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**Part II – Education**

| Type   | Year | Institution                                     | Notes (Degree Experience,...)   |
|--|------|---|---|
| University graduation<br>BSc in Economics &<br>Finance | 2009 | Università degli Studi di Roma<br>"Tor Vergata" | 110/110 cum summa laude<br>Dissertation title: A logit model to<br>estimate the probability of default.<br>Supervisor: Prof. Roberto Rocci  |
| University graduation<br>MSc                           | 2011 | Università degli Studi di Roma<br>"Tor Vergata" | 110/110 cum summa laude with<br>honors<br>Dissertation title: A mixture Gaussian<br>Hidden Markov model: a flexible<br>approach to analyze heterogeneous<br>returns. Supervisor: Prof. Roberto<br>Rocci |
| Post-graduate studies                                  | 2012 | Warwick University (UK)                         | With Distinction<br>Dissertation title: Modelling skewed<br>data.<br>Supervisor: Prof. Mark Steel   |
| PhD  | 2014 | Università Sapienza                             | Dissertation title:<br>New perspective on likelihood-based<br>inference for latent and observed<br>Gaussian mixture models. Advisor:<br>Prof. Roberto Rocci   |

**Part III – Appointments**

**IIIA – Academic Appointments**

| Start   | End     | Institution   | Position                           |
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| 3/4/18  | 2/4/21  | Dipartimento di Economia e Finanza -<br>Università degli Studi di Roma "Tor<br>Vergata" | RTDA SECS-S/01 13/D1               |
| 3/4/17  | 31/3/18 | Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche –<br>Università Roma Tre                              | Assegno di Ricerca SECS-S/01 13/D1 |
| 1/10/15 | 30/9/16 | Dipartimento di Scienze Politiche –<br>Università Roma Tre                              | Assegno di Ricerca SECS-S/01 13/D1 |
| 12/1/15 | 11/1/16 | Dipartimento di Statistica – Penn State   | Post-Doc SECS-S/01 13/D1           |



University (USA)

#### Part IV – Teaching experience as Instructor

| Year    | Institution  | Lecture/Course  |
|---------|--|---|
| Fa 2018 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata – Department of Economics and Finance | Statistical Tools for Decision-Making (7 CFU; Descriptive statistics, Introduction to Probability and Inferential Statistics). Undergraduate course in English. |
| Su 2018 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata– Department of Economics and Finance  | Introduction to Statistics (20 h). Preparatory course in English at Master of Science in European Economy and Business Law.                                     |
| Sp 2018 | Università Roma Tre– Department of Political Sciences                            | Statistics. Undergraduate course in Italian (8 CFU)   |
| Fa 2017 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata– Department of Economics and Finance  | Statistical Tools for Decision-Making (3 CFU; Descriptive statistics). Undergraduate course in English.   |
| Su 2017 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata– Department of Economics and Finance  | Introduction to Statistics. Preparatory course in English at Master of Science in European Economy and Business Law. (12 h)                                     |
| Sp 2017 | Università Roma Tre– Department of Political Sciences                            | Statistics. Undergraduate course in Italian (8 CFU)   |
| Sp 2016 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata– Department of Economics and Finance  | Marketing Analytics Lab. Course in English at Master of Science in Big Data in Business (Co-Instructor with Prof. Roberto Rocci)                                |
| Fa 2015 | Penn State University (USA) – Department of Statistics                           | STAT462 Applied Regression Analysis. Undergraduate Course in English.   |

(Please see Student Rating of Teaching Effectiveness in attachment)

#### Part IV – Teaching experience as Teaching Assistant

| Year    | Institution   | Lecture/Course   |
|---------|---|--|
| Fa 2018 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata– Department of Economics and Finance | Statistical Tools for Decision-Making. Undergraduate course in English. Course instructors: Dr. Monia Ranalli (7 CFU); Prof. Roberto Rocci (2 CFU) |
| Fa 2018 | LUISS – Department of Political Sciences  | Statistics. Undergraduate course in English. Instructor: Prof. Roberto Rocci (8 CFU)   |
| Sp 2018 | LUISS – Department of Economics and Finance                                     | Statistics. Undergraduate course in English. Instructor: Dr. Alessio Troiani (8 CFU)   |
| Sp 2018 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata– Department of Management and Law    | SAS Labs for Business Statistics. Graduate course in English. Course Instructor: Prof. Simone Borra (6 CFU)  |

