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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.pymvpa.org>

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Description: A Python package intended to ease statistical learning analyses of large datasets. It offers an extensible framework with a high-level interface to a broad range of algorithms for classification, regression, feature selection, data import and export. While it is not limited to the neuroimaging domain, it is eminently suited for such datasets. PyMVPA is truly free software (in every respect) and additionally requires nothing but free-software to run. Decoding patterns of neural activity onto cognitive states is one of the central goals of functional brain imaging. Standard univariate fMRI analysis methods, which correlate cognitive and perceptual function with the blood oxygenation-level dependent (BOLD) signal, have proven successful in identifying anatomical regions based on signal increases during cognitive and perceptual tasks. Recently, researchers have begun to explore new multivariate techniques that have proven to be more flexible, more reliable, and more sensitive than standard univariate analysis. Drawing on the field of statistical learning theory, these new classifier-based analysis techniques possess explanatory power that could provide new insights into the functional properties of the brain. However, unlike the wealth of software packages for univariate analyses, there are few packages that facilitate multivariate pattern classification analyses of fMRI data. This Python-based, cross-platform, open-source software toolbox for the application of classifier-based analysis techniques to fMRI datasets makes use of Python's ability to access libraries written in a large variety of programming languages and computing environments to interface with the wealth of existing machine learning packages.

Abbreviations: PyMVPA

Synonyms: Python MVPA, Multivariate Pattern Analysis in Python, PyMVPA - Multivariate Pattern Analysis in Python

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Ratings and Alerts

No rating or validation information has been found for PyMVPA.

No alerts have been found for PyMVPA.

Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 127 mentions in open access literature.

Listed below are recent publications. The full list is available at [FDI Lab - SciCrunch.org](https://www.fdi-lab.com/sci-crunch).

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