

Geometric data analysis

Practical information

Schedule – 2026

2 October	Pavillon 1	13 November	Hôpital Cochin
16 October	Hôpital Cochin	20 November	Pavillon 3
23 October	Pavillon 1	27 November	Pavillon 3
30 October	Pavillon 1	4 December	Pavillon 3
6 November	Pavillon 1	11 December	Pavillon 3 – Exam

Exam and projects

Check my website: <https://www.jeanfeydy.com/Teaching/index.html>

Education vs. Vocational training (“Formation”)

Our field is moving fast. **Trends come and go.**

In this context, I make a clear distinction between:

- **Vocational training:** the skills which are in demand right now.
- **Education:** broadening your scope, allowing you to flourish.

Deep insights that **stood the test of time** are more relevant to your long-term prospects than proficiency with the latest software tools.

LLM use is strictly prohibited

I expect **you** to write **every single line** of your code, report and presentation. This class is all about improving your **cognitive fitness**.

LLMs as power tools:

- **Cars** are definitely useful in many settings.
- But using them to “cheat” in your **physical education** class gets you nowhere.

The MVA as a **cooking school**:

- I am trying to teach you how to become a great chef.
- If you **microwave frozen food** and dress it up for the exam, you may obtain a passing grade but won't get a **fulfilling career**.

The MVA is a **research** program.

Research is about **being different**, going where **others can't go**.

You are the main focus of this class

My personal experience:

- Students who don't use LLMs are more **agile** and **reliable**.
- Colleagues who use LLMs extensively **lose their spark** and don't last long.

Please understand that:

- Your grades do not matter.
- Cheating is the only way of failing the class.
- The **MVA** is all about developing **your basic research skills**, so that you can develop your own **research taste** over the next few years.

This may be your **last opportunity** to **grow at your own pace**.