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STATISTICS SEMINAR

Speaker: Ori Davidov, Department of Statistics, University of Haifa, Israel

Title: *"When Is the Mean Self-Consistent?"*

Day: Tuesday November 30, 2004

Time: 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Place: HH/207 (Refreshments in HH/216 at 3:00 PM)

SUMMARY

We study the conditions under which the sample mean is self-consistent, and therefore an optimal predictor, for an arbitrary observation in the sample. Our investigation involves the study of conditional expectations with respect to means, exchangeability, symmetry and self-consistency.

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