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| Fa 2017 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata-<br>Department of Economics and Finance | Statistics. Course in English at Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation. Course instructor: Prof. Roberto Rocci             |
| Fa 2017 | LUISS – Department of Political Sciences   | Statistics. Undergraduate course in English. Instructor: Prof. Roberto Rocci (8 CFU)   |
| Fa 2017 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata-<br>Department of Economics and Finance | Statistical Tools for Decision-Making. Undergraduate course in English. Course instructors: Dr. Monia Ranalli (3 CFU); Prof. Roberto Rocci (6 CFU) |
| Sp 2017 | LUISS – Department of Economics and Finance  | Statistics. Undergraduate course in English. Instructor: Prof. Brunero Liseo (8 CFU)   |
| Sp 2017 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata-<br>Department of Management and Law    | SAS Labs for Business Statistics. Graduate course in English. Course Instructor: Prof. Simone Borra (6 CFU)  |
| Fa 2016 | LUISS – Department of Political Sciences   | Statistics. Undergraduate course in English. Instructor: Prof. Roberto Rocci (8 CFU)   |
| Fa 2016 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata-<br>Department of Economics and Finance | Statistics. Course in English at Master in Development Economics and International Cooperation. Course instructor: Prof. Roberto Rocci             |
| Sp 2016 | LUISS – Department of Economics and Finance  | Statistics. Undergraduate course in English. Instructor: Prof. Yosef Rinott (8 CFU)  |
| Sp 2016 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata-<br>Department of Economics and Finance | Lab activities for Unsupervised Learning. Graduate course in English for MSc in Big Data in Business. Instructor: Prof. Roberto Rocci              |
| Fa 2013 | Università degli Studi di Roma Tor Vergata-<br>Department of Economics and Finance | Statistics. Undergraduate course in Italian. Prof. Stefano Antonio Gattone (9 CFU)   |

#### Part V - Society memberships, Awards and Honors

| Year | Title   |
|------|---|
| 2017 | Grant of 500 Euro for accommodation and traveling to attend 2017 CRoNoS Winter Course on Copula-based modeling with R at Birkbeck University of London. (Course Instructors: Prof. Marius Hofert, University of Waterloo, Canada, and Prof. Ivan Kojadinovic, University of Pau, France.) |
| 2016 | Best Ph.D. Thesis in Statistics in Italy, awarded by Italian Statistical Society  |
| 2015 | Honorable Mention at 2015 Shiny Contest organized by Department of Statistics - Penn State - for Snapshot of Statistical Inference: Point Estimation, Interval Estimation, Hypothesis Testing (in collaboration with Debmalya Nandy).   |
| 2011 | Departmental Bursary for an MSc in Statistics at the University of Warwick  |
|      | <b>Society Memberships:</b> Member of SIS (Italian Statistical Society), Member of MM (Mixture models), a specialized team of CMStatistics (Computational and Methodological Statistics), Member of the Classification Society.   |

#### Part VI - Funding Information [grants as PI-principal investigator or I-investigator]

| Year | Title                             | Program                   | Grant value |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| 2018 | Environmental processes and human | Partecipation to Research |             |

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|      | activities: capturing their interactions via statistical methods (EphaStat) | Project (local PI: Jona Lasinio, G)  |      |
| 2014 | Dynamic Latent Mixture Model for longitudinal ordinal data                  | Co-Principal Investigator (with Marino, M.F.), Avvio alla ricerca grant (Young Investigator grant), Sapienza University. | 2000 |
| 2014 | Biclustering using a fuzzy approach   | Partecipation to Research Project (PI Ferraro, MB)   |      |

## Part VII – Research Activities

| Keywords               | Brief Description   |
|------------------------|---|
| Mixture Models         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Finite mixture models</b> (and some extensions) used mainly for a <b>clustering</b> purpose</li> <li>- <b>Methodological aspects</b> mainly focused on finite mixture models (the <b>unboundedness</b> of the likelihood for mixture of Gaussians, <b>identifiability issues</b> of mixture models based on an URV approach along with composite likelihood function</li> <li>- <b>Estimation methods</b> based on <b>composite likelihood</b> and <b>Monte Carlo likelihood</b></li> <li>- <b>Different real data applications</b> (ChIP-seq data, marine currents, wildfires, social and behavioral data, time series, three-way data)</li> </ul> |
| Composite Likelihood   |   |
| Latent Variable Models |   |
| EM algorithm           |   |
| Ordinal data           |   |

