

# Chapter 1

# Multivariate Statistical Process Control with mvMonitoring

This document serves to introduce engineers to the workflow necessary to follow in order to analyze multivariate process monitoring data via the `mvMonitoring` package.

## 1.1 Introduction

This is the accompanying package to the research published by [?] and the previous chapter. The `mvMonitoring` package is designed to make simulation of multi-state multivariate process monitoring statistics easy and straightforward, as well as streamlining the online process monitoring component. This package can be downloaded from GitHub by running the following: where you create the value of “tokenHere” by generating a personal access token (PAT) at <https://github.com/settings/tokens> and copying the quoted string to this argument.

### 1.1.1 Why use mvMonitoring?

The `mvMonitoring` package can be used to detect outliers in a correlated multivariate process with non-linear, non-stationary, or autocorrelated feature behavior. These process outliers are often indicative of system fault. The common and naive approach to multivariate process monitoring is to use expert opinion to identify a few important features to monitor visually, and raise an alarm if these features travel outside pre-defined normal operating boundaries.

However, this split univariate approach fails to account for the correlated nature of the process features, so some engineers have taken to monitoring the system as a single correlated multivariate process rather than a collection of

independent univariate processes. In the literature review of the motivating papers, the authors cite how this approach has benefited the science of process monitoring as a whole. Unfortunately, this approach has its own shortcomings – namely, monitoring a multivariate process in its original feature space can lead to exorbitant computational costs. To this end, *principal components analysis* (PCA) and its many modifications have been employed to reduce the computation necessary to monitor a multivariate process as a whole. This package is an implementation of one such PCA modification.

### 1.1.2 Multi- or Single-State AD-PCA

AD-PCA is *adaptive-dynamic* PCA, which accounts for non-linearity, non-stationarity, and autocorrelation in the multivariate process, and this modification is thoroughly discussed in [?] as well as in the previous chapter. As an additional component to this model, we now consider that the process to monitor may have multiple known system states. Thus, *multi-state* monitoring is a modification to PCA which accounts for multiple process states and models them separately. States can be any mutually exclusive blocking factor, and states do not necessarily follow a strict order. Then, Multi-State AD-PCA (MSAD-PCA) allows process engineers to account for a few very different process states. Specifically, this modification should be used when features under different process states have different means, correlations, variances, or some combination of these three.

## 1.2 Simulating Data with mspProcessData

This function generates three-dimensional multi-state or single-state non-linear, non-stationary, and autocorrelated process observations. We follow the seminal work of [?] for generation of the foundational stationary and independent features.

### 1.2.1 Latent Feature Creation

So that the simulated features have non-zero correlations, Dong and McAvoy created their three features all as polynomial functions of a single latent variable  $t(s)$ , where  $s = 1, \dots, \omega$  is the observational index of the process.

#### Autocorrelated and Non-Stationary Error

The `mspProcessData` function induces autocorrelation in  $t$  through its errors,  $\varepsilon_s$ , where

$$\varepsilon_1 \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\frac{1}{2}(a+b)(1-\phi), \frac{b-a}{12}(1-\phi^2)\right),$$

where  $a = 0.01$  and  $b = 2$ . Now, we define the first-order autoregressive process on  $\varepsilon_s$  by

$$\varepsilon_s = \varphi\varepsilon_{s-1} + (1-\varphi)\varepsilon,$$

where  $\varepsilon$  is as defined in the previous expression and the autocorrelation component  $\phi = 0.75$ . The mean and variance multipliers are the mean and variance of a random variable from the  $\mathcal{U}_{[a,b]}$  distribution.

### The Non-Linear Latent Process

This  $t$  vector will be sinusoidal with period  $\omega = 7 * 24 * 60$  (signifying a weekly period in minute-level observations). We then synthesize a  $t$  with

$$t_s^* = -\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{\omega}s\right) + \epsilon_s,$$

and scale  $t^*$  to

$$t = \frac{(b-a)(t_s^* - \min(t_s^*))}{\max(t_s^*) - \min(t_s^*)} + a.$$

Finally then, the  $t$  vector will lie entirely in  $[a, b]$ .

