

FMRI core syllabus

How to learn from videos: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=d7IPiNE4_QE

Tom Liu's lectures: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCWUn9KXLEFqfUeTY0tmC5nQ>

FSL course lectures: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLvgasosJnUVI_bt8VbERUyCLU93OG31h_

Coursera: Principles of fMRI 1: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/functional-mri>

Coursera: Principles of fMRI 2: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/functional-mri-2>

Joseph Devlin - Designing and Analysing fMRI Experiments:

<https://ucl.podia.com/designing-and-analysing-fmri-experiments>

https://people.bss.phy.cam.ac.uk/~rea1/Nov15_2016_Talk/Magical_Magnetic_Resonance_Imaging.pdf

Mathematics

(See David Dorran, TU Dublin <https://www.youtube.com/user/ddorran/featured?app=desktop>)

Linear algebra (vectors and matrices) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fNk_zzaMoSs&list=PLZHQObOWTQDPD3MizzM2xVFitgF8hE_ab

Complex numbers

Waves: amplitudes, frequency and phase

Basic calculus

Harmonic analysis:

- The Fourier transform and Fourier analysis (conjugate variables)

- Continuous vs discrete functions

- Hilbert transform

- AM and FM

- Sampling and the Nyquist criterion

- Aliasing

- Convolution and deconvolution

Interpolation

Intro to systems analysis: Linear vs non-linear systems

Statistics

The normal distribution and averages
Hypothesis tests
Parametric vs non-parametric statistics
Significance
The t statistic
The F statistic
Least squares estimate (ordinary and weighted LS)
GLM
Linearity
Correlation (and autocorrelation)
Multiple comparisons, FDR and false positives
CRLB?
Bayes theorem and inference?

Multiple comparisons
Within subjects
Between subjects

Psychology

Inference, reverse inference
Reinforcement learning

Physics

Introduction to electricity and magnetism: fields, current in a wire, Maxwell's equations?

Introduction to NMR: spin, magnetization, origins of the signal, spin density, the Bloch equations

Is quantum mechanics necessary for understanding magnetic resonance?

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1002/cmr.a.20123>

Introduction to Relaxation: relaxation by a random field, T1, T2, B0 and relaxation rates

Inversion, saturation

Echoes (spin, gradient; include the effects of diffusion)

Isotropic diffusion and the PGSE sequence

Chemical shift and the NMR spectrum

Intro to pulse sequences

Introduction to image formation

K-space

Spatial selection

Intro to anatomical scans

Magnetism: diamagnetism, paramagnetism, superparamagnetism, ferromagnetism

Magnetic susceptibility: water, tissue, blood, bone, non-biological materials
(including contrast agents)

Flow sensitivity in NMR and MRI

EPI and EPI artifacts

Acceleration (in-plane, slice)

Engineering

Introduction to scanner architecture

Electromagnet basics

Introduction to scan suite layout

Scanner hardware control and pulse sequences

Gradient coils

Transmission RF coils

Receive RF coils

Biology

Introduction to cell biology: cell structure and functions

Brain cell types

Introduction to neuronal signaling: neurons, synapses, the resting potential,
neurotransmitters,

Introduction to cellular metabolism: glucose, lactate, TCA cycle, etc.

Sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems

Intro neuroanatomy: terminology, gray matter, white matter, Brodman regions,
connectivity,

Intro vascular anatomy

Blood supply basics (MABP, CPP, systolic, diastolic)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4QexcCqcCU>

Blood flow control: Blood flow, perfusion, the CBV, ATT, vasomotion, autoregulation, CVR,

Introduction to respiratory physiology <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7qTJo3zRjrY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8t-xIsncnIs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HlvM2rdHWzI>

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-mL_NQ3pKnA

https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/docs/librariesprovider60/default-document-library/oxygenation-and-oxygen-therapy.pdf?sfvrsn=4ca831b9_2

Introduction to cerebral metabolism: respiration, blood supply, oxygen and glucose utilization

Neurovascular coupling

https://catalogs.northwestern.edu/tgs/courses-az/bmd_eng/

Image processing and analysis

Introduction to command line computing, scripting, directory structure, links, permissions, etc. (See Andy's Brain Book)

Introduction to data formats, data structure, bits, headers,

Registration

Volume realignment

Slice timing correction

Smoothing

Introduction to machine learning: classifiers, supervised vs unsupervised learning

Intro to neural nets

Generative adversarial networks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8L11aMN5KY8>

Independent component analysis

Principal component analysis

ROC analysis

The hemodynamic response function

<http://practical-neuroimaging.github.io/>. See BMD_ENG 301-0 Quantitative

Systems Physiology and BMD_ENG 302-0 Quantitative Systems Physiology

<https://andysbrainbook.readthedocs.io/en/latest/>

<https://www.youtube.com/c/mumfordbrainstats>

Experimental design

Block designs

ER-fMRI

Biohysics

Oxy- and deoxyhemoglobin properties

Intro to pulse oximetry: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LQdiKbaB7ro> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CA_5Yn1WW0M

The BOLD dilution model and OEF

Draining vein effects (magnetic susceptibility model)

Inflow and apparent T1

Motion in fMRI

Physiological effects in fMRI

Practical issues

Safety: stray field effects,

Workflow: checklists

Basic scanner operation

Anatomical scanning

Functional scanning