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# KERNEL-BASED SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS ON EXCURSION SETS

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#### Introduction

**Goal:** Quantifying the influence of uncertain inputs on feasible sets associated to a constrained robust optimization problem.

 $\boldsymbol{x}^* = \arg\min \mathbb{E}_{\boldsymbol{U}}[f(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{U})] \text{ s.t. } \mathbb{P}_{\boldsymbol{U}}[g(\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{U}) \leq 0] \geq \alpha.$  $x \in \mathcal{X}$ 

**Answer:** Performing Sensitivity analysis on excursion sets  $\Gamma_U$  using kernel-based methods. We propose a kernel  $k_{set}$ 



with which we compute HSIC-ANOVA indices.

 $(U_1, \dots, U_p) \mapsto \Gamma = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x, U) \le 0\}$ **Example:** 

 $\Gamma = \{ x \in [-5, 5]^2, \ x_1^2 + 5x_2 - U_1 + U_2^2 - 1 \le 0 \}$  $\longrightarrow U_2$  seems more influential than  $U_1$  on the feasible sets.

### **Kernel-based Sensitivity Analysis**



Fig. 1: Kernel mean embedding [6]

With  $K = k_{\mathcal{X}} \otimes k_{\mathcal{Y}}$ , the Hilbert Schmidt Independence Criterion (HSIC) is given by:  $\operatorname{HSIC}_{k_{\mathcal{X}},k_{\mathcal{Y}}}(X,Y) = ||\mu_{K}(X,Y) - \mu_{k_{\mathcal{X}}}(X) \otimes \mu_{k_{\mathcal{Y}}}(Y)||_{\mathcal{H}_{K}}^{2}$  $= \mathbb{E}[k_{\mathcal{X}}(X, X')k_{\mathcal{Y}}(Y, Y')]$  $+ \mathbb{E}[k_{\mathcal{X}}(X, X')]\mathbb{E}[k_{\mathcal{V}}(Y, Y')]$  $-2\mathbb{E}[\mathbb{E}[k_{\mathcal{X}}(X, X')|X]\mathbb{E}[k_{\mathcal{Y}}(Y, Y')|Y]].$ When K is characteristic (injectivity of the mean embedding),

> $\operatorname{HSIC}_{k_{\mathcal{X}},k_{\mathcal{V}}}(X,Y)) = 0$  iif  $X \perp Y$ .  $\rightarrow$  screening

Assuming that the inputs are independent and that the input kernels are ANOVA,

 $HSIC(\boldsymbol{X}, Y) = \sum (-1)^{|A| - |B|} HSIC(\boldsymbol{X}_B, Y).$  $A \subseteq \{1, \dots, d\} B \subseteq A$ 

HSIC-ANOVA indices [3] are then defined as:

$$\begin{split} S_i^{\mathrm{HSIC}} &:= \frac{\mathrm{HSIC}(X_i,Y)}{\mathrm{HSIC}(\boldsymbol{X},Y)}, \\ S_{T_i}^{\mathrm{HSIC}} &:= 1 - \frac{\mathrm{HSIC}(\boldsymbol{X}_{-i},Y)}{\mathrm{HSIC}(\boldsymbol{X},Y)} \end{split}$$

and are suited for ranking (and screening [5]).

#### **HSIC** for set-valued outputs

With  $A \Delta B = A \cup B - B \cap A$  and  $\mu$  the Lebesgue measure, we define a kernel on closed sets by:

$$\forall \Gamma_1, \Gamma_2 \in \mathcal{F}(\mathcal{X}), \ k_{set}(\Gamma_1, \Gamma_2) = \exp\left(-\frac{\mu(\Gamma_1 \Delta \Gamma_2)}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

**Proposition 1** 

 $k_{set}$  is a kernel [1] and is characteristic.

Given an input  $U_l$  and an associated ANOVA kernel  $k_l$ , the HSIC on sets that we call  $H_{set}$  is defined by:

> $H_{set}(U_l, \Gamma) := HSIC_{k_l, k_{set}}(U_l, \Gamma)$  $= \mathbb{E}\left[ (k_l(U_l, U_l') - 1) k_{set}(\Gamma, \Gamma') \right].$

It can be estimated with its U-statistic:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{H}_{set}}\left(U_{l},\Gamma\right) = \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i < j}^{n} \left(k_{l}\left(U_{l}^{(i)}, U_{l}^{(j)}\right) - 1\right) k_{set}\left(\Gamma^{(i)}, \Gamma^{(j)}\right).$$

 $k_{set}$  is rarely exactly known and requires to be estimated. Given  $X^{(1)}, ..., X^{(m)}$  an iid sample of  $X \sim \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{X})$ , we propose the estimator:  $\widehat{k_{set}}(\Gamma^{(i)},\Gamma^{(j)}) = e^{-\frac{\mu(\mathcal{X})}{2\sigma^2}\frac{1}{m}\sum_{k=1}^m \mathbb{1}_{\Gamma^{(i)}\Delta\Gamma^{(j)}}(X^{(k)})},$ 

leading finally to the nested  $H_{set}$  estimator:

$$\widehat{\widehat{\mathrm{H}}_{set}}\left(U_{l},\Gamma\right) = \frac{2}{n(n-1)} \sum_{i < i}^{n} \left(k_{l}\left(U_{l}^{(i)},U_{l}^{(j)}\right) - 1\right) e^{-\frac{\mu(\mathcal{X})}{2\sigma^{2}}\frac{1}{m}\sum_{k=1}^{m} \mathbb{1}_{\Gamma^{(i)}\Delta\Gamma^{(j)}}(X^{(k)})}.$$

## **Toy case 1** [4]

 $\forall x, u \in [-5, 5]^2 \times [-5, 5]^3$   $g_1(x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2, u_3) = -x_1^2 + 5x_2 - u_1 + u_2^2 - 1$ 



**Toy case 2** [2]

 $g_2(x_1, x_2, u_1, u_2, u_p, u_{r_1}, u_{r_2}) = u_{r_2} - \max_{t \in [0,T]} \mathcal{Y}''(x_1 + u_1, x_2 + u_2, u_p; t),$ with  $\mathcal{Y}(x_1 + u_1, x_2 + u_2, u_p; t)$  the solution of the harmonic oscillator defined by:  $(x_1 + u_1)\mathcal{Y}''(t) + u_p\mathcal{Y}'(t) + (x_2 + u_2)\mathcal{Y}(t) = \eta(t).$ 



Input

kernels

#### $l \leq J$ **Proposition 2**

The quadratic risk of the nested estimator  $\widehat{H}_{set}$  verifies:

$$\mathbb{E}\left(\widehat{\widehat{\mathrm{H}}_{set}}\left(U_{l},\Gamma\right)-\mathrm{H}_{set}\left(U_{l},\Gamma\right)\right)^{2} \leq 2\left(\frac{2\sigma_{1}^{2}}{n(n-1)}+\frac{4(n-2)\sigma_{2}^{2}}{n(n-1)}+\frac{K^{2}\sigma_{3}^{2}}{m}\right)$$

HSIC-ANOVA indices on sets are then denoted  $S_i^{\widehat{H}_{set}}$  and  $S_{T_i}^{\widehat{H}_{set}}$ .

### Outlook

- > Testing the indices on industrial applications (as viability kernels, or air pollutant concentration maps) and compared to other indices defined for set-valued output models.
- Incorporating this method inside a robust optimization methodology: reducing the uncertain input space dimension to get cheaper meta-models.

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