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#### Small Data Representation

The quest for a small data to represent a big data is important for big data analytics and large-scale machine learning:

- Data compression: save storage, snapshot for big data (small data proxy)
- Data exploration: descriptive statistics, visualization, clustering ...
- Subsampled modeling: supervised learning (regression and classification)

Emerging literature on subsampling or subdata selection, including:

- randomized algorithms (Mahoney, 2011)
- algorithmic leveraging (Ma, Mahoney and Yu, 2015)
- iterative Hessian sketch (Pilanci and Wainright, 2016)
- optimal subsampled linear regression (Wang, Yang and Stufken, 2018)



# Low-Discrepancy Points

Introduction

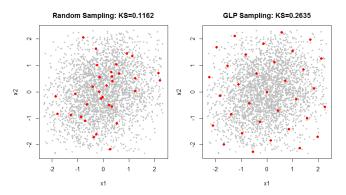


Figure: Toy example of synthetic 3,000 observations. Simple random sampling and good lattice point sampling with KS statistics evaluated.



# Empirical $F_X$ -discrepancy

• Denote by  $F_X(z)$  the empirical distribution of big data X (sample size N):

$$F_X(z) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N I\{x_i \le z\}, \ z \in \mathbb{R}^s$$
 (1)

• For a small data  $\mathcal{P}$  with sample size  $n \ll N$ , Kolmogorov-Smirnov statistic in the two sample test can be used to measure the degree of representation:

$$D_{\ell_{\infty}}(\mathcal{P}; \mathcal{X}) = \sup_{z \in \mathbb{R}^s} \left| F_{\mathcal{P}}(z) - F_{\mathcal{X}}(z) \right| \tag{2}$$

- This is an empirical version of *F*-discrepancy in Fang and Wang (1994).
- It becomes the classical star discrepancy  $D_*(\mathcal{P})$  if  $F_X$  is replaced by the uniform distribution on the unit cube  $C^s$ .
- $\mathcal{P}$  is a good **data-driven space-filling design** if it has low  $D_{\ell_{\infty}}(\mathcal{P}; X)$ .



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#### Connection with Star Discrepancy

• Given big data  $X \subset \mathbb{R}^s$ , denote  $F_{X_{(i)}}(x) = N^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^N I(x_{ij} \le x)$  as the jth marginal empirical distribution. Define for  $x \in \mathbb{R}^s$  a multivariate mapping:

$$T_X(\mathbf{x}) = \left(F_{X_{(1)}}(x_1), \dots, F_{X_{(s)}}(x_s)\right)$$
 (3)

Joint independence assumption:

$$F_{\mathcal{X}}(\boldsymbol{x}) = \prod_{j=1}^{s} F_{\mathcal{X}_{(j)}}(x_j), \ \boldsymbol{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{s}$$
 (4)

#### Theorem (Connection with Star Discrepancy)

Let the number of repeated observations within X is upper bounded, then

$$D_{l_{\infty}}(\mathcal{P};\mathcal{X}) = D_*(T_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathcal{P})) + O(1/N^*)$$
(5)

where  $N^* = \min_{j \in [s]} N_j$  with  $N_j$  denoting the number of distinct values in  $X_{(j)}$ .



### Data-driven Space-filling Design Construction

• For one-dimensional X, DSD construction by the inversion method:

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#### Corollary (1-D Construction)

Given the big data  $X \subset \mathbb{R}$  with sample size N, the n-run design  $\mathcal{P}$  given by

$$\xi_i = F_X^{-1} \left( \frac{2i-1}{2n} \right), \ i = 1, \dots, n$$

is asymptotically optimal (as  $N \to \infty$ ) under the empirical  $F_X$ -discrepancy.

- For multi-dimensional X, the joint independence is a needed condition. We propose two preprocessing methods:
  - (1) SVD rotation: a simple approach for homogeneous data;
  - (2) Rosenblatt transform: an advanced approach for manifold data.



#### Rotation-Inversion Construction

**Input:** Big data  $X \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , Uniform design  $\mathcal{D} \in C^s$ .

- 1) Perform SVD for X to obtain the rotation V, the singular-valued matrix  $\Lambda$ , and the rotated data Z;
- 2) For each point  $\zeta_i \in \mathcal{D}$ , perform the  $T_{\mathcal{T}}^{-1}$  transform

$$\eta_{ij} = F_{\mathcal{Z}_{(j)}}^{-1}(\zeta_{ij}), \ j = 1, \dots, s.$$

3) Generate the point set  $\mathcal{P}$  by  $\xi_i = V \Lambda \eta_i$  for each i.

**Output:** Data-driven space-filling design  $\mathcal{P}$ .

#### Rotation-Inversion Construction

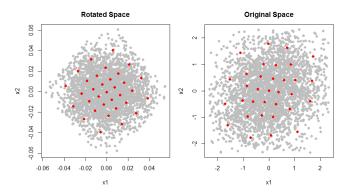


Figure: Toy example with data-driven space-filling design, by the rotation and inversion method based on the leave-one-out Fibonacci lattice in 2D.



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#### Subdata Selection

- **Purpose:** to select a subdata  $\mathcal{P}^{\dagger} \subset \mathcal{X}$  with the preserved distribution.
- We develop an effective data-driven space-filling sampling algorithm based on low empirical  $F_X$ -discrepancy design.
- For each design point, its nearest neighbor within the non-uniform grid (in the rotated space) is sampled.
- Parallel processing strategy is used for speeding up the computation.



