

$\mathbf{X} \sim \mathbf{E}_{\mathbf{p}}(\mathbf{h}, \mu, \Sigma)$, if it has a density function given by

$$f_0(\mathbf{x}) \propto |\Sigma|^{-1/2} \mathbf{h}((\mathbf{x} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)).$$

where h is a non-negative scalar function, μ is the location parameter and Σ is a $p \times p$ positive definite matrix. Denote by F_0 the corresponding distribution function and by $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} = (\mathbf{x} - \mu)^\top \Sigma^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \mu)$ the squared Mahalanobis distance of a p -dimensional point \mathbf{x} . By Theorem 3.3 of ? if a depth is affine equivariant () and has maximum at μ () (see Appendix) then a depth is such that $d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0) = \mathbf{g}(\Delta_{\mathbf{x}})$ for some non increasing function g and we can restrict ourselves without loss of generality, to the case $\mu = \mathbf{0}$ and $\Sigma = \mathbf{I}$ where \mathbf{I} is the identity matrix of dimension p . Under this setting, it is easy to see that the half-space depth of a given point \mathbf{x} is given by $d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0) = 1 - F_{0,1}(\sqrt{\Delta_{\mathbf{x}}})$, where $F_{0,1}$ is a marginal distribution of \mathbf{X} . If the function h is such that

$$\frac{\exp(-\frac{1}{2}\Delta)}{h(\Delta)} \rightarrow 0, \quad \Delta \rightarrow \infty,$$

then, there exists a Δ^* such that for all \mathbf{x} so that $\Delta_{\mathbf{x}} > \Delta^*$, $d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0) \geq \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \Phi)$, where Φ is the distribution function of the standard normal. Hence,

$$\sup_{\{\mathbf{x}: \Delta_{\mathbf{x}} > \Delta^*\}} [d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \Phi) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0)] < 0$$

and therefore, for all $\beta > 1 - 2F_{0,1}(-\sqrt{(\Delta^*)})$,

$$\sup_{C^\beta(F_0)} [d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \Phi) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}_0)] < 0 .$$

Given an independent and identically distributed sample $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$, we define the filter in general dimension p introduced previously, where here we use the half-space depth

$$d_n = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F})} \{d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n) - \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{T}_{0n}, \mathbf{C}_{0n}))\}^+,$$

where β is a high order quantile, $\hat{F}_n(\cdot)$ is the empirical distribution function and $F(\mathbf{T}_{0n}, \mathbf{C}_{0n})$ is a chosen reference distribution which depends on a pair of initial location and dispersion estimators, \mathbf{T}_{0n} and \mathbf{C}_{0n} . Hereafter, we are going to use the normal distribution $F = N(\mathbf{T}_{0n}, \mathbf{C}_{0n})$. For \mathbf{T}_{0n} and \mathbf{C}_{0n} one might use, e.g., the coordinate-wise median and the coordinate-wise MAD for a univariate filter as in ?. In order to compute the value d_n , we have to identify the set $C^\beta(F) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p | \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{F}) \leq \mathbf{d}_{HS}(\eta_\beta, \mathbf{F})\}$ where η_β is a large quantile of F . By Corollary 4.3 in and denoting with