

# The battle of total-order sensitivity estimators

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```

# PRELIMINARY FUNCTIONS -----
# Function to read in all required packages in one go:
loadPackages <- function(x) {
  for(i in x) {
    if(!require(i, character.only = TRUE)) {
      install.packages(i, dependencies = TRUE)
      library(i, character.only = TRUE)
    }
  }
}

# Install development version of sensobol
remotes::install_github("arnaldpuy/sensobol")

# Load the packages
loadPackages(c("Rcpp", "RcppArmadillo", "tidyverse", "parallel", "foreach",
              "doParallel", "Rfast", "data.table", "scales", "cowplot",
              "benchmarkme", "logitnorm", "sensobol", "ggrepel"))

# Create custom theme
theme_AP <- function() {
  theme_bw() +
  theme(panel.grid.major = element_blank(),
        panel.grid.minor = element_blank(),
        legend.background = element_rect(fill = "transparent",
                                           color = NA),
        legend.key = element_rect(fill = "transparent",
                                  color = NA))
}

# Set checkpoint

dir.create(".checkpoint")
library("checkpoint")

checkpoint("2020-01-23",
           R.version ="3.6.1",
           checkpointLocation = getwd())

```

## 0.1 Savage scores

The following code snippet allows to compute Savage scores (Iman and Conover 1987), which read as

$$SS_i = \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{j} \quad (1)$$

Savage scores will be used as a measure of performance to check how well each estimator identifies the true ranks of the most important model inputs.

```
# SAVAGE SCORES ----

savage_scores <- function(x) {
  true.ranks <- rank(-x)
  p <- sort(1 / true.ranks)
  mat <- matrix(rep(p, length(p)), nrow = length(p), byrow = TRUE)
  mat[upper.tri(mat)] <- 0
  out <- sort(rowSums(mat), decreasing = TRUE)[true.ranks]
  return(out)
}
```

## 0.2 Sobol' indices

We define here all the  $T_i$  estimators we will analyze in our study: Jansen (1999), Janon et al. (2014), Homma and Saltelli (1996), Azzini and Rosati (2019) and Sobol' and Myshetskaya (2008). We then prove that the code works by computing and plotting the  $T_i$  indices of three well-known test functions: the Ishigami and Homma (1990), the Sobol' (1993) 's G and the Morris (1991) functions.

```
# VARS FUNCTIONS ----

vars_matrices <- function(star.centers, params, h) {
  out <- center <- sections <- A <- B <- AB <- X <- out <- list()
  mat <- randtoolbox::sobol(n = star.centers, dim = length(params))
  for(i in 1:nrow(mat)) {
    center[[i]] <- mat[i, ]
    sections[[i]] <- sapply(center[[i]], function(x) {
      all <- seq(x %% h, 1, h)
      non.zeros <- all[all != 0] # Remove zeroes
    })
    B[[i]] <- sapply(1:ncol(mat), function(x)
      sections[[i]][, x][!sections[[i]][, x] %in% center[[i]][x]])
    A[[i]] <- matrix(center[[i]], nrow = nrow(B[[i]]),
                      ncol = length(center[[i]]), byrow = TRUE)
    X[[i]] <- rbind(A[[i]], B[[i]])
    for(j in 1:ncol(A[[i]])) {
      AB[[i]] <- A[[i]]
      AB[[i]][, j] <- B[[i]][, j]
      X[[i]] <- rbind(X[[i]], AB[[i]])
    }
  }
}
```

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AB[[i]] <- X[[i]][(2 * nrow(B[[i]]) + 1):nrow(X[[i]]), ]
out[[i]] <- rbind(unname(center[[i]]), AB[[i]])
}
return(do.call(rbind, out))
}

# Function to cut by size
CutBySize <- function(m, block.size, nb = ceiling(m / block.size)) {
  int <- m / nb
  upper <- round(1:nb * int)
  lower <- c(1, upper[-nb] + 1)
  size <- c(upper[1], diff(upper))
  cbind(lower, upper, size)
}

# Function to compute VARS-TI
vars_ti <- function(Y, star.centers, params, h) {
  n.cross.points <- length(params) * ((1 / h) - 1) + 1
  index.centers <- seq(1, length(Y), n.cross.points)
  mat <- matrix(Y[-index.centers], ncol = star.centers)
  indices <- CutBySize(nrow(mat), nb = length(params))
  out <- list()
  for(i in 1:nrow(indices)) {
    out[[i]] <- mat[indices[i], "lower":indices[i], "upper"], ]
  }
  d <- lapply(1:length(params), function(x)
    lapply(1:ncol(out[[x]]), function(j) {
      da <- c(out[[x]][, j][1],
              rep(out[[x]][, j][-c(1, length(out[[x]][, j]))], each = 2),
              out[[x]][, j][length(out[[x]][, j])])
    }))
  out <- lapply(d, function(x) lapply(x, function(y) matrix(y, nrow = length(y) / 2, byrow = T)))
  variogr <- unlist(lapply(out, function(x)
    lapply(x, function(y) 1 / 2 * mean(y[, 1] - y[, 2]) ^ 2)) %>%
    lapply(., function(x) Rfast:::colmeans(do.call(rbind, x))))
  covariogr <- unlist(lapply(out, function(x)
    lapply(x, function(y) cov(y[, 1], y[, 2]))) %>%
    lapply(., function(x) Rfast:::colmeans(do.call(rbind, x))))
  VY <- var(Y[index.centers])
  Ti <- (variogr + covariogr) / VY
  output <- data.table::data.table(Ti)
  output[, `:=`(parameters = params)]
  return(output)
}

# COMPUTATION OF SOBOL' Ti INDICES -----

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```

sobel_Ti <- function(d, N, params, total) {
  m <- matrix(d, nrow = N)
  k <- length(params)
  if(total == "jansen" | total == "homma" | total == "sobel" | total == "monod" |
    total == "glen") {
    Y_A <- m[, 1]
    Y_AB <- m[, -1]
    f0 <- (1 / length(Y_A)) * sum(Y_A)
    VY <- 1 / length(Y_A) * sum((Y_A - f0) ^ 2)
    #  $VY \leftarrow 1 / \text{length}(Y_A) * (\text{sum}(Y_A ^ 2) -$ 
    #  $(1 / N * \text{sum}(Y_A ^ 2)))$  ((Variance used by Becker))
  }
  if(total == "jansen") {
    Ti <- (1 / (2 * N) * Rfast::colsums((Y_A - Y_AB) ^ 2)) / VY
  } else if(total == "homma") {
    Ti <- (VY - (1 / N) * Rfast::colsums(Y_A * Y_AB) + f0 ^ 2) / VY
  } else if(total == "sobel") {
    Ti <- ((1 / N) * Rfast::colsums(Y_A * (Y_A - Y_AB))) / VY
  } else if(total == "monod") {
    Ti <- 1 - (1 / N * Rfast::colsums(Y_A * Y_AB) -
      (1 / N * Rfast::colsums((Y_A + Y_AB) / 2)) ^ 2) /
      (1 / N * Rfast::colsums((Y_A ^ 2 + Y_AB ^ 2) / 2) -
      (1 / N * Rfast::colsums((Y_A + Y_AB) / 2)) ^ 2)
  } else if(total == "glen") {
    Ti <- 1 - (1 / (N - 1) *
      Rfast::colsums(((Y_A - mean(Y_A)) * (Y_AB - Rfast::colmeans(Y_AB))) /
      sqrt(var(Y_A) * Rfast::colVars(Y_AB))))
  }
  if(total == "azzini" | total == "lambtoni") {
    Y_A <- m[, 1]
    Y_B <- m[, 2]
    Y_AB <- m[, 3:(3 + k - 1)]
    Y_BA <- m[, (ncol(m) - k + 1):ncol(m)]
    f0 <- 1 / (2 * N) * sum(Y_A + Y_B)
    VY <- 1 / (2 * N - 1) * sum((Y_A - f0) ^ 2 + (Y_B - f0) ^ 2)
  }
  if(total == "azzini") {
    Ti <- 1 - abs(Rfast::colsums((Y_A - Y_BA) * (Y_B - Y_AB)) /
      (1 / 2 * Rfast::colsums((Y_A - Y_B) ^ 2 + (Y_AB - Y_BA) ^ 2)))
  } else if(total == "lambtoni") {
    Ti <- (1 / (4 * N) * colSums((Y_A - Y_AB) ^ 2 + (Y_B - Y_BA) ^ 2, na.rm = TRUE)) / VY
  }
  if(total == "owen") {
    Y_A <- m[, 1]
    Y_B <- m[, 2]
    Y_BA <- m[, 3:(3 + k - 1)]
    Y_CB <- m[, (ncol(m) - k + 1):ncol(m)]
  }
}

```

```

VY <- sapply(1:k, function(j)
  mean(Rfast::rowmeans(m[,c(1, 2, 2 + j, 2 + j + k)]^ 2)) -
  mean(Rfast::rowmeans(m[,c(1, 2, 2 + j, 2 + j + k)]))^ ^2)
Ti <- (VY - (1 / N * Rfast::colsums((Y_B - Y_CB) * (Y_BA - Y_A)))) / VY
}
output <- data.table(Ti)
output[, `:=` (parameters = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""))]
return(output)
}

# CHECK THAT ALL TI ESTIMATORS WORK -----
# Settings
estimators <- c("jansen", "sobol", "homma", "azzini", "monod", "lamboni", "glen", "owen")
test_functions <- c("Ishigami", "Sobol'G", "Morris")
N <- 2 ^ 11

# Run model
ind <- Y <- mt <- list()
for(i in estimators) {
  for(j in test_functions) {
    if(i == "jansen" | i == "sobol" | i == "homma" | i == "monod" | i == "glen") {
      matrices <- c("A", "AB")
    } else if(i == "azzini" | i == "lamboni"){
      matrices <- c("A", "B", "AB", "BA")
    } else if(i == "owen") {
      matrices <- c("A", "B", "BA", "CB")
    }
    if(j == "Ishigami") {
      k <- 3
      modelRun <- sensobol::ishigami_Fun
    } else if(j == "Sobol'G") {
      k <- 8
      modelRun <- sensobol::sobol_Fun
    } else if(j == "Morris") {
      k <- 20
      modelRun <- sensitivity::morris.fun
    }
    mt[[i]][[j]] <- sobol_matrices(N = N, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), matrices = matrices)
    Y[[i]][[j]] <- modelRun(mt[[i]][[j]])
    ind[[i]][[j]] <- sobol_Ti(d = Y[[i]][[j]], params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), N = N, total = i)
  }
}

## Registered S3 method overwritten by 'sensitivity':
##   method   from
##   print.src dplyr

