## Supplementary Material for the Manuscript entitled "Unsupervised Learning on U.S. Weather Forecast Performance"

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## 1 More Result in Real Application

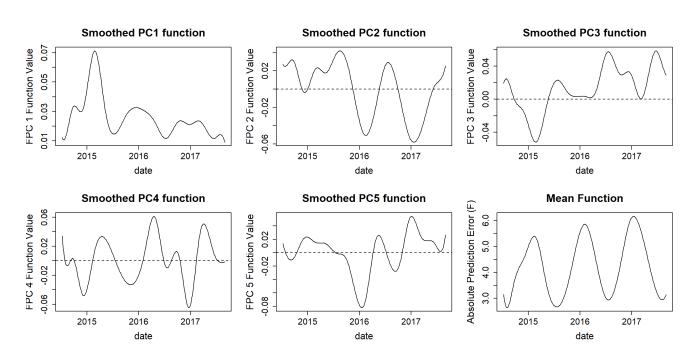


Figure 1: The first 5 smoothed FPC functions and mean function with CV-achieved  $\lambda = 18500$ .

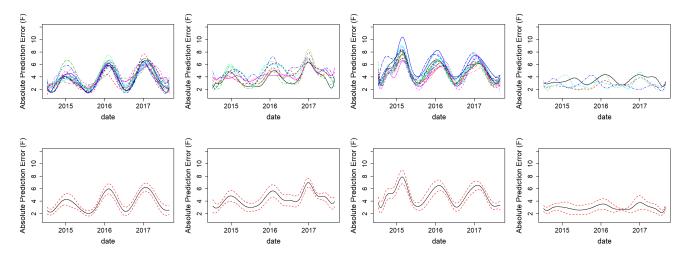


Figure 2: Cluster results from the K-means clustering on B-spline coefficients

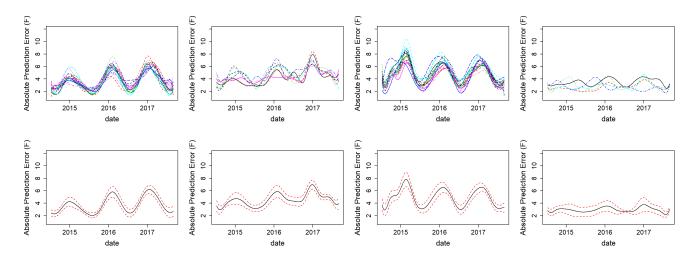


Figure 3: Cluster Result from K-means Clustering on Smoothed FPC Scores

## 2 More Result in Simulation Study

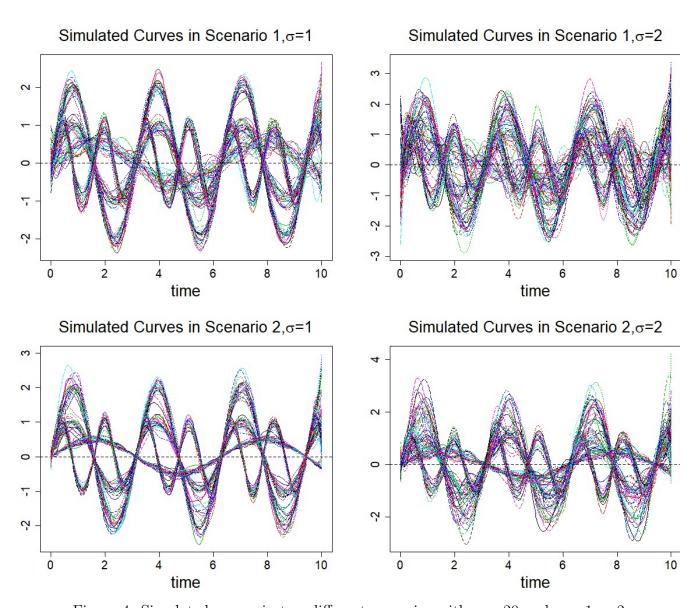


Figure 4: Simulated curves in two different scenarios with n=20 and  $\sigma=1$  or 2

