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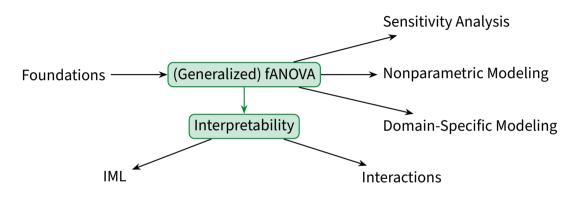
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Overview of the fANOVA Research Field





References: [1, 2, 5, 7, 6, 4, 3]

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Formal Setting



- measure space, probability measure, random vector, subvector, complementary vector, pdf
- measure space of square integrable functions
- inner product
- norm

Decompose model into interpretable components



General Form

$$y(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{u \subseteq \{1,...,N\}} y_u(\mathbf{X}_u)$$

$$= y_{\emptyset} + (y_{\{1\}}(\mathbf{X}_1) + \dots + y_{\{N\}}(\mathbf{X}_N))$$

$$+ (y_{\{1,2\}}(\mathbf{X}_1,\mathbf{X}_2) + y_{\{1,3\}}(\mathbf{X}_1,\mathbf{X}_3) + \dots)$$

$$+ (y_{\{1,2,3\}}(\mathbf{X}_1,\mathbf{X}_2,\mathbf{X}_3) + \dots) + \dots + y_{\{1,...,N\}}(\mathbf{X}_1,\dots,\mathbf{X}_N)$$

- y : Model
- y_u : Component functions for subset u
- Assumption: X_1, \ldots, X_N are independent

Ensure Uniqueness and Interpretability of the Components



Strong Annihilating Conditions

$$\int_{\mathbb{D}} y_u(\boldsymbol{x}_u) f_{\{i\}}(x_i) \, d\nu(x_i) = 0 \quad \text{for } i \in u \neq \emptyset.$$

- Ensures unique component functions
- Applies under independent (product-type) input distributions

$$\mathbb{E}[y_u(\boldsymbol{X}_u)]=0$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y_u(\mathbf{X}_u)y_v(\mathbf{X}_v)] = 0 \quad (u \neq v)$$

Recursive Form of the Components



$$y_{\emptyset} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N}} y(\boldsymbol{x}) \prod_{i=1}^{N} f_{\{i\}}(x_{i}) d\nu(x_{i}) = \mathbb{E}[y(\boldsymbol{x})].$$

$$y_{u}(\boldsymbol{x}_{u}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N-|u|}} y(\boldsymbol{x}_{u}, \boldsymbol{x}_{-u}) \prod_{i=1, i \notin u}^{N} f_{\{i\}}(x_{i}) d\nu(x_{i}) - \sum_{v \subseteq u} y_{v}(\boldsymbol{x}_{v}). \tag{1}$$

- f_{-u} : marginal density of variables not in u
- Components solved sequentially by increasing order

Recursive Form Example



N = 3

$$y_{\emptyset} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} y(\boldsymbol{x}) \prod_{i=1}^3 f_{\{i\}}(x_i) d\nu(x_i) = \mathbb{E}[y(\boldsymbol{x})].$$

• $u = \{1\} \rightarrow v = \emptyset$ $y_{\{1\}}(X_1) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^2} y(X_1, X_2, X_3) \prod_{i=1}^3 f_{\{i\}}(x_i) \, d\nu(x_i) - y_{\emptyset} = \mathbb{E}[y(X_1, X_2, X_3) | X_1 = x_1] - y_{\emptyset}.$

•
$$u = \{1, 2\} \rightarrow v = \{1\}, \{2\}, \emptyset$$

$$y_{\{1,2\}}(X_1, X_2) = \int_{\mathbb{R}} y(X_1, X_2, X_3) f_{\{3\}}(X_3) d\nu(X_3) - y_{\{1\}}(X_1) - y_{\{2\}}(X_2) - y_{\emptyset}$$

