fit the BENDY model. For each dynamic prediction, a BENDY model fit is used. Model fit and prediction are needed for each j for dynamic prediction at times $t^* + j$.

```
for (i in 1:n) {
  for (j in 1:(length(month) - hist.lgth)) {
    data.BENDY <- data.frame(Y[-i, hist.lgth + j], Y[-i, 1], Y[-i, hist.lgth])
    names(data.BENDY) <- c("y.BENDY", paste("y", c(1, hist.lgth), sep = ""))
    fit.BENDY <- lm(y.BENDY ~ ., data = data.BENDY)
    new.data.BENDY <- data.frame(Y[i, 1], Y[i, hist.lgth])
    names(new.data.BENDY) <- c(paste("y", c(1, hist.lgth), sep = ""))
    Y.predict.BENDY[i, j] <- predict(fit.BENDY, newdata = new.data.BENDY)
  }
}
```

DLM

DLM uses more information than BENDY. While BENDY uses $Y[i,1]$ and $Y[i,t^*]$ for dynamic prediction, DLM includes data $Y[i,1:t^*]$ which contains all the known history before time t^* for a subject i . The DLM model fit is done at each point $t^* + j$.

```
for (i in 1:n) {
  for (j in 1:(length(month) - hist.lgth)) {
    data.DLM <- data.frame(Y[-i, hist.lgth + j], cbind(Y[-i, 1:hist.lgth]))
    names(data.DLM) <- c("y.DLM", paste("y", c(1:hist.lgth), sep = ""))
    fit.DLM <- lm(y.DLM ~ ., data = data.DLM)
    new.data.DLM <- data.frame(rbind(Y[i, 1:hist.lgth]))
    names(new.data.DLM) <- c(paste("y", c(1:hist.lgth), sep = ""))
    Y.predict.DLM[i, j] <- predict(fit.DLM, newdata = new.data.DLM)
  }
}
```

DPFR

DPFR uses penalized functional regression to incorporate all the history of Y up to time t^* for subject i in a scalar-on-function regression. At each $t^* + j$ the response for subject i is the scalar $Y[i,t^*+j]$ and the functional predictor data consists of $Y[i,1:t^*]$. We show how to obtain DPFR dynamic prediction using the function `pfr` from the `refund` R package and the `gam` function from the `mgcv` R package.

DPFR using pfr

DPFR can use `pfr` for model fitting. The function `pfr` from the `refund` R package directly takes on a scalar response $Y[i,t^*+j]$ and a functional predictor $Y[i,1:t^*]$.

```
for(i in 1:n){
  for(j in 1:(length(month)-hist.lgth)){
    y.DPFR<-Y[-i,hist.lgth+j]
```

```

x.DPFR<-as.matrix(cbind(Y[-i,1:hist.lgth]))
fit.DPFR<-pfr(y.DPFR~lf(x.DPFR, k=4,bs="ps",
argvals=as.vector(cbind(month[1:hist.lgth]))))
Y.predict.DPFR_pfr[i,j]<-predict(fit.DPFR,newdata=list(x.DPFR=as.matrix(cbind(t(Y[i,1:hist.lgth])))),
type="response")
}}

```

DPFR using gam

Another option for fitting DPFR is using the gam function from the mgcv R package. To use gam, there is a step that involves arranging the data in some specific form prior to calling the gam function for DPFR model fitting.

```

for (i in 1:n) {
  for (j in 1:(length(month) - hist.lgth)) {
    y.s <- Y[-i, hist.lgth + j]
    X <- Y[-i, 1:hist.lgth]
    Lmat <- X[rep(1:(n - 1), each = 1), ]
    sngrid = hist.lgth
    smat <- matrix(month[1:hist.lgth], nrow = n - 1, nc = sngrid, byrow = TRUE)
    data.DPFR <- list()
    data.DPFR$y.s <- y.s
    data.DPFR$smat <- smat
    data.DPFR$Lmat <- Lmat
    fit.dpfr <- gam(y.s ~ s(smat, by = Lmat, bs = "ps", k = 4), data = data.DPFR,
method = "REML")
    smat.new <- matrix(month[1:hist.lgth], nrow = 1, nc = sngrid, byrow = TRUE)
    X.new <- as.matrix(t(Y[i, 1:hist.lgth]), nrow = 1)
    Lmat.new <- t(X.new[rep(1:1, each = 1), ])
    data.DPFR.new <- list()
    data.DPFR.new$smat <- smat.new
    data.DPFR.new$Lmat <- Lmat.new
    DPFR.gam <- predict(fit.dpfr, data.DPFR.new, se = TRUE)
    Y.predict.DPFR_gam[i, j] <- DPFR.gam$fit
  }
}

```

DPFFR

DPFFR considers a functional response $Y[i, (t+1):length(month)]$ for each subject i . The predictor, $Y[i, 1:t]$, is also functional, which makes the approach a dynamic function-on-function regression. We provide the implementation of DPFFR with the pfr function from the refund R package and the gam function from the mgcv R package.