|          |                                  | Selected Number of Clusters |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|
|          |                                  | 2                           |    | 3   |     | 4   |    | 5  |    |    | 6   |
| Scenario | Clustering Method                | 20                          | 50 | 20  | 50  | 20  | 50 | 20 | 50 | 20 | 50  |
| 1        | K-means on B-spline coefficients | 0                           | 0  | 200 | 200 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
|          | K-means on FPC scores            | 0                           | 0  | 156 | 133 | 25  | 40 | 18 | 27 | 1  | 0   |
| 1        | FunFEM (BIC)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 149 | 3  | 44 | 71 | 7  | 126 |
|          | FunFEM (ICL)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 139 | 4  | 54 | 54 | 7  | 142 |
| 2        | K-means on B-spline coefficients | 0                           | 0  | 200 | 200 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
|          | K-means on FPC scores            | 0                           | 0  | 160 | 156 | 30  | 35 | 10 | 9  | 0  | 0   |
|          | FunFEM (BIC)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 149 | 7  | 43 | 72 | 8  | 121 |
|          | FunFEM (ICL)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 137 | 6  | 53 | 74 | 10 | 120 |

Table 1: Frequency of the number of clusters selected over 200 simulations (n = 20 or 50) using different clustering methods in 2 different scenarios under  $\sigma = 1$ . The true number of clusters is 4.

|                            |                                  | Selected Number of Clusters |    |     |     |     |    |    |    |    |     |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|----|----|-----|
|                            |                                  | 2                           |    | 3   |     | 4   |    | 5  |    |    | 6   |
| Scenario Clustering Method |                                  | 20                          | 50 | 20  | 50  | 20  | 50 | 20 | 50 | 20 | 50  |
|                            | K-means on B-spline coefficients | 0                           | 0  | 200 | 200 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
| 1                          | K-means on FPC scores            | 1                           | 0  | 85  | 70  | 95  | 97 | 18 | 32 | 1  | 1   |
| 1                          | FunFEM (BIC)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 152 | 7  | 44 | 60 | 3  | 133 |
|                            | FunFEM (ICL)                     | 0                           | 0  | 1   | 0   | 154 | 2  | 31 | 58 | 14 | 140 |
| 2                          | K-means on B-spline coefficients | 0                           | 0  | 200 | 200 | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0   |
|                            | K-means on FPC scores            | 2                           | 0  | 105 | 108 | 82  | 87 | 10 | 5  | 1  | 0   |
|                            | FunFEM (BIC)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 132 | 7  | 55 | 64 | 13 | 129 |
|                            | FunFEM (ICL)                     | 0                           | 0  | 0   | 0   | 139 | 4  | 56 | 64 | 5  | 132 |

Table 2: Frequency of the number of clusters selected over 200 simulations (n = 20 and 50) using different clustering methods in 2 different scenarios under  $\sigma = 2$ . The true number of clusters is 4.

The goodness of estimated mean curve of each cluster is another interest in the simulation study. The main idea of the assessment of the mean curve estimation is measuring the difference between the estimated mean curves and the original mean curves. An average distance of cluster-specific mean function between estimated and real clusters (ADCMF) is defined to assess the mean curve estimations. Given K clusters and N discrete time observations  $t_1, t_2, ..., t_N$ , as well as the real and estimated mean curves of each cluster, say  $C_1(t), C_2(t), ..., C_K(t)$  and  $\hat{C}_1(t), \hat{C}_2(t), ..., \hat{C}_K(t)$  respectively, the average distance of cluster-specific mean function (ADCMF) is then defined as

ADCMF = 
$$\frac{1}{K} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^{K} \sum_{i=1}^{N} (\hat{C}_j(t_i) - C_j(t_i))^2$$
 (1)

When ADCMF is smaller, the average difference between the estimated and real within-cluster mean curves is smaller among all observed time points, which indicates that the clustering method performs better in the view of better estimation of mean curve within each cluster.