## 1.2.2 Single-State and Multi-State Features

### Single State Features

First `mspProcessData` simulates three features, with each feature operating under  $k$  different states. Let  $\langle x_k(t), y_k(t), z_k(t) \rangle$  be the notation for State  $k$ . These are the three features under State 1 (normal operating conditions, or *NOC*) as three functions of  $t$ :

$$\mathbf{x}(\mathbf{t}) \equiv \mathbf{t} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_1, \tag{1.1}$$

$$\mathbf{y}(\mathbf{t}) \equiv \mathbf{t}^2 - 3 * \mathbf{t} + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_2, \tag{1.2}$$

$$\mathbf{z}(\mathbf{t}) \equiv -\mathbf{t}^3 + 3 * \mathbf{t}^2 + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_3, \tag{1.3}$$

where  $\varepsilon_i \sim N(0, 0.01)$ . The `mspProcessData` function calls the internal `processNOCdata` function to generate single-state observations under NOC.

### Multi-State Features

The multi-state feature expression is induced by rotation and scaling of certain sets of observations. To induce a three-state, hourly switching process (the default), the `mspProcessData` function will create a label column that switches from “1” to “2” to “3” every hour. State “1” will be the features generated under the single-state assumption, while State “2” and State “3” are generated as follows. These states will be scaled rotations of the current  $\langle x, y, z \rangle$  set. The second state is yaw, pitch, and roll rotated by (0, 90, 30) degrees, and the scales are multiplied by (1, 0.5, 2). The third state is yaw, pitch, and roll rotated by (90, 0, -30) degrees, and the scales are multiplied by (0.25, 0.1, 0.75).

1.  $\mathbf{S}_1: \mathbf{X}(t_s) := \langle x(t_s), y(t_s), z(t_s) \rangle.$

2.  $\mathcal{S}_2$ :  $\mathbf{X}(t_s) := \langle x(t_s), y(t_s), z(t_s) \rangle \cdot \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{\Lambda}_1$ , where

$$\mathbf{P}_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.50 & -0.87 \\ 0 & 0.87 & 0.50 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the orthogonal rotation matrix for a yaw, pitch and roll degree change of  $\langle 0^\circ, 90^\circ, 30^\circ \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_1 = \text{diag}(1, 0.5, 2)$  is a diagonal scaling matrix.

3.  $\mathcal{S}_3$ :  $\mathbf{X}(t_s) := \langle x(t_s), y(t_s), z(t_s) \rangle \cdot \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{\Lambda}_2$ , where

$$\mathbf{P}_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0.87 & -0.50 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.50 & 0.87 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the orthogonal rotation matrix for a yaw, pitch and roll degree change of  $\langle 90^\circ, 0^\circ, -30^\circ \rangle$ , and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_2 = \text{diag}(0.25, 0.1, 0.75)$  is a diagonal scaling matrix.

These rotation matrices  $\mathbf{P}_1$  and  $\mathbf{P}_2$  turn the states in three-dimensional space so that the states are at right angles to each other in at least one dimension, and the scaling matrices  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_1$  and  $\mathbf{\Lambda}_2$  inflate or deflate the process variances along each principal component. The `mSPProcessData` function calls the internal function `dataStateSwitch` which splits the observations by state and applies the state-specific rotation and scaling through the internal `rotateScale3D` function.

### 1.2.3 Synthetic Fault Induction

Faults can be introduced to single- or multi-state data via the `mSPProcessData` function. The default fault start index is 8500, or roughly 84% through the 10,080 observation cycle. These faults are added through the internal `faultSwitch` function.

1. Fault 1A is a positive shift to all three features before state rotation:  $\mathbf{X}^*(t_s) = \mathbf{X}(t_s) + 2$ ,  $s \geq 8500$ .
2. Fault 1B is a positive shift to the  $x$  feature before state rotation:  $x^*(t_s) = x(t_s) + 2$ ,  $s \geq 8500$ .
3. Fault 1C is a positive shift to the  $x$  and  $z$  features in State 3 only and \*after\* state rotation:  $x^*(t_s) = x(t_s) + 2$ ,  $z^*(t_s) = z(t_s) + 2$ ,  $s \geq 8500$ .
4. Fault 2A is a positive drift across all the process monitoring features before state rotation:  $\mathbf{X}^*(t_s) = \mathbf{X}(t_s) + (s - 8500) \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $s > 8500$ .
5. Fault 2B is a positive drift across the  $y$  and  $z$  process monitoring features before state rotation:  $y^*(t_s) = y(t_s) + (s - 8500) \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $z^*(t_s) = z(t_s) + (s - 8500) \times 10^{-3}$ ,  $s > 8500$ .
6. Fault 2C is a negative drift in the  $y$  process monitoring feature in State 2 only and *after* state rotation:  $y^*(t_s) = y(t_s) - 1.5 \times \frac{s-8500}{10080-8500}$ , for  $s > 8500$ .