```

```

# Run model for VARS
star.centers <- 100
h <- 0.1
vars.ind <- list()
for(j in test_functions) {
  if(j == "Ishigami") {
    k <- 3
    modelRun <- sensobol::ishigami_Fun
  } else if(j == "Sobol'G") {
    k <- 8
    modelRun <- sensobol::sobol_Fun
  } else if(j == "Morris") {
    k <- 20
    modelRun <- sensitivity::morris.fun
  }
  mt[[j]] <- vars_matrices(star.centers = star.centers,
                           params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                           h = h)
  Y[[j]] <- modelRun(mt[[j]])
  vars.ind[[j]] <- vars_ti(Y = Y[[j]], star.centers = star.centers,
                            params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), h = h)
}
vars.ind <- rbindlist(vars.ind, idcol = "Function")[
  , estimator:= "vars"] %>%
  setcolororder(., c("estimator", "Function", "Ti", "parameters"))

# PLOT SENSITIVITY INDICES -----
lapply(ind, function(x) rbindlist(x, idcol = "Function")) %>%
  rbindlist(., idcol = "estimator") %>%
  rbind(vars.ind) %>%
  .[, parameters:= factor(parameters, levels = paste("X", 1:20, sep = ""))] %>%
  .[, Function:= factor(Function, levels = test_functions)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(parameters, Ti, fill = estimator)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity",
            position = position_dodge(0.7),
            color = "black") +
  scale_fill_discrete(name = expression(paste("Sobol' ", T[italic(i)]))),
            labels = c("Azzini", "Glen and Isaacs", "Homma and Saltelli",
                      "Jansen", "Lamboni", "Janon / Monod", "Owen",
                      "Sobol", "Razavi and Gupta")) +
  facet_grid(~Function,
            scales = "free_x",
            space = "free_x") +
  labs(x = "",
       y = expression(T[italic(i)])) +

```



## 1 The metafunction

We first start by creating a list with the ten univariate functions that the metafunction will include, and plot them.

```
# CREATE METAFUNCTION -----
function_list <- list(
  Linear = function(x) x,
  Quadratic = function(x) x ^ 2,
  Cubic = function(x) x ^ 3,
  Exponential = function(x) exp(1) ^ x / (exp(1) - 1),
  Periodic = function(x) sin(2 * pi * x) / 2,
  Discontinuous = function(x) ifelse(x > 0.5, 1, 0),
  Non.monotonic = function(x) 4 * (x - 0.5) ^ 2,
  Inverse = function(x) (10 - 1 / 1.1) ^ -1 * (x + 0.1) ^ -1,
  No.effect = function(x) x * 0,
  Trigonometric = function(x) cos(x)
)
```

```
# PLOT METAFUNCTION -----
a <- ggplot(data.frame(x = runif(100)), aes(x)) +
  map(1:length(function_list), function(nn) {
    stat_function(fun = function_list[[nn]],
                 geom = "line",
                 aes_(color = factor(names(function_list[nn]))),
```

```

        linetype = factor(names(function_list[nn])))
    }) +
  labs(color= "Function", linetype = "Function",
       x = expression(italic(x)),
       y = expression(italic(y))) +
  theme_AP() +
  theme(legend.position = "right")

## Warning: `mapping` is not used by stat_function()

a

```

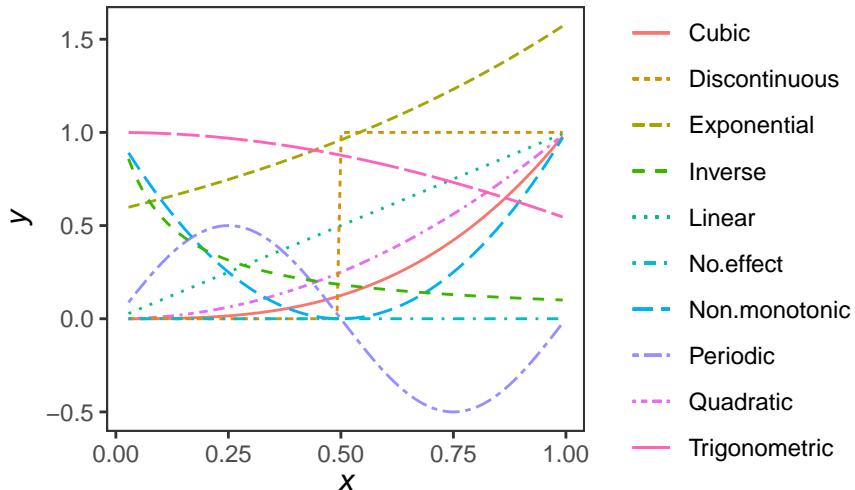


Figure 1: Functions used in the metafunction of Becker (2019).

```
# CREATE FUNCTION FOR RANDOM DISTRIBUTIONS -----
```

```

sample_distributions <- list(
  "uniform" = function(x) x,
  "normal" = function(x) qnorm(x, 0.5, 0.2),
  "beta" = function(x) qbeta(x, 8, 2),
  "beta2" = function(x) qbeta(x, 2, 8),
  "beta3" = function(x) qbeta(x, 2, 0.5),
  "beta4" = function(x) qbeta(x, 0.5, 2),
  "logitnormal" = function(x) qlogitnorm(x, 0, 3.16)
  # Logit-normal, Bates too?
)

random_distributions <- function(X, phi) {
  names_ff <- names(sample_distributions)
  if(!phi == length(names_ff) + 1) {
    out <- sample_distributions[[names_ff[phi]]](X)
  } else {
    temp <- sample(names_ff, ncol(X), replace = TRUE)
    out <- sapply(seq_along(temp), function(x) sample_distributions[[temp[x]]](X[, x]))
  }
  return(out)
}

# PLOT DISTRIBUTIONS -----
names_ff <- names(sample_distributions)
prove <- randtoolbox::sobol(n = 1000, dim = length(names_ff))

out <- data.table(sapply(seq_along(names_ff), function(x)
  sample_distributions[[names_ff[x]]])(prove[, x]))

b <- data.table::melt(out) %>%
  ggplot(., aes(value, group = variable, colour = variable)) +
  geom_density() +
  scale_color_discrete(labels = c("U(0, 1)",
                                    "N(0.5, 0.2)",
                                    "Beta(8, 2)",
                                    "Beta(2, 8)",
                                    "Beta(2, 0.5)",
                                    "Beta(0.5, 2)",
                                    "Logitnormal(0, 3.16)"),
                        name = ""))
  labs(x = expression(italic(x)),
       y = "Density") +
  theme_AP()

## Warning in melt.data.table(out): id.vars and measure.vars are internally
## guessed when both are 'NULL'. All non-numeric/integer/logical type columns are
## considered id.vars, which in this case are columns []. Consider providing at

```

```
## least one of 'id' or 'measure' vars in future.
```

```
b
```

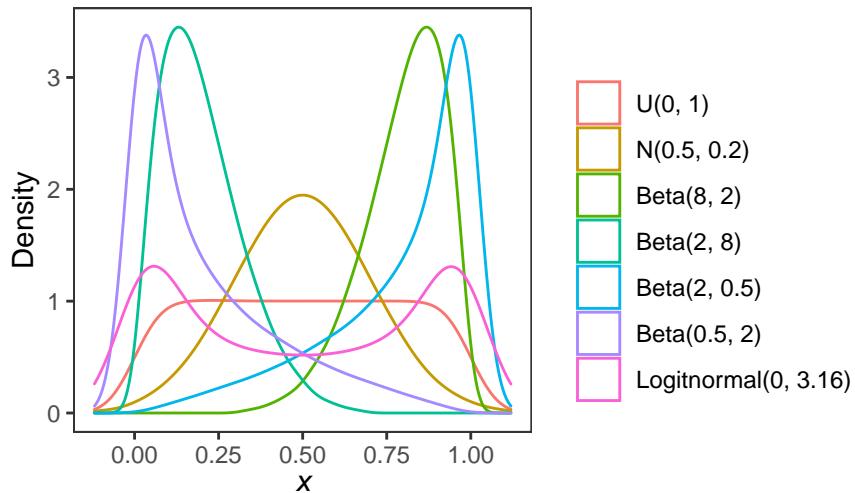
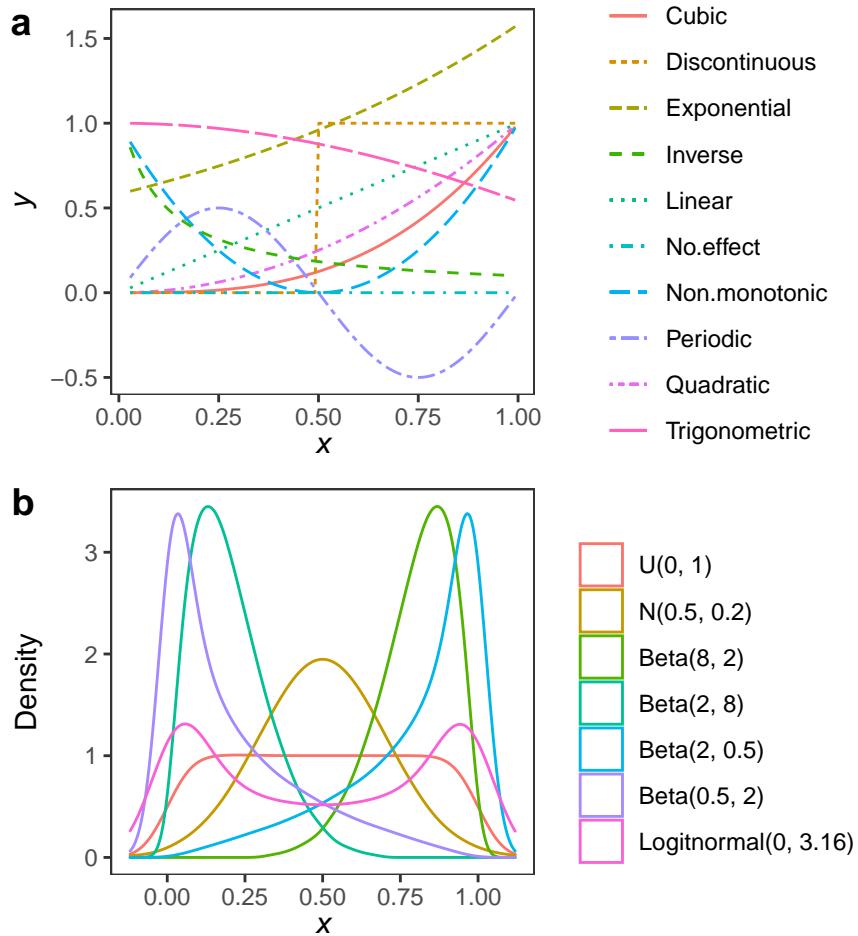