= $\mathbb{E}[y(X_1, X_2, X_3) | X_1 = x_1, X_2 = x_2] - y_{\{1\}}(X_1) - y_{\{2\}}(X_2) - y_{\emptyset}.$

Example: Independent MVN



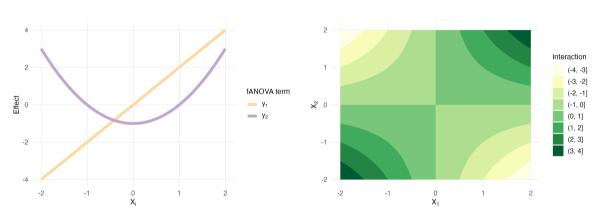
$$y(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 + x_2^2 + x_1 x_2$$
$$(X_1, X_2)^{\mathsf{T}} \sim \mathcal{N}\left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho \\ \rho & 1 \end{pmatrix}\right),$$
$$X_1 \mid X_2 = x_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(\rho x_2, 1 - \rho^2), \quad X_2 \mid X_1 = x_1 \sim \mathcal{N}(\rho x_1, 1 - \rho^2).$$

Components:

$$y_{\emptyset} = 0,$$
 $y_{\{1\}}(x_1) = 2x_1,$ $y_{\{2\}}(x_2) = x_2^2,$ $y_{\{1,2\}}(x_1,x_2) = x_1x_2.$

Example: 2D Function





Reminder: Definition of Orthogonal Projection



$$\Pi_{\mathcal{G}} y = \arg\min_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \|y - g\|^2 = \arg\min_{g \in \mathcal{G}} \mathbb{E}[(y(\mathbf{X}) - g(\mathbf{X}))^2]. \tag{2}$$

- \mathcal{G} : linear subspace of \mathcal{L}^2 we project onto
- g all functions in the subspace

fANOVA as Orthogonal Projection



$$\begin{split} \Pi_{\mathcal{G}_0} y &= \arg\min_{g_0 \in \mathcal{G}_0} \|y - g_0\|^2 \\ &= \arg\min_{a \in \mathbb{R}} \mathbb{E}[(y(\textbf{\textit{X}}) - a)^2] \\ &= \mathbb{E}[y(\textbf{\textit{X}})] = y_{\emptyset}. \end{split}$$

$$(\Pi_{\mathcal{G}_u} y)(.) - \sum_{v \subsetneq u} y_v(.) = \arg \min_{g_u \in \mathcal{G}_u} \|y - g_u\|^2 - \sum_{v \subsetneq u} y_v(.)$$

$$= \arg \min_{g_u \in \mathcal{G}_u} \mathbb{E}[(y(\mathbf{X}) - g_u(.))^2] - \sum_{v \subsetneq u} y_v(.)$$

$$= \mathbb{E}[y(\mathbf{X}) \mid X_u = .] - \sum_{v \subseteq u} y_v(x) = y_u(.).$$

Equality to Hoeffding Decomposition



Hoeffding Decomposition

$$y(\mathbf{X}) = \sum_{A \subset D} y_A(\mathbf{X}_A), \qquad D := \{1, \dots, N\}, \tag{3}$$

where, for each $A \subseteq D$, the component function y_A is defined by:

$$y_A(\mathbf{X}_A) = \sum_{B \subseteq A} (-1)^{|A| - |B|} \mathbb{E}[y(\mathbf{X}) \mid \mathbf{X}_B], \qquad (4)$$

where y_u are orthogonal components.