7. Fault 3A is an amplification of the underlying latent variable  $t$  for all features. The maximum latent drift of this fault will be  $5 + 1$ :  $\mathbf{X}^*(t_s) = \mathbf{X}(t_s^*)$ ,  $s > 8500$ , where  $t_s^* = \left\lceil \frac{5(s-8500)}{\omega-8500} + 1 \right\rceil t_s$ .
8. Fault 3B is a mutation of the underlying latent variable  $t$  for the  $z$  feature:  $z^*(t_s) = z(\log t_s^*)$ ,  $s \geq 8500$ . This fault will dampen the underlying latent effect for  $z$  if  $t_s > 1$  and amplify this effect if  $t_s < 1$ .
9. Fault 3C is a polynomial mutation of the error for the  $y$  feature in State 2 only and *after* state rotation:  $y^*(t_s) = y(t_s) + 2 * \mathbf{e}_3(s) - 0.25$ , for  $s > 8500$ .

### 1.2.4 Putting it all together...

The `mspProcessData` function can generate weeks' worth of non-linear, non-stationary, autocorrelated, multi-state, multivariate process data useful to test new process monitoring techniques. Users can generate observations under NOC to measure false alarm rates, or induce one of nine pre-built faults to test detection time and consistency with repeated Monte Carlo sampling. We expect this function will generate interesting data useful enough to compare new and improved process monitoring techniques with existing methods.

## 1.3 Training with `mspTrain`

The `mspTrain` function will generate projection matrices and test statistic thresholds from test data matrices.

### 1.3.1 The `xts` Data Matrix

An `xts` data matrix is first and foremost a matrix, *not* a data frame. For users very familiar with data frame manipulation (with `dplyr` for instance), the slight but profound differences between manipulating matrices and data frames become quickly apparent. Because of the class requirements for matrices, *all* features must be integer or double objects. The `mspTrain` function cannot train on character information.

The `xts` object class stands for *extendible time series* and comes from the package `xts`, which is itself built on the package `zoo`. The date and time information (necessarily as `POSIX` objects) are stored as the row indices of `xts` matrices. We recommend the package `lubridate` for manipulating `POSIX` objects.

### 1.3.2 The Class Vector

When implementing single-state AD-PCA, this class vector simply needs to be a numeric column of the same value – for instance, 1. However, for MSAD-PCA, the class vector should be an integer vector of class membership. The

`mSPTrain` function will split the observations by the class label, apply single-state AD-PCA to each class, then return the class-specific projection matrices and thresholds. Because of this split-apply-combine strategy, users must ensure that one or more classes are not too “rare” – that is, the class-specific sample size should be sufficiently large to allow for stable covariance matrix inversion. For  $p$  features (including lags), covariance inversion requires a class sample size greater than  $p^2/2$ . Because of this, pay close attention to model parsimony – do not block the observations on a factor unless the factor significantly affects the observations’ mean vector or covariance matrix.

### 1.3.3 Adaptive and Dynamic Modeling

Because of the non-linear, non-stationary, and autocorrelated nature of some process monitoring applications, the `mSPTrain` function allows users to include lags of all feature variables and also to update the training window over time. Including lags of the features in the data matrix can significantly reduce the negative effects of autocorrelation. Re-estimating the projection matrix and test statistic thresholds at pre-specified time intervals reduces the negative effects of non-linearity and non-stationarity in the observations.

The idea is to divide a non-linear and non-stationary process along some boundaries (every day, for instance), and then the process becomes locally linear and stationary within the window. As time progresses, the oldest observations are “forgotten” and the newest observations are “learned”, which causes the projection and NOC thresholds to update over time.