Figure 2: Distributions used in the metafunction of Becker (2019).

```
# MERGE METAFUNCTION PLOT AND DISTRIBUTIONS PLOT -----
```

```
plot_grid(a, b, ncol = 1, labels = "auto", align = "hv")
```



We next show how the metafunction works:

```
# EXEMPLIFY THE METAFUNCTION WITH AN EXAMPLE -----
N <- 5000 # Sample size
R <- 100 # Number of bootstrap replications
k <- 55 # Number of model inputs
k_2 <- 0.5 # Fraction of active pairwise interactions
k_3 <- 0.3 # Fraction of active three-wise interactions
epsilon <- 5 # to reproduce the results
params <- paste("X", 1:k, sep = "")
A <- sobol_matrices(N = N, params = params)

# Compute
Y <- metafunction(data = A, k_2 = k_2, k_3 = k_3, epsilon = epsilon)
ind <- sobol_indices(Y = Y, N = N, params = params, R = R, boot = TRUE)
```

## 2 The model

This section sets the ground for the battle of the estimators.

## 2.1 Settings

We first define the settings of the analysis, including the sample size of the base sample matrix. This sample matrix will initially have two columns:  $k$  (which will define the dimensionality of the metaproblem) and  $C$  (which will define the total cost or the total number of runs of the metaproblem). `N.high` defines the size of the sample matrix that will be used to compute the “true” ranks for each run of the metaproblem.

```
# DEFINE SETTINGS -----
N <- 2 ^ 11 # Sample size of sample matrix
h <- 0.2 # step for VARS
R <- 500 # Number of bootstrap replicas
n_cores <- ceiling(detectCores() * 0.5)
order <- "first"
params <- c("k", "N_t", "k_2", "k_3", "epsilon", "phi", "delta")
N.high <- 2 ^ 11 # Maximum sample size of the large sample matrix
```

## 2.2 Sample matrix

Here we create the sample matrix using Sobol’ quasi-random number sequences, and transform each column to its appropriate distribution: the first column will define the dimensionality  $k$  of the metaproblem, and we will describe it as  $k \sim \mathcal{U}(3, 200)$ . The second column will define the total cost  $C$  of the analysis and will be described as  $k \sim \mathcal{U}(10, 2000)$ . Finally, we create two extra columns that will define the initial sample size of the matrix needed to compute the all estimators but Azzini and Rosati (2019) (`N.all`), and Azzini and Rosati (2019) (`N.azzini`), given the value of  $C$  and  $k$  in each row of the sample matrix.

```
# CREATE SAMPLE MATRIX -----
mat <- sobol_matrices(N = N, params = params, order = order)
mat[, 1] <- floor(qunif(mat[, 1], 3, 100)) # k
mat[, 2] <- floor(qunif(mat[, 2], 10, 1000)) # N_t
mat[, 3] <- round(qunif(mat[, 3], 0.3, 0.5), 2) # k_2
mat[, 4] <- round(qunif(mat[, 4], 0.1, 0.3), 2) # k_3
mat[, 5] <- floor(qunif(mat[, 5], 1, 200)) # Epsilon
mat[, 6] <- floor(mat[, 6] * (8 - 1 + 1)) + 1 # Phi
mat[, 7] <- floor(mat[, 7] * (3 - 1 + 1)) + 1 # Phi

colnames(mat) <- params

N.all <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) ceiling(x["N_t"] / (x["k"] + 1)))
N.azzini <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) ceiling(x["N_t"] / (2 * x["k"] + 2)))
N.vars <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) floor(x["N_t"] / ((x["k"]) * ((1 / h) - 1) + 1)))

tmp <- cbind(mat, N.all, N.azzini, N.vars)
sel <- c("N.all", "N.azzini", "N.vars")

mat <- as.matrix(data.table(tmp)[, (sel) := lapply(.SD, function(x)
```

```

ifelse(x == 1 | x == 0, 2, x)), .SDcols = (sel)))

C.all <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) x["N.all"] * (x["k"] + 1))
C.azzini <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) x["N.azzini"] * (2 * x["k"] + 2))
C.vars <- apply(mat, 1, function(x) x["N.vars"] * (x["k"] * ((1 / h) - 1) + 1))

mat <- cbind(mat, C.all, C.azzini, C.vars)

```

## 2.3 Define the model

This section codes the model, which works as follows:

- Create the ‘estimators’ vector, which includes the name of all estimators.
- Create a (‘N.all’,  $k$ ) sample matrix formed by an  $\mathbf{A}$  and an  $\mathbf{A}_B^{(i)}$  matrix, which will be used to compute all  $T_i$  estimators except the Azzini, which requires an  $\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_B^{(i)}$  and a  $\mathbf{B}_A^{(i)}$  matrix.
- Create a (‘N.high’,  $k$ ) sample matrix formed by an  $\mathbf{A}$  and an  $\mathbf{A}_B^{(i)}$  matrix. This will be the “large” sample matrix used to compute the “true” total-order indices. It will have an  $\mathbf{A}$  and an  $\mathbf{A}_B^{(i)}$  matrix because the reference estimator to compute the true total-order indices will be the Jansen estimator.
- We then bind all three sample matrices and call the metaprocedure throughout. Binding is mandatory here as the metaprocedure needs to be called just once: if we call the metaprocedure in each sample matrix separately, its randomness will make it different each time and the comparison will not be possible.
- We compute the “true” total-order indices for the “large” sample matrix only using the Jansen estimator.
- We compute the total-order indices using each estimator. This works with a ‘for’ loop.

```

# DEFINE MODEL ----

model_Ti <- function(k, N.all, N.azzini, N.vars, h,
                      N.high, k_2, k_3, epsilon, phi, delta) {
  ind <- list()
  estimators <- c("jansen", "sobol", "homma", "monod", "azzini",
                  "lamboni", "glen", "owen", "vars")
  all.but.azzini <- sobol_matrices(N = N.all, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                                    matrices = c("A", "AB"))
  azzini <- sobol_matrices(N = N.azzini, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                           matrices = c("A", "B", "AB", "BA"))
  owen.matrix <- sobol_matrices(N = N.azzini, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                                 matrices = c("A", "B", "BA", "CB"))
  vars.matrix <- vars_matrices(star.centers = N.vars, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                                h = h)
  large.matrix <- sobol_matrices(N = N.high, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                                 matrices = c("A", "AB"))
  set.seed(epsilon)

```

```

all.matrices <- random_distributions(X = rbind(all.but.azzini, azzini,
                                              owen.matrix, vars.matrix,
                                              large.matrix),
                                       phi = phi)
output <- sensobol::metafunction(data = all.matrices,
                                   k_2 = k_2,
                                   k_3 = k_3,
                                   epsilon = epsilon)
full.ind <- sobol_Ti(d = tail(output, nrow(large.matrix)),
                      N = N.high,
                      params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""),
                      total = "jansen")
full.ind[, sample.size:= "N"]

# Define indices of Y for estimators
Nt.all.but.azzini <- N.all * (k + 1)
Nt.azzini.owen <- N.azzini * ((2 * k) + 2)
Nt.vars <- N.vars * (k * ((1 / h) - 1) + 1)
lg.all.but.azzini <- 1:Nt.all.but.azzini
lg.azzini <- (length(lg.all.but.azzini) + 1):(length(lg.all.but.azzini) + Nt.azzini.owen)
lg.owen <- (max(lg.azzini) + 1):(max(lg.azzini) + Nt.azzini.owen)
lg.vars <- (max(lg.owen) + 1): (max(lg.owen) + Nt.vars)

for(i in estimators) {
  if(i == "jansen" | i == "sobol" | i == "homma" | i == "monod" | i == "glen") {
    y <- output[lg.all.but.azzini]
    n <- N.all
  } else if(i == "azzini" | i == "lamboni") {
    y <- output[lg.azzini]
    n <- N.azzini
  } else if(i == "owen") {
    y <- output[lg.owen]
    n <- N.azzini
  } else if(i == "vars") {
    y <- output[lg.vars]
    star.centers <- N.vars
  }
  if(!i == "vars") {
    ind[[i]] <- sobol_Ti(d = y, N = n, params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), total = i)
  }
  if(i == "vars") {
    ind[[i]] <- vars_ti(Y = y, star.centers = star.centers,
                           params = paste("X", 1:k, sep = ""), h = h)
  }
  ind[[i]][, sample.size:= "n"]
  ind[[i]] <- rbind(ind[[i]], full.ind)
}