DPFFR using pfr

When using pfr from the refund R package, the user directly refers to the functional response $Y[i, (t+1):length(month)]$ and functional predictor $Y[i, 1:t]$. The response and predictor data are stored as matrices.

```

for (i in 1:n) {
  ymat <- Y[-i, (hist.lgth + 1):length(month)]
  X <- Y[-i, 1:hist.lgth]
  t.vec <- month[(hist.lgth + 1):length(month)]
  s.vec <- month[1:hist.lgth]
  data1 <- list()
  data1$ymat <- ymat
  data1$X <- X
  data1$t.vec <- t.vec
  data1$s.vec <- s.vec
  fit.DPFFR_pffr <- pffr(ymat ~ ff(X, xind = s.vec), yind = t.vec, data = data1)
  data2 <- list()
  data2$X <- as.matrix(t(Y[i, 1:hist.lgth]))
  Y.predict.DPFFR_pffr[i, ] <- predict(fit.DPFFR_pffr, newdata = data2)
}

```

DPFFR using gam

Using gam from the mgcv R package is an option for DPFFR. When using gam for DPFFR there is a required step of having the functional response $Y[i, (t+1):length(month)]$ in vector format. Additional steps are needed to generate the required data format for gam. Details are shown below.

```

for (i in 1:n) {
  Y.v <- Y[, (hist.lgth + 1):length(month)]
  X <- Y[, 1:hist.lgth]
  yvec <- as.vector(t(Y.v[-i, ]))
  t <- month[(hist.lgth + 1):length(month)]
  s <- month[1:hist.lgth]
  by = 1
  tngrid = length(t)
  sngrid = length(s)
  tmat <- matrix(t, nrow = (n - 1) * tngrid, nc = sngrid, byrow = FALSE)
  smat <- matrix(s, nrow = (n - 1) * tngrid, nc = sngrid, byrow = TRUE)
  LX <- X[-i, ]
  Lmat <- LX[rep(1:(n - 1), each = tngrid), ]
  tvec <- matrix(t, nrow = (n - 1) * tngrid, nc = 1, byrow = FALSE)
  data.DPFFR <- list()
  data.DPFFR$yvec <- yvec
  data.DPFFR$tvec <- tvec
  data.DPFFR$tmat <- tmat
  data.DPFFR$smat <- smat
  data.DPFFR$Lmat <- Lmat
  fit.DPFFR <- gam(yvec ~ s(tvec, bs = "ps", k = 4) + te(tmat, smat, by = Lmat,
    bs = "ps"), method = "REML")
  tmat.new <- matrix(t, nrow = (1) * tngrid, nc = sngrid, byrow = FALSE)
  smat.new <- matrix(s, nrow = (1) * tngrid, nc = sngrid, byrow = TRUE)
  L <- matrix(by, ncol = length(s), nrow = 1)
  LX.new <- L * X[i, ]
  Lmat.new <- LX.new[rep(1:(1), each = tngrid), ]
  tvec.new <- matrix(t, nrow = (1) * tngrid, nc = 1, byrow = FALSE)
  data.DPFFR.new <- list()
  data.DPFFR.new$tvec <- tvec.new
}

```

```

data.DPFFR.new$tmat <- tmat.new
data.DPFFR.new$smat <- smat.new
data.DPFFR.new$Lmat <- Lmat.new
predict.GAM <- predict(fit.DPFFR, data.DPFFR.new, se = TRUE)
Y.predict.DPFFR_gam[i, ] <- predict.GAM$fit
}

```

Dynamic Prediction Graphics

Below we provide the results for dynamic prediction for a subject. Dynamic predictions are illustrated for each method. In each graph the red solid line represents the dynamic prediction. Historic data is shown as a blue solid line.