## Part VIII – Summary of Scientific Achievements

| Product type       | Number | Data Base      | Start | End   |
|--------------------|--------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Papers             | 6      | Google Scholar | 2016  | Today |
| Published Thesis   | 1      | Google Scholar | 2014  | Today |
| Chapters in Volume | 2      | Google Scholar | 2015  |       |
| Proceedings        | 4      | Google Scholar | 2013  | Today |
| Abstracts          | 1      | Google Scholar | 2014  | Today |
| Pre-prints         | 2      | Google Scholar | 2015  | Today |
| Discussion         | 1      | Google Scholar | 2015  | Today |

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| Total Impact factor           | 9.078     |
| Total Citations               | 14        |
| Average Citations per Product | 14/6=2.33 |
| Hirsch (H) index              | 2         |

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| Normalized H index* |
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\*H index divided by the academic seniority.

## Part IX– Selected Publications

List of the publications selected for the evaluation. For each publication report title, authors, reference data, journal IF (if applicable), citations, press/media release (if any).

1. **Ranalli, M.**, Lindsay, B.G., and Hunter, D. (2018) “A classical invariant solution to the normal mixture problem”. *Statistica Sinica*. doi:10.5705/ss.202016.0483 (see also acceptance letter in attachment) – **IF=0.886**  
(Allegato A)
2. Ameijeiras-Alonso J, Lagona F, **Ranalli M**, Crujeiras RM (2018). A circular non-homogeneous hidden Markov field for the spatial segmentation of wildfire occurrences. *ENVIRONMETRICS*, ISSN: 1180-4009, doi: 10.1002/env.2501 – **IF=1.321**  
(Allegato B)
3. **Ranalli, M.**, Lagona, F., Picone, M., Zambianchi, E. (2018). Segmentation of sea current fields by cylindrical hidden Markov models: A composite likelihood approach. *JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY SERIES C-APPLIED STATISTICS*, vol. 67, p. 575-598, ISSN: 0035-9254, doi: 10.1111/rssc.12240 – **IF=1.75 #Citations=1**  
(Allegato C)
4. **Ranalli M**, Rocci R (2017). A model based approach to simultaneous clustering and dimensional reduction of ordinal data. *PSYCHOMETRIKA*, vol. 82, p. 1007-1034, ISSN: 0033-3123, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11336-017-9578-5> - **IF=2.089**  
(Allegato D)
5. **Ranalli M**, Rocci R (2017). Mixture models for mixed-type data through a composite likelihood approach. *COMPUTATIONAL STATISTICS & DATA ANALYSIS*, vol. 110, p. 87-102, ISSN: 0167-9473, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.csda.2016.12.016> - **IF=1.181 #Citations=3**  
(Allegato E)
6. **Ranalli M**, Rocci R (2016). Mixture Models for Ordinal Data: A Pairwise Likelihood Approach. *STATISTICS AND COMPUTING*, vol. 26, p. 529-547, ISSN: 0960-3174, doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11222-014-9543-4> - **IF=1.851 #Citations=10**  
(Allegato F)
7. **Ranalli M** (in press). New perspectives on likelihood-based inference for latent and observed Gaussian mixture models. In: *Best Ph.D. Theses in Statistics and Applications*. SIS-CLEUP.  
(Allegato G)
8. **Ranalli M**, Rocci R (2016). Standard and novel model selection criteria in the pairwise likelihood estimation of a mixture model for ordinal data. In: (a cura di): Wilhelm, A.F.X. and Kestler, H. A. , *Studies in Classification, Data Analysis, and Knowledge Organization. Analysis of Large and Complex Data*. p. 53-68, ISBN: 9783319252247 #Citations=4  
(Allegato H)
9. **Ranalli M**, Rocci R (2015). Clustering methods for ordinal data: a comparison between standard and new approaches. In: (a cura di): Morlini, I., Minerva, T. and Vichi, *Studies in Classification, Data Analysis, and Knowledge Organization . Advances in Statistical Models for Data Analysis*. p. 221-229, doi: DOI 10.1007/978-3-319-17377-1  
(Allegato I)

