

Let \mathbf{X} be a \mathbb{R}^p -valued random variable with distribution function F . For a point $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, we consider the statistical data depth of \mathbf{x} with respect to F be $d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F})$ such that d satisfies the four properties given in ? and ? and reported in Appendix of the Supplementary Material. Given an independent and identically distributed sample $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n$ of size n , we denote $\hat{F}_n(\cdot)$ its empirical distribution function and by $d(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n)$ the sample depth. We assume that, $d(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n)$ is a uniform consistent estimator of $d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F})$, that is,

$$\sup_{\mathbf{x}} |d(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n) - d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F})| \xrightarrow{\text{a.s.}} 0 \quad n \rightarrow \infty,$$

a property enjoined by many statistical data depth functions, e.g., among others simplicial depth (?), half-space depth (?). One important feature of the depth functions is the α -depth trimmed region given by $R_\alpha(F) = \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p : d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}) \geq \alpha\}$; for any $\beta \in [0, 1]$, we will denote $R^\beta(F)$ the smallest region $R_\alpha(F)$ that has probability larger than or equal to β according to F . Throughout, subscripts and superscripts for depth regions are used for depth levels and probability contents, respectively. Let $C^\beta(F)$ be the complement in \mathbb{R}^p of the set $R^\beta(F)$. Let $m = \max_{\mathbf{x}} d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F})$, be the maximum of the depth, for simplicial depth $m \leq 2^{-p}$, for half-space depth $m \leq 1/2$. Given a high order quantile β , we define a filter of dimension p based on

$$d_n = \sup_{\mathbf{x} \in C^\beta(\mathbf{F})} \{d(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n) - d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F})\}^+, \quad (1)$$

where $\{a\}^+$ represents the positive part of a , and we mark as outliers all the $\lfloor nd_n/m \rfloor$ observations with the smallest population depth (where $\lfloor a \rfloor$ is the largest integer less than or equal to a). This defines a filter in the general dimension p . We have the following result, with obvious proof. If $\sup_{\mathbf{x}} |d(\mathbf{x}; \hat{\mathbf{F}}_n) - d(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F})| = o(n)$ (a.s.) then $nd_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. If the above result holds, then the filter would be consistent. In the next subsection we are going to illustrate this approach using the half-space depth.

0.1 Filters based on Half-space Depth

Let \mathbf{X} be a \mathbb{R}^p -valued random variable with distribution function F . For a point $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$, the half-space depth of \mathbf{x} with respect to F is defined as the minimum probability of all closed half-spaces including \mathbf{x} :

$$d_{HS}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{F}) = \min_{\mathbf{H} \in \mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x})} \mathbf{P}_{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{X} \in \mathbf{H}).$$

where $\mathcal{H}(\mathbf{x})$ indicates the set of all half-spaces in \mathbb{R}^p containing $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^p$. A random vector $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ is said elliptically symmetric distributed, denoted by