```

```

# Arrange data
out <- rbindlist(ind, idcol = "estimator")
out.wide <- dcast(out, estimator + parameters ~ sample.size, value.var = "Ti")
if(delta == 1) { # Regular Pearson
  final <- out.wide[, .(correlation = cor(N, n)), estimator]
} else if(delta == 2) { # kendall tau
  final <- out.wide[, .(correlation = pcaPP::cor.fk(N, n)), estimator]
} else { # Savage ranks
  final <- out.wide[, lapply(.SD, savage_scores), .SDcols = c("N", "n"), estimator][
    , .(correlation = cor(N, n)), estimator]
}
return(final)
}

```

## 2.4 Run the model

This code snippet runs the model. In my computer (see section System Information) it took approximately 4 h.

```

# RUN MODEL -----
# Define parallel computing
cl <- makeCluster(n_cores)
registerDoParallel(cl)

# Compute
Y.ti <- foreach(i=1:nrow(mat),
  .packages = c("sensobol", "data.table", "pcaPP",
    "logitnorm", "dplyr")) %dopar%
{
  model_Ti(k = mat[[i, "k"]],
    k_2 = mat[[i, "k_2"]],
    k_3 = mat[[i, "k_3"]],
    epsilon = mat[[i, "epsilon"]],
    phi = mat[[i, "phi"]],
    delta = mat[[i, "delta"]],
    N.all = mat[[i, "N.all"]],
    N.azzini = mat[[i, "N.azzini"]],
    N.vars = mat[[i, "N.vars"]],
    N.high = N.high,
    h = h)
}

# Stop parallel cluster
stopCluster(cl)

```

## 2.5 Arrange output

This section arranges the output to plot the results.

```
# ARRANGE OUTPUT ----

out_cor <- rbindlist(Y.ti, idcol = "row")

mt.dt <- data.table(mat) %>%
  .[, row:= 1:.N]

full_output <- merge(mt.dt, out_cor) %>%
  .[, Nt:= ifelse(estimator == "azzini" | estimator == "lamboni",
                  | estimator == "owen", N.azzini * (2 * k + 2),
                  ifelse(estimator == "vars", N.vars * (k * ((1 / h) - 1) + 1), N.all * (k + 1))
  .[, estimator:= ifelse(estimator %in% "azzini", "Azzini and Rosati",
                         ifelse(estimator %in% "homma", "Homma and Saltelli",
                               ifelse(estimator %in% "monod", "Janon/Monod",
                                     ifelse(estimator %in% "jansen", "Jansen",
                                         ifelse(estimator %in% "glen", "Glen and Isaac",
                                               ifelse(estimator %in% "lamboni", "Lamboni"
                                                 ifelse(estimator %in% "owen", "Owen
                                                 ifelse(estimator %in% "vars"
                                                   "Sobol'"))))))))] %>%
  .[, ratio:= Nt / k]

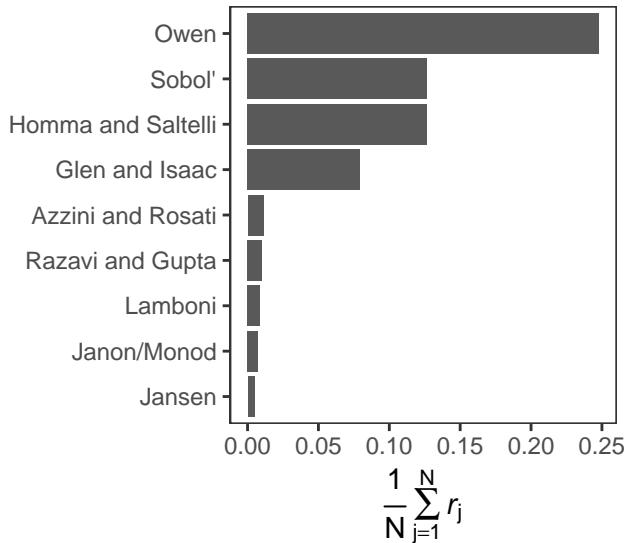
# Define A matrix
A <- full_output[,.SD[1:N], estimator]

# EXPORT OUTPUT ----
fwrite(A, "A.csv")
fwrite(full_output, "full_output.csv")
```

## 3 Uncertainty analysis

```
# PLOT PROPORTION OF NEGATIVE VALUES ----

A[, sum(correlation < 0)/ .N, estimator] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(reorder(estimator, V1), V1)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity") +
  coord_flip() +
  labs(y = expression(frac(1, N) ~ sum(italic(r)[j], j == 1, N)),
       x = "") +
  theme_AP()
```



```

# PLOT OUTPUT -----
# Compute median and quantiles
dt_median <- A[correlation > 0, .(median = median(correlation),
                                low.ci = quantile(correlation, 0.25),
                                high.ci = quantile(correlation, 0.75)), estimator]

a <- ggplot(A, aes(correlation)) +
  geom_rect(data = dt_median,
            aes(xmin = low.ci,
                 xmax = high.ci,
                 ymin = -Inf,
                 ymax = Inf),
            fill = "blue",
            color = "white",
            alpha = 0.1,
            inherit.aes = FALSE) +
  geom_histogram() +
  geom_vline(data = dt_median, aes(xintercept = median),
             lty = 2,
             color = "red") +
  facet_wrap(~estimator,
             ncol = 3) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
  labs(x = expression(italic(r)),
       y = "Counts") +
  theme_AP() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))

# Scatterplot
b <- ggplot(A, aes(Nt, k, color = correlation)) +
  geom_point(size = 0.15) +

```

```

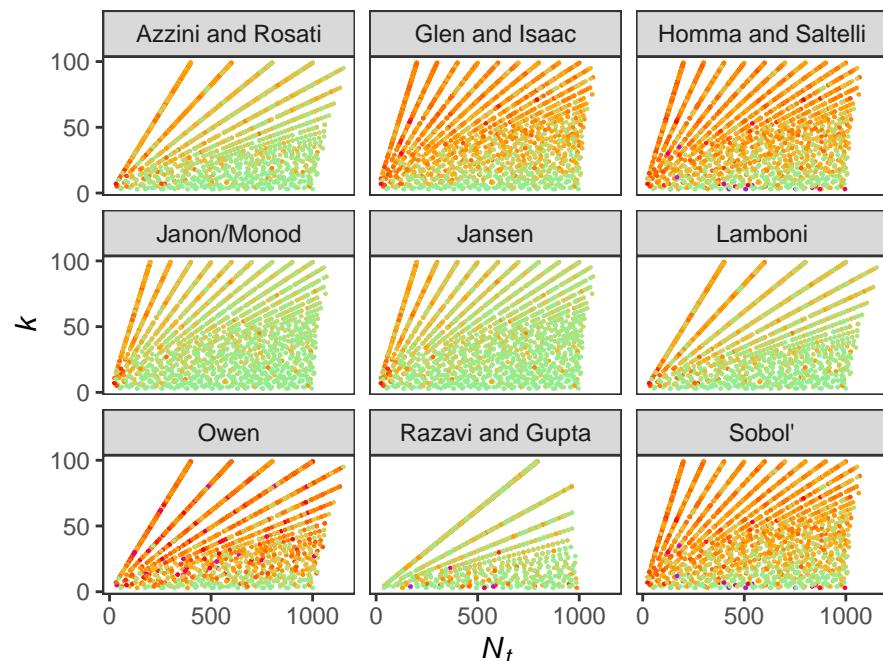
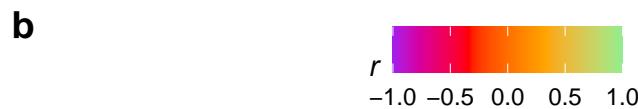
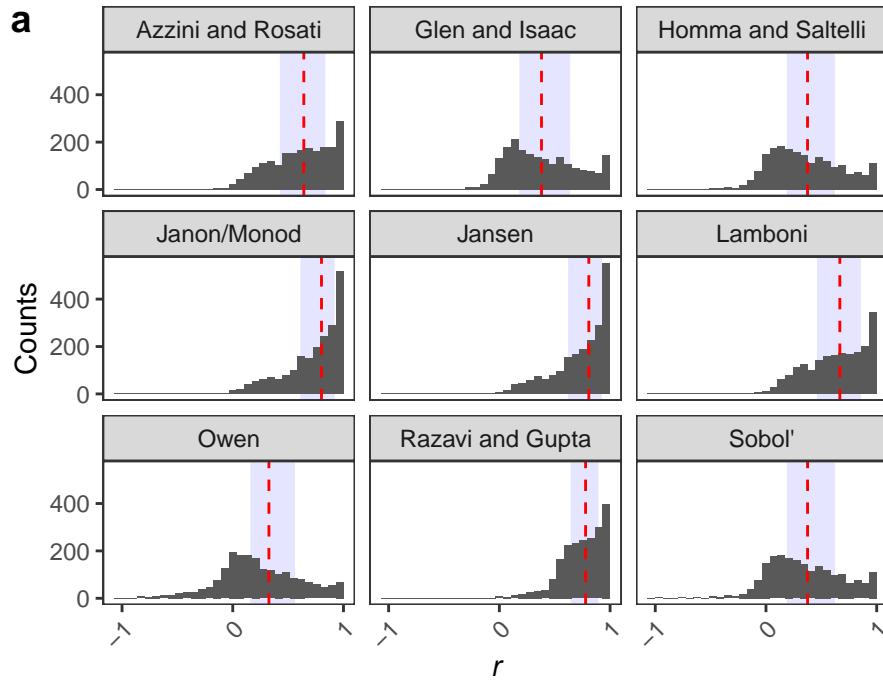
scale_colour_gradientn(colours = c("purple", "red", "orange", "lightgreen"),
                       name = expression(italic(r))) +
  scale_x_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
  labs(x = expression(italic(N[t])),
       y = expression(italic(k))) +
  facet_wrap(~estimator,
             ncol = 3) +
  theme_AP() +
  theme(legend.position = "top")

# Ratio
c <- ggplot(A, aes(ratio, correlation)) +
  geom_point(alpha = 0.1, size = 0.2) +
  facet_wrap(~estimator,
             ncol = 3) +
  geom_smooth() +
  labs(x = expression(italic(N[t]/k)),
       y = expression(italic(r))) +
  scale_x_log10() +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
  theme_AP()

# Merge plot
plot_grid(a, b, ncol = 1, labels = "auto", rel_heights = c(0.85, 1))

## `stat_bin()` using `bins = 30`. Pick better value with `binwidth`.

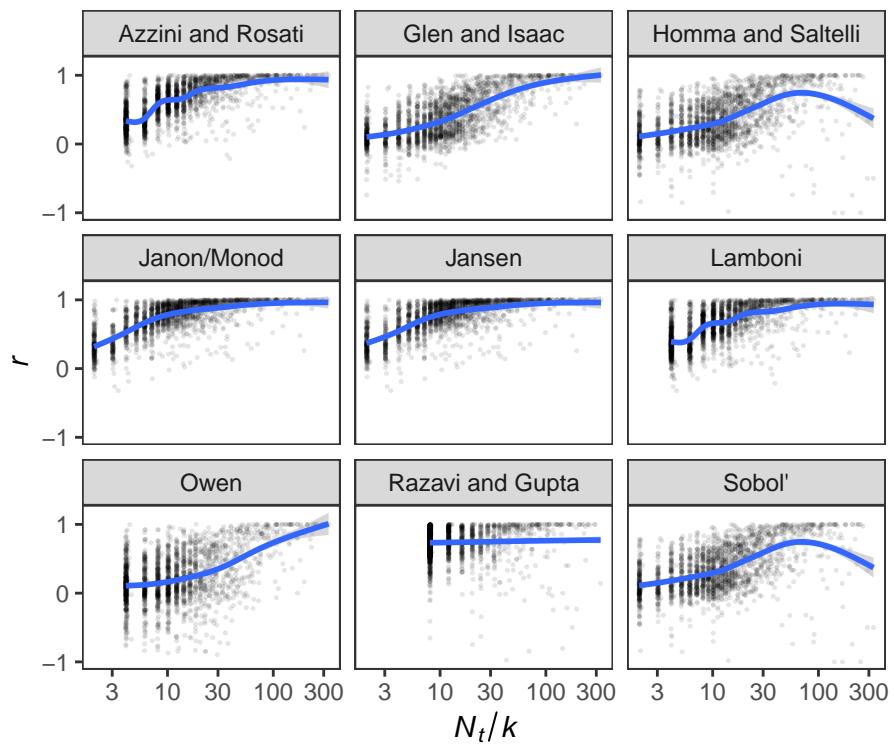
```



```
# DISPLAY THE RATIO NT/K FOR EACH SIMULATION AND ESTIMATOR -----
```

