Info-Metrics Two-Day Tutorial: Experiences of Students from Outside Institutions

The Info-Metrics Institute held a *Special Two-Day Tutorial on Info-Metrics* at American University in May 2013, taught by Professor Amos Golan (American U). Below are summarized experiences of two non-American University students.

The Info-Metrics tutorial was extremely insightful. Golan's exposition of the material was lucid and at a level perfect for later year PhDs. It is really quite difficult to find a systematic exposition of the material anywhere and due to the fact that is quite difficult to learn such material independently, the tutorial was really an invaluable experience. Further, it was great to connect with other students and faculty in the field. Being a not so common interest, it was the perfect opportunity to get involved in the community of entropy econometrics.

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The Info-Metrics 2 Day Tutorial at American University in May 2013 was a well-taught, well-organized and concise introduction to the method of generalized entropy for estimating and making inferences about imperfectly known sampling models from which a limited data sample is available for analysis. It dovetailed with my research interests. A PhD student in economics, I attended the tutorial while working on the first part of my dissertation. The contents built on what I was and am working on - the theoretical characterization of a particular empirical frequency distribution. In particular, the generalized maximum entropy method provided me with a flexible tool to analyze the data in a insightful way I was previously unable to do. I hope to use more of these estimation techniques going forward, especially for model selection and for analyzing the behavior of some economic time series. I would like to thank Amos Golan for an excellent introduction to the field of maximum entropy estimation and inference, and providing the students with helpful lecture notes; and the Info-Metrics team for facilitating an enjoyable workshop.

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