10. Lagona, F, Ranalli, Monia (2018, in press). A multilevel hidden Markov model for space-time cylindrical data. SIS 2018 "Book of short papers". ISBN: TBA (see attachment – copyright signed for publication)  
(*Allegato L*)
11. Rocci R, Vichi, M, **Ranalli, M** (2017). Mixture models for simultaneous classification and reduction of three-way data. In: Cladag 2017 Book of Short Papers. ISBN: 9788899459710 ,  
(*Allegato M*)
12. **Ranalli M**, Rocci R (2013). Mixture models for ordinal data: a pairwise likelihood approach. In: (a cura di): Tommaso Minerva, Isabella Morlini, Francesco Palumbo, Cladag 2013. 9th Meeting of the Classification and Data Analysis Group. Book of Abstracts. p. 396-399, ISBN: 9788867871179  
(*Allegato N*)

## **Part X– Other Details**

### ***Educational Activities***

MSc degrees supervised

1. Dario Scalzo (MSc in Big Data, Tor Vergata University) Jan 2017
2. Matteo Tamburri (MSc in Big Data, Tor Vergata University) Jan 2017

### ***Editorial Work Reviewer***

Metron, ADAC, CSDA, and Statistics and Computing, Journal of Statistical Computation and Simulation

### ***Invited Research Stays***

Ghent University (Belgium). Host: Dr. Christopher Ley Sep 2017

### **Chair Sessions & Organized Sessions**

1. Session Flexible modeling organized at COMPSTAT 2018 (Romania) Aug 2018
2. Chair session Mixture and Latent Class Models for Clustering. CLADAG 2017 (Milan) Sep 2017

### ***IT Skills***

Microsoft Office, LaTeX, R , Stata, SAS, Matlab, Minitab, Bedtools, MEME-chip, Galaxy, FIMO.

## **CONFERENCES & SEMINARS**

### • Invited Talks

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|--|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Invited Talk at ERCIM2018                        | University of Pisa, Italy           | Dec2018 |
| Invited Talk at ASMOD2018                        | University of Naples, Italy         | Oct2018 |
| Invited Talk at SIS                              | University of Palermo, Italy        | Jun2018 |
| Invited Talk at ClaDAG                           | University of Milano-Bicocca, Italy | Sep2017 |
| Invited Talk at Classification Society Meeting.  | University of Missouri, USA         | Jun2016 |
| Invited Talk at ERCIM 2014. Session: Model-based | University of Pisa, Italy           | Dec2014 |

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| clustering for categorical and mixed-type data |                                     |          |
| Invited talk at ECDA Conference                | Jacobs University (Bremen), Germany | Jul 2014 |

- Contributed Presentations

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| Talk at METMA IX, 9th Workshop on Spatio-temporal modeling,  | Montpellier, France                           | Jun2018  |
| Talk at TIES-GRASPA 2017   | University of Bergamo, Italy                  | Jul2017  |
| Talk at Model-Based Clustering and Classification (MBC2)   | Catania, Italy                                | Sept2016 |
| Talk at COMPSTAT 2016  | Oviedo, Spain                                 | Aug2016  |
| Talk at International Federation of Classification Societies (IFCS)  | Bologna, Italy                                | Jul 2015 |
| Talk at Model-Based Clustering and Classification (MBC2)   | Catania, Italy                                | Sept2014 |
| Talk at JSM  | Boston, USA                                   | Aug2014  |
| Talk at the 9th Meeting of the Classification and Data Analysis Group of the Italian Statistical Society (ClaDAG), | University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy | Sep 2013 |

- Seminars & Workshops

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| Invited seminar at Center for Statistics - Adolphe Quetelet Seminar Series | Ghent University (Belgium)                            | Sep2017 |
| Invited seminar at Young Researchers Seminars                              | Memotef, Sapienza University                          | Jan2017 |
| Talk at Group Meeting (jointly work with Li Q.)                            | Penn State University (USA)                           | May2016 |
| Talk at Genomics Seminars, (jointly work with Li Q.)                       | Penn State University (USA)                           | Oct2015 |
| Poster presentation at 2015 Bioinformatics and Genomics Retreat            | Penn State University (USA)                           | Aug2015 |
| Poster presentation at 2015 Rao Conference                                 | Department of Statistics, Penn State University (USA) | May2015 |
| Talk at SMAC (Stochastic Modeling and Computing) seminar                   | Penn State University (USA), Department of Statistics | Apr2014 |