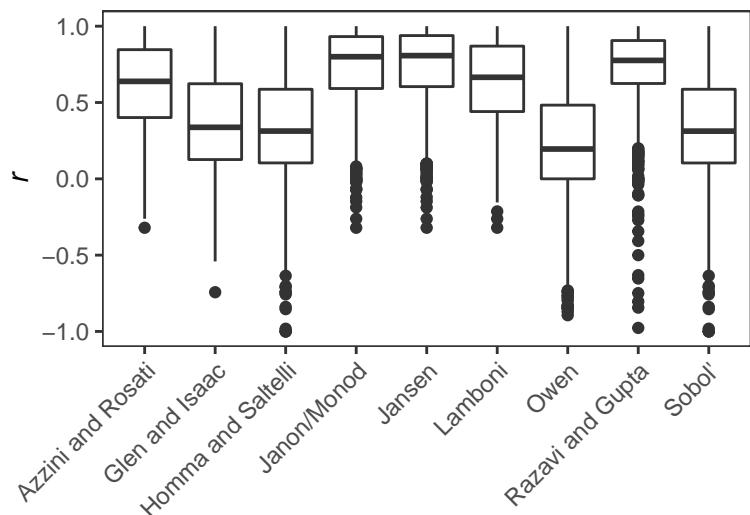
```
c
```

```
## `geom_smooth()` using method = 'gam' and formula 'y ~ s(x, bs = "cs")'
```



# PLOT BOXPLOT -----

```
ggplot(A, aes(estimator, correlation)) +
  geom_boxplot() +
  labs(x = "",
       y = expression(italic(r))) +
  theme_AP() +
  theme(axis.text.x = element_text(angle = 45, hjust = 1))
```



# PLOT MEDIANS -----

```
dt.tmp <- A[, .(min = min(ratio), max = max(ratio))]
```

```

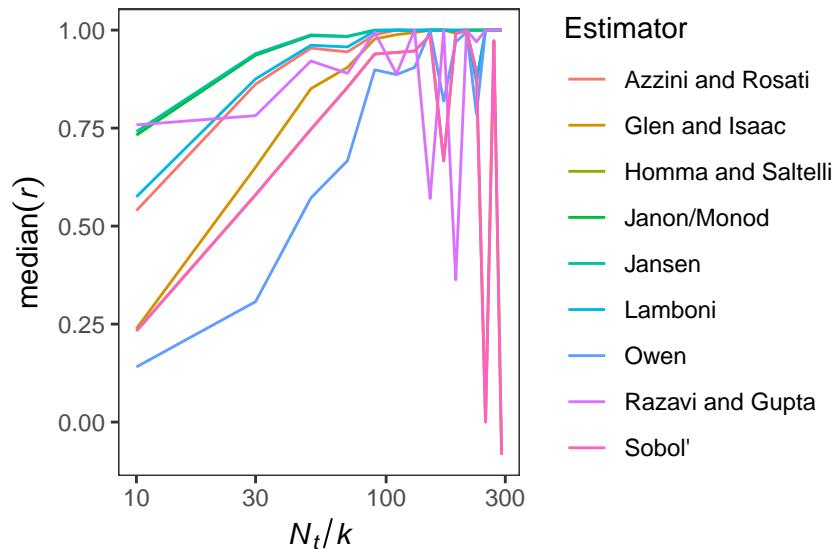
v <- seq(0, ceiling(dt.tmp$max), 20)
a <- c(v[1], rep(v[-c(1, length(v))], each = 2), v[length(v)])
indices <- matrix(a, ncol = 2 ,byrow = TRUE)

out <- list()
for(i in 1:nrow(indices)) {
  out[[i]] <- A[ratio > indices[i, 1] & ratio < indices[i, 2]]
}

names(out) <- rowmeans(indices)

# Plot
lapply(out, function(x) x[, median(correlation, na.rm = TRUE), estimator]) %>%
  rbindlist(., idcol = "N") %>%
  .[, N:= as.numeric(N)] %>%
  ggplot(., aes(N, V1, group = estimator, color = estimator)) +
  geom_line() +
  labs(x = expression(italic(N[t]/k)),
       y = expression(median(italic(r)))) +
  scale_color_discrete(name = "Estimator") +
  scale_x_log10() +
  theme_AP()

```



## 4 Sensitivity analysis

### 4.1 Scatterplots

```
# SCATTERPLOTS OF MODEL OUTPUT AGAINST PARAMETERS -----
```

```

A <- setnames(A, c("N_t", "k_2", "k_3"), c("N[t]", "k[2]", "k[3]"))

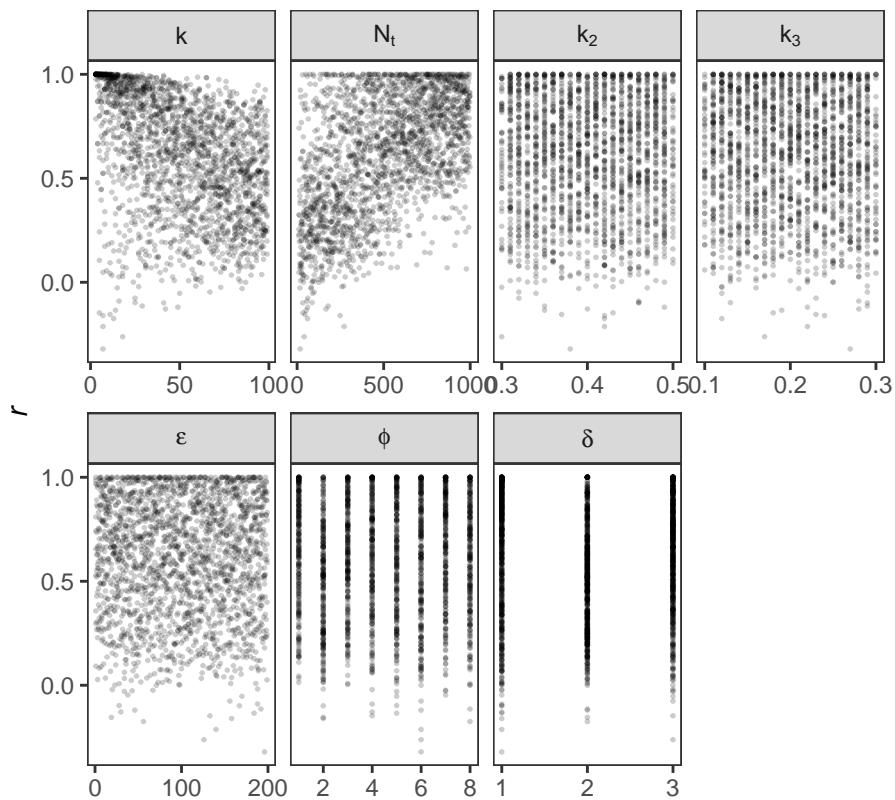
scatter.dt <- melt(A, measure.vars = c("k", "N[t]", "k[2]", "k[3]",
                                         "epsilon", "phi", "delta")) %>%
  split(., .$estimator)

gg <- list()
for(i in names(scatter.dt)) {
  gg[[i]] <- ggplot(scatter.dt[[i]], aes(value, correlation)) +
    geom_point(alpha = 0.2, size = 0.3) +
    facet_wrap(~ variable,
               scales = "free_x",
               labeller = label_parsed,
               ncol = 4) +
    scale_color_manual(values = c("#00BFC4", "#F8766D")) +
    scale_x_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
    theme_AP() +
    labs(x = "", y = expression(italic(r))) +
    theme() +
    ggtitle(names(scatter.dt[i]))
}

gg

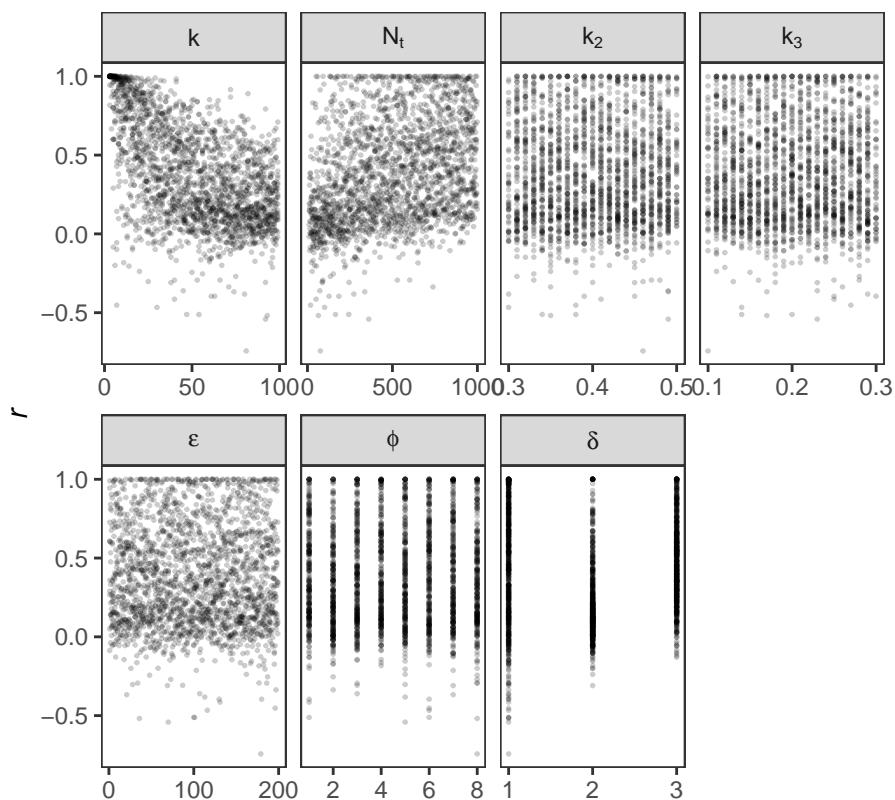
## $`Azzini and Rosati`
```