### 1.3.4 Model Training

After the observations have been split by class, the `mSPTrain` function will call the internal function `processMonitor`, which in turn calls the internal function `faultFilter`. This function will calculate a linear projection matrix of the data by taking the PCA of the training data matrix. The observations will then be projected linearly into a reduced-feature subspace which preserves a chosen proportion of the energy of the training data, where the energy of a matrix is the relative sum of eigenvalues of that matrix. The default proportion is 90%. This projection is calculated by the internal `pca` function.

Furthermore, non-parametric threshold values are calculated for the two process monitoring statistics – *Squared Prediction Error* and *Hotelling’s  $T^2$* . These monitoring statistics are described in the motivating paper. These threshold values are found in the internal `threshold` function, and passed through the function pipe to be returned by `mSPTrain`. The  $\alpha$ -level of the nonparametric threshold is controlled by the user, and its default value is 0.001.

Finally, the `mSPTrain` function will remove any observation which would cause an alarm from the training data set. The alarm free observations will be returned in one `xts` matrix, while the alarmed observations will be returned by another. When training your process monitor, pay attention to the observations

flagged as alarms. The proportion of observations flagged as faults may be higher than the  $\alpha$ -level specified, so some tuning may be necessary.

## 1.4 Monitor and Issue Alarms with `mspMonitor` and `mspWarning`

After training the model with `mspTrain`, the projection matrices and non-parametric monitoring statistic thresholds can be used to flag incoming observations. This function can check every observation in a test matrix (useful when analyzing past data), but was instead designed to test a single incoming observation at a time via a script or batch file. To this end, the `mspMonitor` function projects a single observation with the class projection matrices returned by `mspTrain` and checks the observation's *SPE* and  $T^2$  statistics against the thresholds returned by `mspTrain`. The `mspMonitor` will then append the monitoring statistic values and indicators to the end of the observation row. Indicator values will be returned as a "1" if the values of these statistics exceed normal thresholds. This new appended observation will be passed to the `mspWarning` function.

If an observation returned by the `mspMonitor` function has positive statistic indicator values for either the *SPE* or  $T^2$  monitoring statistics, then the `mspWarning` function will query the last set  $r$  observations for other flags. If all  $r$  observations are positive for anomalies, then the `mspWarning` function will issue an alarm. This  $r$  is the parameter `faultsToTriggerAlarm`, and it defaults to 5. However, this default value depends heavily on the scale of the data: for continuous observations aggregated and recorded every five seconds, the number of sequential faults necessary to trigger an alarm should be very high, perhaps even 20 or more. For observations aggregated to the 10-minute-scale, only three sequential faults may be necessary.

In future updates of this package, this function will also have an option to issue an alarm if a critical mass of non-sequential alarms is reached in a set period of observations. This modification may be necessary if the observation level becomes more fine than the 1-minute-level. Additionally, this function will also be equipped to take in a cell phone number and service provider and issue an alarm via SMS through email.

## 1.5 Example Simulation Workflow

This section provides a fully commented code walk-through for the main `msp*` functions in the `mvMonitoring` package.

### 1.5.1 Generating Synthetic Data

First begin by generating multi-state data from a fault scenario. This code will yield observations under Fault 2A, as described the Synthetic Fault Induction

section. We choose the default options for the period length (7 days \* 24 hours \* 60 minutes = 10,080 observations), the starting index of the fault (8500 out of 10080), and the time stamp for beginning the data is 16 May of 2016 at 10:00AM (my wedding anniversary). As we can see from the `str()` function, we have an `xts` matrix with 10080 rows and four columns (the state indicator and the three features).

### 1.5.2 Train the Fault Detection Threshold

Now that these observations are generated and stored in memory, the `mspTrain` function can train the MSAD-PCA model. The last 1620 observations (27 hours' worth) will be saved for testing. The `mspTrain` function takes in the training data set partitioned between the observation and the label column. If this function errors, make sure the label column is not included in the data matrix – this will cause a singularity in the data. The function will

1. Train on the first three days' worth of observations, as set by `trainObs`.
2. Scan the fourth day for anomalies, as set by `updateFreq`.
3. Remove any alarmed observations.
4. "Forget" the first day's observations.
5. "Learn" the non-alarmed observations from the fourth day.
6. Retrain and repeat until the end of the data matrix