- Classical fANOVA and Hoeffding decomposition yield same components under zero-centered inputs
- Both assume independence of input variables

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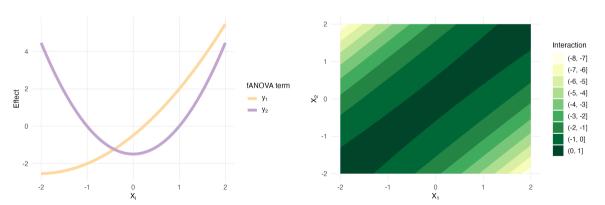


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Example with Dependent Inputs



$$y(x_1,x_2) = 2x_1 + x_2^2 + x_1x_2, \qquad \rho = 0.8$$



Weaker Annihilating Conditions



Weak Annihilating Conditions

$$\int_{\mathbb{R}} y_{u,G}(\boldsymbol{x}_u) f_{\boldsymbol{X}_u}(\boldsymbol{x}_u) d\nu(x_i) = 0 \quad \text{for} \quad i \in u \neq \emptyset.$$

- Allows dependent input distributions
- Leads to hierarchical orthogonality

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{u,G}(\boldsymbol{X}_u)] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} y_{u,G}(\boldsymbol{x}_u) f_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \, d\nu(\boldsymbol{x}) = 0.$$

$$\mathbb{E}[y_{u,G}(\boldsymbol{X}_u)y_{v,G}(\boldsymbol{X}_v)] := \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} y_{u,G}(\boldsymbol{x}_u)y_{v,G}(\boldsymbol{x}_v)f_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{x}) d\nu(\boldsymbol{x}) = 0.$$

Component Definition (Coupled System)



$$y_{\emptyset,G} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} y(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \, d\nu(\mathbf{x}) \tag{5}$$

$$y_{u,G}(\mathbf{X}_{u}) = \int_{\mathbb{R}^{N-|u|}} y(\mathbf{X}_{u}, \mathbf{x}_{-u}) f_{-u}(\mathbf{x}_{-u}) d\nu(\mathbf{x}_{-u}) - \sum_{v \subseteq u} y_{v,G}(\mathbf{X}_{v})$$

$$- \sum_{\substack{\emptyset \neq v \subseteq \{1, \dots, N\} \\ v \cap u \neq \emptyset, \ v \not\subset u}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^{|v \cap -u|}} y_{v,G}(\mathbf{X}_{v \cap u}, \mathbf{x}_{v \cap -u}) f_{v \cap -u}(\mathbf{x}_{v \cap -u}) d\nu(\mathbf{x}_{v \cap -u}). \tag{6}$$

- All components solved simultaneously
- Depends on marginal densities and coupling terms

■ N = 3

$$y_{\emptyset,G} = \int_{\mathbb{R}^3} y(\mathbf{x}) f_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) d\nu(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbb{E}[y(\mathbf{X})]$$

- $u = \{1\}$
 - $\mathbf{v} \subseteq u \to \emptyset$
 - $\bullet \ (\emptyset \neq v \subseteq \{1,\ldots,N\}, \ v \cap u \neq \emptyset, \ v \not\subset u) \rightarrow \{1,2\}, \{1,2,3\}$

How to Construct the Components



- ullet Coupled system o difficult to obtain analytical solutions
- Use alternative method via Fourier Polynomial ([5])
- ullet Building blocks: mutually orthogonal, zero-mean basis functions $\psi_{i,j}$, coefficients $c_{i,j}$

Basis Representation of a Polynomial



$$y(x_{1}, x_{2}) = a_{0} + a_{1}x_{1} + a_{2}x_{2} + a_{11}x_{1}^{2} + a_{22}x_{2}^{2} + a_{12}x_{1}x_{2}$$

$$= c_{0} + c_{1,1} \psi_{1,1}(x_{1}) + c_{2,1} \psi_{2,1}(x_{2})$$

$$+ c_{1,2} \psi_{1,2}(x_{1}) + c_{2,2} \psi_{2,2}(x_{2}) + c_{12,11} \psi_{12,11}(x_{1}, x_{2})$$

$$= \underbrace{c_{0}}_{y_{0}} + \underbrace{\left(c_{1,1} \psi_{1,1}(x_{1}) + c_{1,2} \psi_{1,2}(x_{1})\right)}_{y_{1}(x_{1})}$$

$$+ \underbrace{\left(c_{2,1} \psi_{2,1}(x_{2}) + c_{2,2} \psi_{2,2}(x_{2})\right)}_{y_{2}(x_{2})}$$