|          |                                  | Accuracy (SD      | )                 | AWS        | D              | ADCMF |       |  |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------|----------------|-------|-------|--|
|          |                                  | (Curve I          | (Curv             | ve Number) | (Curve Number) |       |       |  |
| Scenario | Methods                          | 20 50             |                   | 20         | 50             | 20    | 50    |  |
|          | K-means on B-spline Coefficients | 0.810 (0.188)     | 0.802 (0.189)     | 2.46       | 2.51           | 0.052 | 0.053 |  |
| 1        | K-means on FPC Scores            | 0.802 (0.173)     | 0.813 (0.179)     | 2.15       | 2.09           | 0.038 | 0.033 |  |
|          | FunFEM with BIC                  | 0.997 (0.033)     | 0.993 (0.051)     | 1.55       | 1.58           | 0.002 | 0.003 |  |
|          | FunFEM with ICL                  | $0.992 \ (0.053)$ | 0.997 (0.032)     | 1.58       | 1.56           | 0.004 | 0.002 |  |
|          | K-means on B-spline Coefficients | 0.788 (0.190)     | 0.801 (0.190)     | 2.17       | 2.03           | 0.053 | 0.048 |  |
| 2        | K-means on FPC Scores            | 0.802 (0.176)     | 0.782 (0.176)     | 1.84       | 1.75           | 0.042 | 0.036 |  |
|          | FunFEM with BIC                  | 0.997 (0.032)     | 0.993 (0.051)     | 1.04       | 1.07           | 0.002 | 0.003 |  |
|          | FunFEM with ICL                  | 0.987 (0.063)     | $0.978 \ (0.085)$ | 1.11       | 1.18           | 0.006 | 0.008 |  |

Table 3: Summary table of average accuracy, AWSD and ADCMF from the clustering results over 200 simulations in 4 different scenarios under  $\sigma = 1$  and number of clusters K = 4.

|          |                                  | Accuracy (SD      | )                 | AWS   | D          | ADCMF          |       |  |
|----------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------|------------|----------------|-------|--|
|          |                                  | (Curve Numb       | er)               | (Curv | ve Number) | (Curve Number) |       |  |
| Scenario | Methods                          | 20 50             |                   | 20    | 50         | 20             | 50    |  |
| 1        | K-means on B-spline Coefficients | 0.852 (0.179)     | 0.864 (0.181)     | 3.68  | 3.55       | 0.102          | 0.112 |  |
|          | K-means on FPC Scores            | 0.839 (0.175)     | 0.808 (0.176)     | 3.39  | 3.46       | 0.033          | 0.039 |  |
|          | FunFEM with BIC                  | 0.987 (0.065)     | 0.998 (0.024)     | 3.12  | 3.08       | 0.009          | 0.002 |  |
|          | FunFEM with ICL                  | $0.983 \ (0.072)$ | $0.998 \ (0.024)$ | 3.14  | 3.08       | 0.011          | 0.002 |  |
|          | K-means on B-spline Coefficients | 0.793 (0.180)     | 0.782 (0.192)     | 3.15  | 2.97       | 0.090          | 0.095 |  |
| 2        | K-means on FPC Scores            | 0.816 (0.174)     | 0.820 (0.177)     | 2.60  | 2.63       | 0.033          | 0.036 |  |
|          | FunFEM with BIC                  | 0.979 (0.080)     | $0.976 \ (0.086)$ | 2.16  | 2.19       | 0.010          | 0.009 |  |
|          | FunFEM with ICL                  | 0.987 (0.062)     | 0.971 (0.094)     | 2.11  | 2.21       | 0.008          | 0.016 |  |

Table 4: Summary table of average accuracy, AWSD and ADCMF from the clustering results over 200 simulations in 2 different scenarios under  $\sigma = 2$  and number of clusters K = 4.

| Scenario                              | Clustering Method                | Selected Number of Clusters |    |    |    |        |  |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|----|----|----|--------|--|
| Scenario                              | Clustering Method                | 1 (real)                    | 2  | 3  | 4  | 5 or 6 |  |
|                                       | K-means on B-spline coefficients | 95                          | 5  | 0  | 0  | 0      |  |
| K = 1 with constant variance noise    | K-means on FPC scores            | 100                         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0      |  |
| K = 1 with constant variance noise    | FunFEM (BIC)                     | 0                           | 41 | 53 | 5  | 1      |  |
|                                       | FunFEM (ICL)                     | 0                           | 21 | 61 | 16 | 2      |  |
|                                       | K-means on B-spline coefficients | 77                          | 22 | 0  | 0  | 1      |  |
| K = 1 with time-varied variance noise | K-means on FPC scores            | 100                         | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0      |  |
| N = 1 with time-varied variance noise | FunFEM (BIC)                     | 0                           | 20 | 60 | 16 | 4      |  |
|                                       | FunFEM (ICL)                     | 0                           | 11 | 64 | 20 | 5      |  |

Table 5: Frequency of the number of clusters selected over 100 simulations with n=40 curves using different clustering methods in 2 different scenarios under  $\sigma=0.5$ . The true number of clusters is 1 (Null Case).