Furthermore, the `Dynamic = TRUE` option means that the `mspTrain` function will include the lags specified by the `lagsIncluded` argument. Finally, the number of sequential anomalous observations necessary to raise an alarm is set at 5 by the `faultsToTriggerAlarm` argument. These last three arguments are set to their defaults. The `mspTrain` function returns a list of four objects:

1. **FaultChecks**: An `xts` matrix of monitoring statistics and associated indicators for all observations after the burn-in of `trainObs`. It will have 10080 - `trainObs` number of rows and five columns:
  - (a) **SPE**: the SPE statistic for each observation.
  - (b) **SPE.Flag**: an indicator showing if the SPE statistic for that observation is beyond the calculated threshold; 0 is normal, 1 is flagged.
  - (c) **T2**: the  $T^2$  statistic for each observation.
  - (d) **T2.Flag**: an indicator showing if the  $T^2$  statistic for that observation is beyond the calculated threshold; 0 is normal, 1 is flagged.
  - (e) **Alarm**: an indicator showing if the observation is in a sequence of flagged observations; 0 is normal, 1 is alarmed.



2. **Non\_Alarmed\_Obs**: An `xts` matrix with all observations with an alarm code of 0 from `FaultChecks`. Of note, this matrix contains the data, while the `FaultChecks` matrix only contains the monitoring statistics and indicators.
3. **Alarms**: An `xts` matrix of all the observations removed from the training data matrix.
4. **TrainingSpecs**: a list with length equal to the number of classes – in this case 3. For each class, this list contains a list of six objects:
  - (a) **SPE.Threshold**: a named numeric scalar of the  $1 - \alpha$  percentile of the non-parametric estimate of the SPE statistic density.
  - (b) **T2.Threshold**: a named numeric scalar of the  $1 - \alpha$  percentile of the non-parametric estimate of the  $T^2$  statistic density.
  - (c) **projectionMatrix**: The  $p \times q$  matrix of eigenvectors necessary to project a  $p$ -dimensional observation to  $q$  dimensions. This is necessary to reduce the dimension of any test observation, and is used in calculating the SPE statistic for test observations.
  - (d) **LambdaInv**: The inverse of the diagonal  $q \times q$  matrix of eigenvalues. This matrix is used to calculate the  $T^2$  statistic for test observations.
  - (e) **muTrain**: The mean vector of the training observations. This is used to center the test observations on the training mean.
  - (f) **RootPrecisTrain**: The  $p \times p$  diagonal matrix of the inverse square roots of the feature variances. This is used to scale the test observations into the training scale.

### 1.5.3 Test New Observations for Anomalies

The training data summary was given by `mSPTrain`, so this information can now be used to monitor incoming observations for system faults.

#### Adding Lagged Features

First, concatenate the last given observation from the training set as “row 0” of the test data set. This will enable `mSPMonitor` to include lag-1 features. Similarly, one would include the last  $k$  observations of the training set should the process dictate the need for any lag- $k$  features. Because the Fault Start Index was set to 8500, this testing window will show the change point between observations generated under normal conditions and those generated under a fault state.

#### Monitoring the Test Data

With the lagged test observations in the working environment, the `mSPMonitor` function can be applied. This function (similarly to `mSPTrain`) takes in the

label information as a separate argument from the input data. Further, the `mspMonitor` function takes in the `TrainingSpecs` object returned in the results list from `mspTrain`. Notice that the first six rows of the monitor matrix are the exact same as the first six rows of the lagged test matrix, except that the rows of the monitor matrix have the monitoring statistic and corresponding indicator columns appended.

#### 1.5.4 Warn Operators During Alarms

Note that all ‘Alarm’ codes in the monitor matrix above are recorded with NA values. This is because the `mspMonitor` function does not check the sequential flag conditions of the monitor matrix. This is the responsibility of the `mspWarning` function. Because the `mspWarning` function is designed to test one incoming observation at a time through a script or batch file, the following example is designed to mimic the behavior of the `mspWarning` function as each new observation comes online. The fault was introduced at index 8500, which corresponds to about 40 minutes into the test hour. The alarm codes are

1. “0”: No alarm.
2. “1”: Hotelling’s  $T^2$  alarm.
3. “2”: Squared Prediction Error alarm.
4. “3”: Both alarms.