
S1 Supporting File to ‘Diagnosing the Dynamics of Observed and Simulated Ecosystem Gross Primary Productivity with Time Causal Information Theory Quantifiers’

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Tables

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Table 1. All FLUXNET sites used in this study.

Name	Years	Long.	Lat.	PFT	Climate Re- gion	Ref.
BE-Vie	1996-2006	6.00	50.31	MF	Temperate	[2]
CH-Oe1	2000-2010	7.73	47.29	GRA	Temperate	[3]
CZ-Bk1	2000-2006	18.54	49.50	ENF	Temperate	[4]
DE-Hai	2000-2006	10.45	51.08	DBF	Temperate	[5]
DE-Tha	1996-2006	13.57	50.96	ENF	Temperate	[6]
DE-Wet	2002-2006	11.46	50.45	ENF	Temperate	[5]
DK-Sor	1996-2006	11.64	55.49	DBF	Temperate	[6]
ES-ES1	1999-2006	-0.32	39.35	ENF	Mediterranean	[4]
FI-Hyy	1996-2006	24.29	61.85	ENF	Boreal	[7]
FI-Kaa	2000-2006	27.30	69.14	WET	Boreal	[8]
FI-Sod	2000-2006	26.64	67.36	ENF	Boreal	[9]
FR-Hes	1997-2006	7.06	48.67	DBF	Temperate	[10]
FR-Pue	2000-2006	3.60	43.74	EBF	Mediterranean	[4]
HU-Bug	2002-2006	19.60	46.69	GRA	Temperate	[11]
IT-Amp	2002-2006	13.61	41.90	GRA	Mediterranean	[11]
IT-Col	1996-2006	13.59	41.85	DBF	Mediterranean	[4]
IT-Cpz	1997-2006	12.50	41.71	EBF	Mediterranean	[4]
IT-Ren	1999-2006	11.43	46.59	ENF	Temperate	[12]
IT-Ro1	2000-2006	11.93	42.41	DBF	Mediterranean	[13]
IT-Sro	1999-2006	10.28	43.73	ENF	Mediterranean	[14]
NL-Loo	1996-2006	5.74	52.17	ENF	Temperate	[15]
RU-Fyo	1998-2006	32.92	56.46	ENF	Temperate	a.
SE-Deg	2001-2005	19.55	64.18	WET	Boreal	b.

a. <http://www.fluxdata.org:8080/sitepages/siteInfo.aspx?RU-Fyo>

b. <http://www.fluxdata.org:8080/sitepages/siteInfo.aspx?SE-Deg>

Table 2. All CMIP5 models used in this study. Number of ensemble members includes both representative concentration pathways (RCP4.5 and RCP 8.5).

Modeling Center (or Group)	Inst. ID	Model Name	# Ens.
Beijing Climate Center, China Meteorological Administration	BCC	bcc-csm1-1	2
Canadian Centre for Climate Modelling and Analysis	CCCMA	CanESM2	10
National Center for Atmospheric Research	NCAR	CCSM4	12
NOAA Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory	NOAA GFDL	GFDL-ESM2G	2
Met Office	MOHC	HadGEM2-CC	2
Hadley Centre	MOHC	HadGEM2-ES	8
Institute for Numerical Mathematics	INM	inmcm4	2
Institut Pierre-Simon Laplace	IPSL	IPSL-CM5A-LR	8
	IPSL	IPSL-CM5A-MR	1
Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology, Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute (The University of Tokyo), and National Institute for Environmental Studies	MIROC	MIROC-ESM	2
	MIROC	MIROC-ESM-CHEM	2
Max Planck Institute for Meteorology	MPI-M	MPI-ESM-LR	6
Norwegian Climate Centre	NCC	NorESM1-M	2

Text

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Ordinal pattern statistics

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Given a one-dimensional time series $\mathcal{X}(t) = \{x_t; t = 1, \dots, M\}$ and a chosen window length D ,

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“ordinal patterns” of order D are generated by first embedding the time series:

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$$(s) \mapsto (x_{s-(D-1)\tau}, x_{s-(D-2)\tau}, \dots, x_{s-\tau}, x_s) , \quad (1)$$

which assigns to each time s the D -dimensional vector of values at times $s - (D - 1)\tau, \dots, s - \tau, s$.

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Clearly, the greater D , the more information on the past is incorporated into the embedding vectors.