## Azzini and Rosati



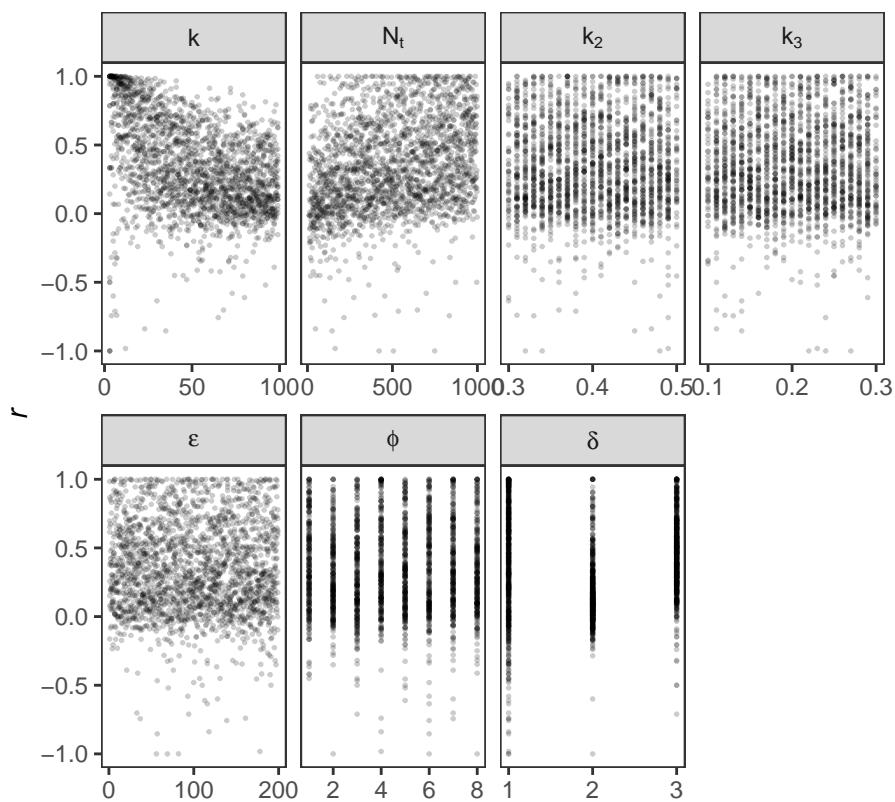
```
##  
## $`Glen and Isaac`
```

## Glen and Isaac



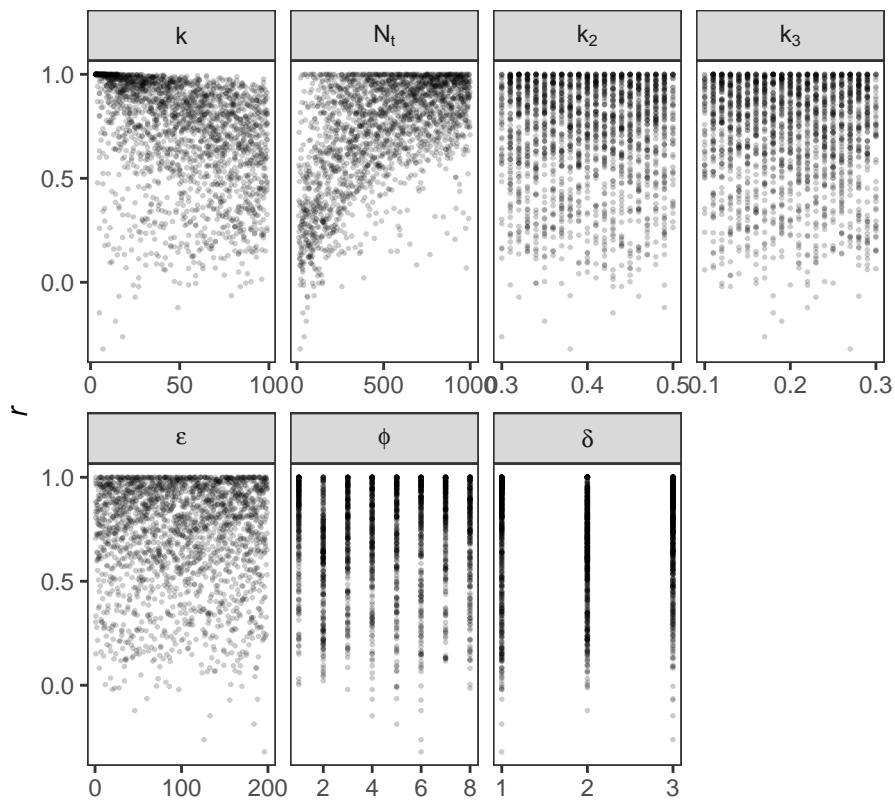
```
##  
## $`Homma and Saltelli`
```

## Homma and Saltelli



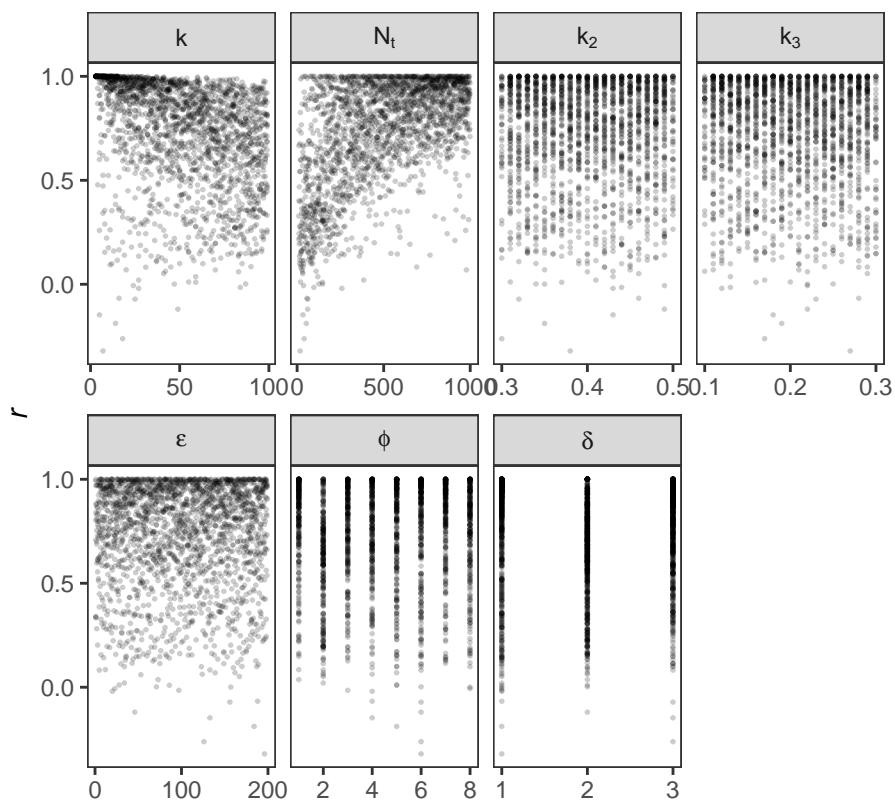
```
##  
## $`Janon/Monod`
```

### Janon/Monod



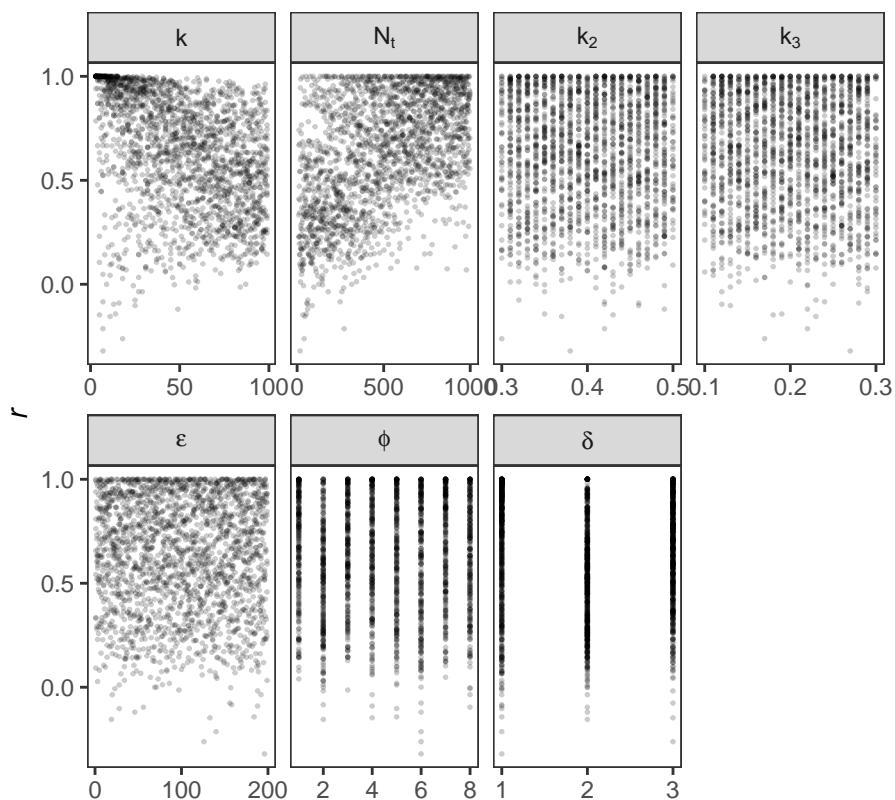
```
##  
## $Jansen
```

## Jansen



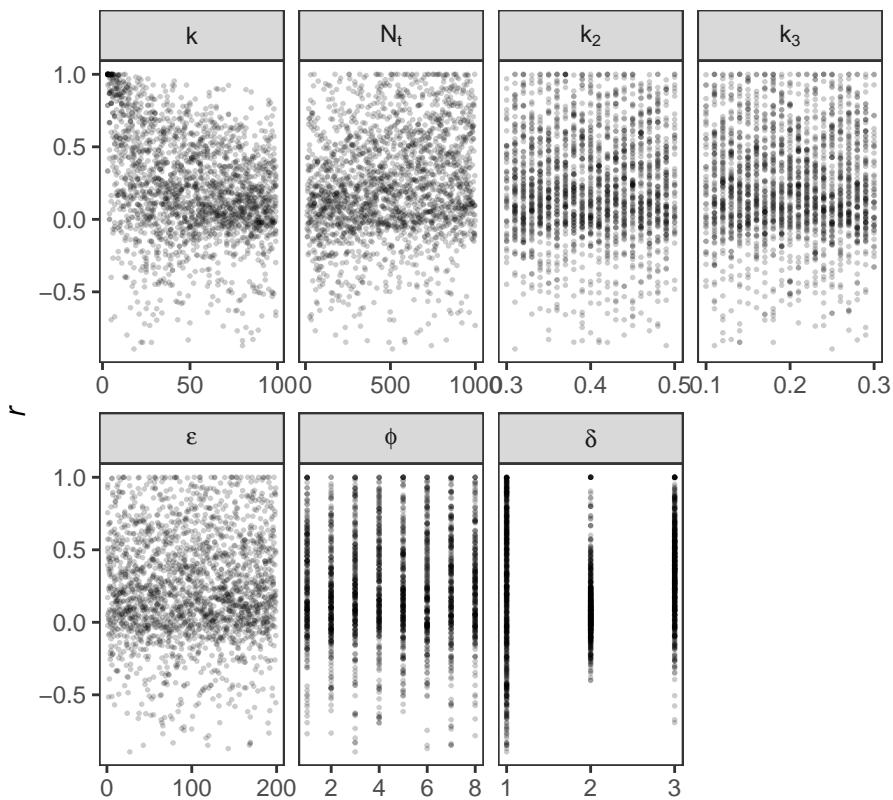
```
##  
## $Lamboni
```

Lamboni



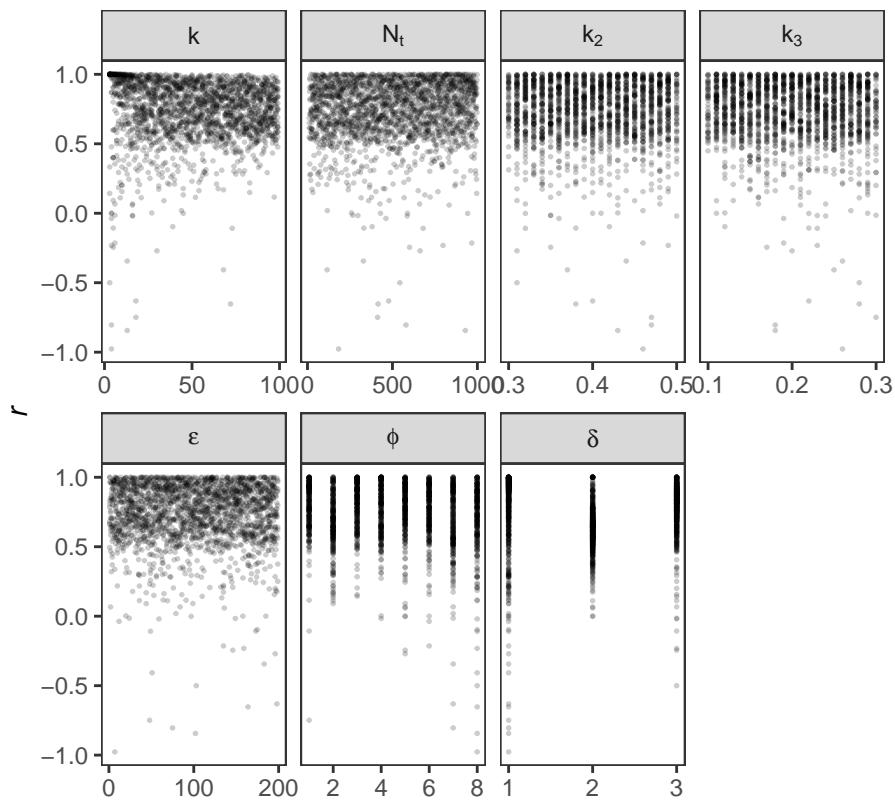
```
##  
## $Owen
```

Owen



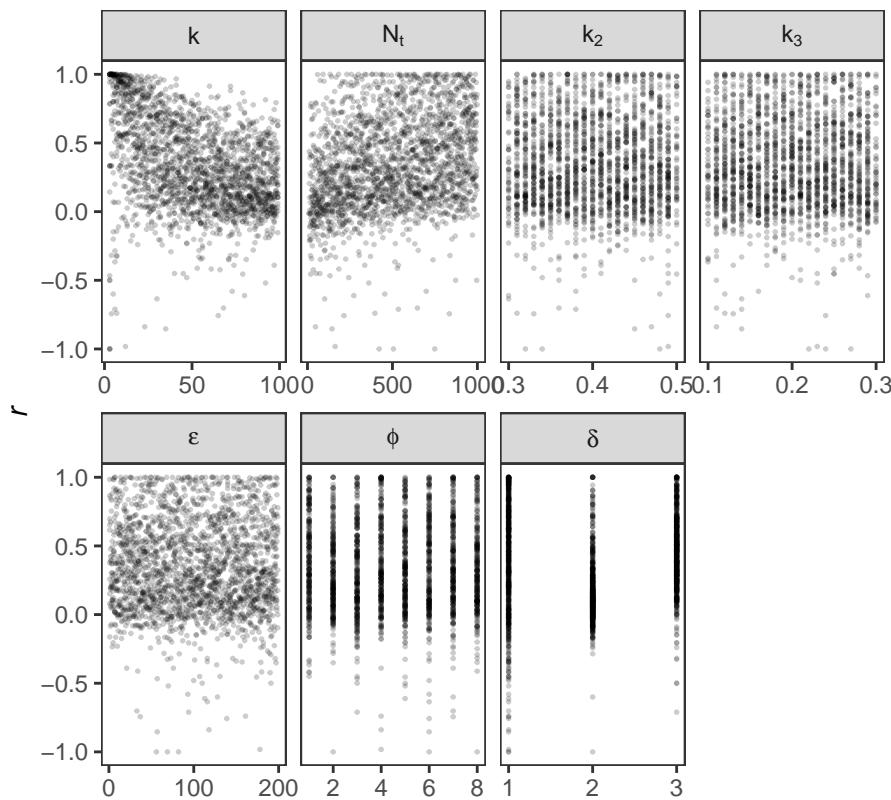
```
##  
## $`Razavi and Gupta`
```

## Razavi and Gupta



```
##  
## $`Sobol`
```

## Sobol'



## 4.2 Sobol' indices

```
# SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS -----
params.plot <- c("$k$", "$N_t$", "$k_2$", "$k_3$", "$\varepsilon$",
"$\phi$",
"$\delta$")

# Show rows with NA
full_output[is.na(correlation), ]

##      row k N_t  k_2  k_3 epsilon phi delta N.all N.azzini N.vars C.all C.azzini
## 1: 4164 9  33 0.46 0.29     167    2     1     4     2     2    40     40
## 2: 8032 7  27 0.46 0.22     37    3     3     4     2     2    32     32
## 3: 8032 7  27 0.46 0.22     37    3     3     4     2     2    32     32
##      C.vars estimator correlation Nt      ratio
## 1:      74      Owen          NA 40 4.444444
## 2:      58      Lamboni        NA 32 4.571429
## 3:      58      Owen          NA 32 4.571429

# Substitute NA by 0
full_output <- full_output[, correlation:= ifelse(is.na(correlation) == TRUE, 0, correlation)]

# Compute Sobol' indices
indices <- full_output[, sobol_indices(Y = correlation,
```

```

        N = N,
        params = params.plot,
        first = "jansen",
        R = R,
        boot = TRUE,
        order = order),
    estimator]

# Compute Sobol' indices for dummy parameter
indicesD <- full_output[, sobol_dummy(Y = correlation,
                                         N = N,
                                         params = params.plot,
                                         boot = TRUE,
                                         R = R),
                           estimator]

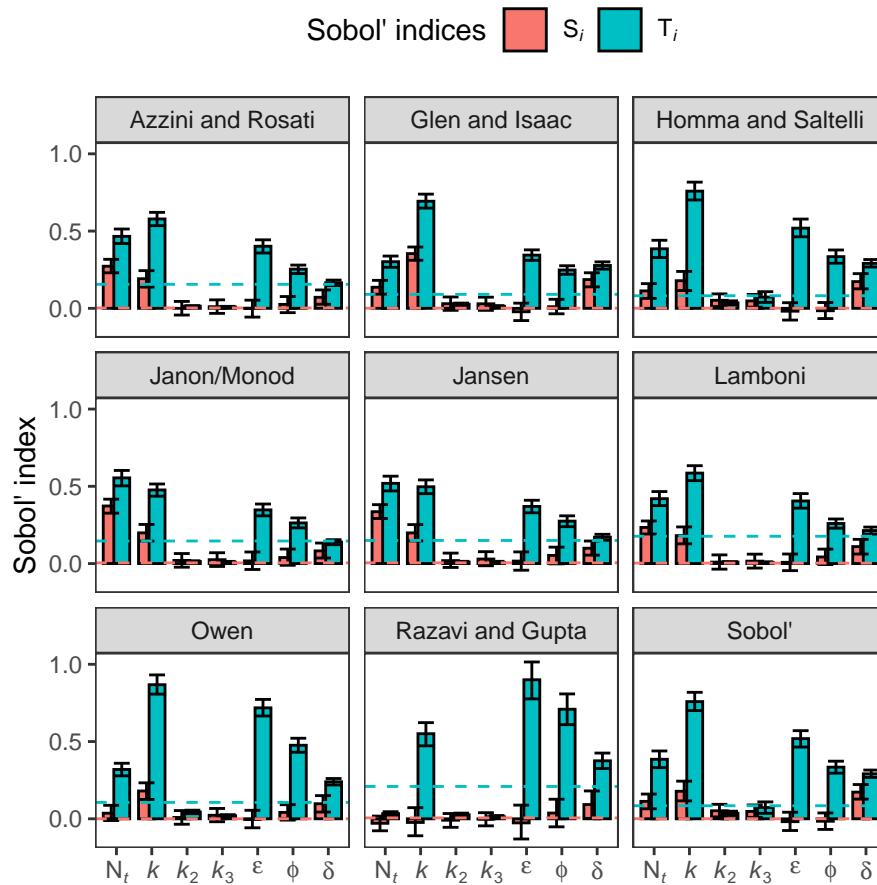
# PLOT SOBOL' INDICES -----
# Reorder the levels of the parameters
indices <- indices[, parameters:= factor(parameters,
                                             levels = c("$N_t$",
                                                        "$k$",
                                                        "$k_2$",
                                                        "$k_3$",
                                                        "$\\varepsilon$",
                                                        "$\\phi$",
