



## Offre de stage

### Reliable Machine Learning: Learning to Weight Data

Possibilité de poursuivre sur une thèse

### A propos de la chaire

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# Description du stage

## Encadrement

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## Lieu et dates du stage

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Date de début du stage : début 2020

## Équipe(s) d'accueil de la thèse

Département IDS, équipe S2A

## Mots clés

Predictive learning, (importance) sampling, survey schemes, Horvitz-Thompson estimation, post-stratification, transfer learning

## Sujet détaillé

In many situations, data are not the only materials that can be exploited by machine-learning algorithms. Sometimes, they can also make use of weights resulting from sampling stratification. Such weights correspond either to true inclusion probabilities or else to calibrated or post-stratification weights, minimizing some discrepancy under certain margin constraints for the inclusion probabilities. Asymptotic analysis of Horvitz-Thompson estimators (see Horvitz & Thompson, 1951}) based on survey data, in the context of mean estimation and regression in particular, has received a good deal of attention in the statistical literature and the last few years have witnessed significant progress towards a comprehensive functional limit theory for distribution function estimation. In parallel, the field of machine-learning has been the subject of a spectacular development, its practice has been revitalized in particular by various breakout algorithms (e.g. SVM, boosting methods) and is supported by a sound probabilistic theory based on recent (non asymptotic) results in the study of empirical processes. However, our increasing capacity to collect data, due to the ubiquity of sensors, has improved much faster than our ability to process and analyze Big Datasets, for predictive purpose in particular. Whereas massive information, which machine-learning procedures could theoretically now rely on, is available in the Big Data era, with the advent of IoT (Internet of Things) in particular, exploiting it may be challenging, insofar as data are now more and more rarely collected through controlled experimental designs, specified in advance, but much more frequently on the fly and using them as training examples may yield strong biases in learning methods, and improper predictive models. The goal of this research internship is to investigate to which extent appropriate re-weighting of the data could be learnt in presence of auxiliary information, so as to correct possible biases. The idea is to formulate this objective as an optimization problem and develop computational methods, together with a theoretical validity framework, in order to solve it. Practical applications (IoT and smart cities, public transportations) will be also considered.

## Profil du candidat

Etudiant titulaire d'un master 2 recherche

- Apprentissage statistique / reconnaissance des formes
- Bon niveau en programmation (Java, C/C++, Python)
- Bon niveau d'anglais

## Candidatures

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- Curriculum Vitae
- Lettre de motivation personnalisée expliquant l'intérêt du candidat sur le sujet (directement dans le corps du mail)
- Relevés de notes des années précédentes
- Contact d'une personne de référence

Les candidatures incomplètes ne seront pas examinées.

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