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By “ordinal pattern” related to the time (s) , we mean the permutation $\pi = (r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{D-1})$ of

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$[0, 1, \dots, D - 1]$ defined by

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$$x_{s-r_{D-1}\tau} \leq x_{s-r_{D-2}\tau} \leq \dots \leq x_{s-r_1\tau} \leq x_{s-r_0\tau}. \quad (2)$$

In this way the vector defined by Eq. (1) is converted into a unique symbol π . We set $r_i < r_{i-1}$ if

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$x_{s-r_i} = x_{s-r_{i-1}}$ for uniqueness.

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In order to illustrate the Bandt-Pompe (BP) method, we will consider a simple example: a time

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series with seven ($M = 7$) values $\mathcal{X} = \{4, 7, 9, 10, 6, 11, 3\}$ only, and we evaluate the BP-PDF for

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$D = 3$ and $\tau = 1$. In this case the state space is divided into $3!$ partitions and 6 mutually exclusive

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permutation symbols are considered. The triplet $(4, 7, 9)$ and $(7, 9, 10)$ represent the permutation

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pattern $[012]$ since they are in increasing order. On the other hand, $(9, 10, 6)$ and $(6, 11, 3)$

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correspond to the permutation pattern $[201]$ since $x_{s+2} < x_s < x_{s+1}$, while $(10, 6, 11)$ has the

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permutation pattern $\{102\}$ with $x_{s+1} < x_s < x_{s+2}$. Then, the associated probabilities to the 6

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patterns are: $p([012]) = p([201]) = 2/5$; $p([102]) = 1/5$; $p([021]) = p([120]) = p([210]) = 0$.

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For all the $D!$ possible orderings (permutations) π_i , their relative frequencies can be naturally

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computed according to the number of times this particular order sequence is found in the time series,

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divided by the total number of sequences,

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$$p(\pi_i) = \frac{\#\{s | s \leq N - (D - 1)\tau; (s) \text{ is of type } \pi_i\}}{N - (D - 1)\tau}, \quad (3)$$

where $\#$ denotes cardinality. Thus, an ordinal pattern probability distribution

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$P = \{p(\pi_i), i = 1, \dots, D!\}$ is obtained from the time series.

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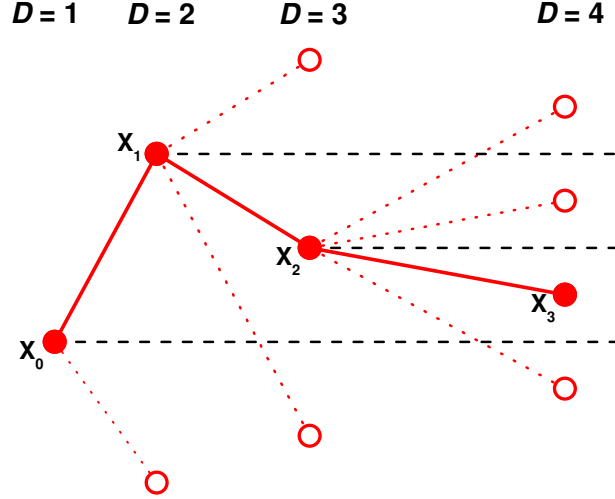


Fig 1. Illustration of the construction principle for ordinal patterns of length D [1]. If $D = 4$ and $\tau = 1$, full circles and continuous lines represent the sequence of values $x_0 < x_1 > x_2 > x_3$ which lead to the pattern $\pi = [0321]$.

Figure 1 illustrates the construction principle of the ordinal patterns of length $D = 2, 3$ and 4 with $\tau = 1$ [1]. Consider the sequence of observations $\{x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3\}$. For $D = 2$, there are only two possible directions from x_0 to x_1 : up and down. For $D = 3$, starting from x_1 (up) the third part of the pattern can be above x_1 , below x_0 , or between x_0 and x_1 . A similar situation can be found starting from x_1 (down). For $D = 4$, for each one of the six possible positions for x_2 , there are four possible localizations for x_3 , yielding $D! = 4! = 24$ different possible ordinal patterns. In Fig. 1, full circles and continuous lines represent the sequence values $x_0 < x_1 > x_2 > x_3$, which leads to the pattern $\pi = [0321]$. A graphical representation of all possible patterns corresponding to $D = 3, 4$ and 5 can be found in Fig. 2 of Parlitz *et al.* [1].

The embedding dimension D plays an important role in the evaluation of the appropriate probability distribution, because D determines the number of accessible states $D!$ and also conditions the minimum acceptable length $M \gg D!$ of the time series that one needs in order to work with reliable statistics [16].

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