#### Non-uniform Stratification

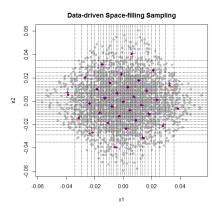


Figure: Data-driven space-filling sampling by non-uniform stratification and nearest neighbor in the rotated space.



# Space-filling Subdata Selection

**Input:** Big data  $X \in \mathbb{R}^s$ , data-driven space-filling design  $\mathcal{P}$ 

- 1) Perform SVD  $X = Z\Lambda V^T$ ;
- 2) Parallel for each point  $z_i$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ , label its cell index

$$I_j(i) = [nF_{\mathcal{Z}_{(j)}}(z_{ij})], j = 1, \ldots, s.$$

- 3) Obtain  $\eta_k = \Lambda^{-1} V^T \xi_k$  for each  $\xi_k$  in  $\mathcal{P}$ ;
- 4) Parallel for each  $\eta_k$ , identify its neighboring cells and find the nearest sample with index  $i_k^*$ .

**Output:** Space-filling subdata  $\mathcal{P}^{\dagger}$  with sample indexes  $\{i_k^*, k = 1, \dots, n\}$ .

#### Numerical Examples

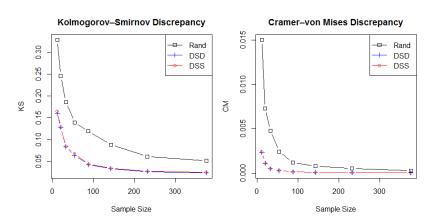


Figure: Toy example with data-driven space-filling design and sampling, as compared to simple random sampling.



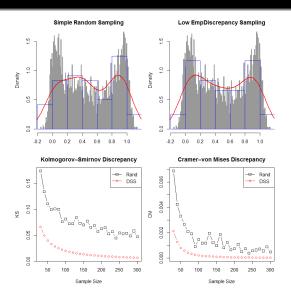


Figure: Simulated data from the contaminated Beta distribution.



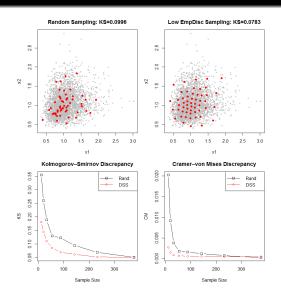


Figure: Simulated data from the bivariate lognormal distribution.



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#### Application: Big Data Exploration

- Real data: proptein tertiary structure dataset from the UCI ML-repository. It contains 45,730 samples with 9 continuous attributes.
- Directly exploring such big data is sometimes cumbersome for graphical visualization tasks (e.g. pairwise scatter plots).
- We instead perform large-scale unsupervised learning based on the proposed space-filling subdata selection method.
- By PCA with the scaling option, PC1 and PC2 altogether explain 83.7% of total variation in the original data.
- The subdata selection is performed on these two PC coordinates based on the leave-one-out Fibonacci lattice with n = 986.



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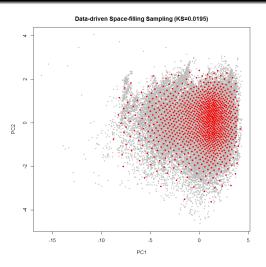


Figure: Data-driven space-filling sampling for the protein structure data in the principal component space: KS = 0.0195, sampling ratio 2.16%.



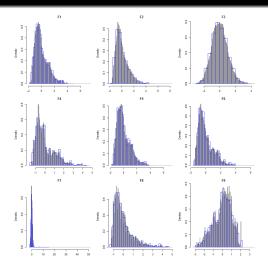


Figure: Histograms of each scaled attribute by the original data (background in gray color) and the selected subdata (foreground in blue).



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	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	F7	F8	F9
F1	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.28	0.04	0.01
F2	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.30	0.05	0.01
F3	0.10	0.03	0.00	0.15	0.10	0.00	0.26	0.29	0.18
F4	0.00	0.01	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.24	0.03	0.02
F5	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.28	0.05	0.01
F6	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.01	0.00	0.28	0.03	0.03
F7	0.28	0.30	0.26	0.24	0.28	0.28	0.00	0.19	0.19
F8	0.04	0.05	0.29	0.03	0.05	0.03	0.19	0.00	0.06
F9	0.01	0.01	0.18	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.19	0.06	0.00

Table: Relative errors of pairwise correlation approximation by the subdata.

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# • We have proposed the notion of data-driven space-filling design (DSD) under the empirical $F_X$ -discrepancy;

- By an established asymptotic equivalence between discrepancy measures, we propose a simple rotation-inversion method for DSD construction;
- Then, an efficient and effective DSD-based subsampling algorithm is developed for the purpose of subdata selection;
- By numerical examples and real data analysis, the proposed subsampling method is demonstrated to be useful for big data exploration;
- The proposed data-driven space-filling design has great potential for big data analytics and large-scale machine learning.



# Ongoing Work

Following the proposed notion of data-driven space-filling design, we are currently investigating the following interesting problems:

- Empirical Rosenblatt transformation for manifold data analytics with heterogeneous distribution and/or irregular experimental domain.
- ② Asymptotic equivalence between the generalized  $F_{\chi}$ -discrepancy and RKHS-induced  $\ell_2$ -discrepancy (e.g. CD2, WD2, MD2);
- **1** Modified Koksma-Hlawka inequality based on empirical  $F_X$ -discrepancy, an important theory for small data functional approximation;
- Applications to large-scale machine machine under the ERM (empirical risk minimization) paradigm.



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