(1) interpolation step: create initial estimates by sophisticated spatial interpolation



(2) feature engineering: create additional descriptive variables

Create backwards and forwards looking running means of different window sizes and temporal lags to account for seasonal processes and prevailing weather patterns. Add constant maps describing the environmental conditions. For example:

embedded features







precipitation forwards looking 7-day mean

other embedded features depending on domain knowledge

(3) clustering step: divide data into environmentally similar clusters



(4) regression step: update estimates with information from cross-covariance of variables, created features and constant maps

gapfill each cluster iteratively until stopping criterion is fulfilled:

swap variables such that each is predicted once:



2nd loop