$$+ \underbrace{c_{12,11} \psi_{12,11}(x_{1}, x_{2})}_{y_{12}(x_{1}, x_{2})}.$$

Basis Functions proposed by Rahman (2014)[5]



$$\begin{split} \psi_{\emptyset}(x_1, x_2) &= 1, \\ \psi_{1,1}(x_1) &= x_1, \\ \psi_{2,1}(x_2) &= x_2, \\ \psi_{1,2}(x_1) &= x_1^2 - 1, \\ \psi_{2,2}(x_2) &= x_2^2 - 1, \\ \psi_{12,11}(x_1, x_2) &= \frac{\rho(x_1^2 + x_2^2)}{1 + \rho^2} - x_1 x_2 + \frac{\rho(\rho^2 - 1)}{1 + \rho^2}, \end{split}$$

Alternative Generalization of fANOVA, [2]



$$\{y_{u,G}(\boldsymbol{x}_u) \mid u \subseteq d\} = \arg\min_{\{g_u \in \mathcal{L}^2(\mathbb{R}^{|u|})\}} \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} \left(\sum_{u \subseteq d} g_u(\boldsymbol{x}_u) - y(\boldsymbol{x}) \right)^2 f_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \, d\nu(\boldsymbol{x}),$$

subject to hierarchical orthogonality conditions:

$$\forall v \subseteq u, \ \forall g_v: \ \int_{\mathbb{R}^N} y_u(\boldsymbol{x}_u) g_v(\boldsymbol{x}_v) f_{\boldsymbol{X}}(\boldsymbol{x}) \ d\nu(\boldsymbol{x}) = 0.$$

Variance Decomposition, [6]



$$\mu := \mathbb{E}[y(\mathbf{X})] = y_{\emptyset,G}.$$

$$\sigma^{2} := \mathbb{E}\left[\left(y(\mathbf{X}) - \mu_{G}\right)^{2}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(y_{\emptyset,G} + \sum_{u} y_{u,G}(\mathbf{X}_{u}) - y_{\emptyset,G}\right)^{2}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\left(\sum_{u} y_{u,G}(\mathbf{X}_{u})\right)^{2}\right]$$

$$= \sum_{u} \mathbb{E}\left[y_{u,G}^{2}(\mathbf{X}_{u})\right] + \sum_{u \subseteq v, v \subseteq u} \mathbb{E}\left[y_{u,G}(\mathbf{X}_{u})y_{v,G}(\mathbf{X}_{v})\right],$$

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Limitations



Future Research



- Estimation schemes and software implementation
- Extension of Fourier polynomial expansion to other distributions

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Classical fANOVA Proofs



- Zero mean property: factorized density, Fubinis Theorem, strong annihilating conditions
- Mutual orthogonality: factorized density, Fubinis Theorem, strong annihilating conditions

Generalized fANOVA Proofs

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- Zero mean property: separating x into subvectors, marginal density, Fubinis Theorem, weak annihilating conditions
- Hierarchical orthogonality: set the scene, u is a proper subset of v $u \subsetneq v$, so there is an index in u which is not in v; divide x_u into subvectors, marginal density, Fubini and weak annihilating conditions
- Weak annihilating becomes strong under independence: assume the weak ones, product density, factor out
- Three integration cases: distinguish between different relationships u and v, depending on the relationship the integral w.r.t. to marginal density simplifies
- Generalized fANOVA components by Rahman: first build constant term; for nonconstant terms use integration cases
- Integration constraint Hooker: show that hierarchical orthogonality is fulfilled if the conditions hold, show that it is not fulfilled if they do not hold; but why exactly these conditions a bit unclear
- Take a look at Sobols proof again

Relevant External Links



 https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1K5ECL6hDPDnHwM_ k342xa29H-vHWzdk27PTgDHUwfFE/edit?usp=sharing - Table with fANOVA-related literature

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