                                                        "$\\delta$"))]

ggplot(indices, aes(parameters, original, fill = sensitivity)) +
  geom_bar(stat = "identity",
            position = position_dodge(0.6),
            color = "black") +
  geom_errorbar(aes(ymin = low.ci,
                    ymax = high.ci),
                position = position_dodge(0.6)) +
  geom_hline(data = indicesD,
             aes(yintercept = high.ci,
                 color = sensitivity),
             lty = 2,
             show.legend = FALSE) +
  scale_x_discrete(labels = c(expression(N[italic(t)]),
                               expression(italic(k)),
                               expression(italic(k[2])),
                               expression(italic(k[3])),
                               expression(epsilon),
                               expression(phi),
                               expression(delta))) +
  scale_y_continuous(breaks = pretty_breaks(n = 3)) +
  facet_wrap(~estimator,
             ncol = 3) +
  labs(x = "",
```

```

y = "Sobol' index") +
scale_fill_discrete(name = "Sobol' indices",
                     labels = c(expression(S[italic(i)]),
                               expression(T[italic(i)]))) +
theme_AP() +
theme(legend.position = "top")

```



# SUM OF FIRST-ORDER INDICES -----

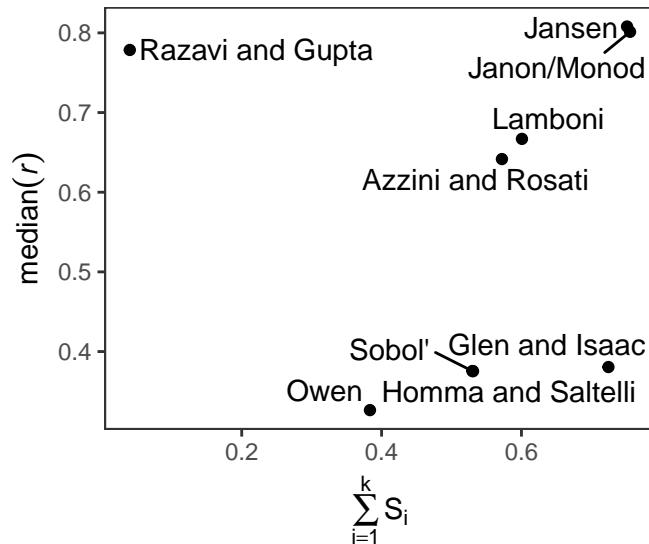
```
indices[sensitivity == "Si", sum(original), estimator]
```

```

##             estimator      V1
## 1: Azzini and Rosati 0.57212961
## 2:     Glen and Isaac 0.72437389
## 3: Homma and Saltelli 0.53079303
## 4:         Jansen 0.75102873
## 5:     Lamboni 0.60071989
## 6:   Janon/Monod 0.75529581
## 7:       Owen 0.38341716
## 8:     Sobol' 0.52988989
## 9: Razavi and Gupta 0.03999052

```

```
# Plot
merge(indices[sensitivity == "Si", sum(original), estimator],
      dt_median, by = "estimator") %>%
  ggplot(., aes(V1, median)) +
  geom_point() +
  labs(x = expression(sum(S[i], i==1, k)),
       y = expression(median(italic(r)))) +
  geom_text_repel(aes(label = estimator)) +
  theme_AP()
```



```
# EXPORT SOBOL' INDICES -----
```

```
fwrite(indices, "indices.csv")
fwrite(dt_median, "dt_median.csv")
```

## 5 Session information

```
# SESSION INFORMATION -----
sessionInfo()

## R version 3.6.1 (2019-07-05)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin15.6.0 (64-bit)
## Running under: macOS Catalina 10.15.4
##
## Matrix products: default
## BLAS:    /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.6/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## LAPACK:  /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/3.6/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib
##
## locale:
## [1] en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8/C/en_US.UTF-8/en_US.UTF-8
##
## attached base packages:
## [1] parallel stats      graphics grDevices utils      datasets  methods
## [8] base
##
## other attached packages:
##  [1] pcaPP_1.9-73           checkpoint_0.4.8
##  [3] ggrepel_0.8.2          sensobol_0.3
##  [5] logitnorm_0.8.37       benchmarkme_1.0.3
##  [7] cowplot_1.0.0          scales_1.1.0
##  [9] data.table_1.12.8      Rfast_1.9.9
## [11] RcppZiggurat_0.1.5     doParallel_1.0.15
## [13] iterators_1.0.12       foreach_1.4.8
## [15]forcats_0.4.0          stringr_1.4.0
## [17] dplyr_0.8.3            purrr_0.3.3
## [19] readr_1.3.1            tidyverse_1.3.0
## [21] tibble_2.1.3           ggplot2_3.3.0
## [23] tidyverse_1.3.0         RcppArmadillo_0.9.850.1.0
## [25] Rcpp_1.0.4
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
##  [1] httr_1.4.1              jsonlite_1.6          modelr_0.1.5
##  [4] Rdpack_0.11-1           assertthat_0.2.1      cellranger_1.1.0
##  [7] yaml_2.2.0               remotes_2.1.1          pillar_1.4.3
## [10] backports_1.1.5          lattice_0.20-38        glue_1.3.2
## [13] digest_0.6.25            rvest_0.3.5            colorspace_1.4-1
## [16] htmltools_0.4.0          Matrix_1.2-18          pkgconfig_2.0.3
## [19] bibtex_0.4.2.2           broom_0.5.3            haven_2.2.0
## [22] mvtnorm_1.0-12           farver_2.0.3           generics_0.0.2
## [25] withr_2.1.2              cli_2.0.2              magrittr_1.5
## [28] crayon_1.3.4             readxl_1.3.1           evaluate_0.14
## [31] fs_1.3.1                fansi_0.4.1            nlme_3.1-143
```

```

## [34] xml2_1.2.2           tools_3.6.1          hms_0.5.3
## [37] gbRd_0.4-11          lifecycle_0.2.0    munsell_0.5.0
## [40] reprex_0.3.0          compiler_3.6.1     rlang_0.4.5
## [43] grid_3.6.1            rstudioapi_0.11   labeling_0.3
## [46] rmarkdown_2.1           gtable_0.3.0       codetools_0.2-16
## [49] DBI_1.1.0              curl_4.3           benchmarkmeData_1.0.3
## [52] R6_2.4.1                lubridate_1.7.4   knitr_1.27
## [55] stringi_1.4.6          vctrs_0.2.4       dbplyr_1.4.2
## [58] tidyselect_0.2.5        xfun_0.12

## Return the machine CPU
cat("Machine:      "); print(get_cpu()$model_name)

## Machine:
## [1] "Intel(R) Core(TM) i9-9900K CPU @ 3.60GHz"

## Return number of true cores
cat("Num cores:   "); print(detectCores(logical = FALSE))

## Num cores:
## [1] 8

## Return number of threads
cat("Num threads: "); print(detectCores(logical = TRUE))

## Num threads:
## [1] 16

## Return the machine RAM
cat("RAM:         "); print (get_ram()); cat("\n")

## RAM:
## 34.4 GB

```

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