

# Functional depths and related topics

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### Definition (statistical depth in $\mathbb{R}^p$ , (Zuo and Serfling, 2000b))

Let  $\mathcal{P}$  be some class of distributions. The bounded and non-negative mapping  $D(.,.) : \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a statistical depth function if it satisfies the following properties:

- Affine invariance

$D(AX + b, P_{AX+b}) = D(X, P_X)$  holds for any  $\mathbb{R}^p$ -valued random vector  $X$ , any  $p \times p$  nonsingular matrix  $A$  and any  $b \in \mathbb{R}^p$ .

- Maximality at centre

$D(\theta, P) = \sup_{x \in \mathbb{R}^p} D(x, P)$  holds for any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  having a unique centre of symmetry  $\theta$  w.r.t. some notion of symmetry.

- Monotonicity relative to the deepest point

For any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  having deepest point  $\theta$ ,  $D(x, P) \leq D(\theta + \alpha(x - \theta), P)$  holds for all  $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ .

- Vanishing at infinity  $D(x, P) \rightarrow 0$  as  $\|x\|_{\mathbb{R}^p} \rightarrow \infty$  for each  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ .

## definition of depth in $\mathbb{R}^p$

(Serfling(2006)) Not necessary, but desirable property when setting D:

- Symmetry  
If  $P$  is symmetric about  $\theta$ , then so is  $D(x, P)$ .
- Continuity of  $D(x, P)$  as a function of  $x$   
(or just have upper semi-continuity)
- Continuity of  $D(x, P)$  as a function of  $P$
- Quasi-concavity as a function of  $x$   
The set  $\{x : D(x, P) \geq c\}$  is convex for each real  $c$ .

### Example (on $\mathbb{R}^1$ )

If we denote  $F_P$  as cdf corresponding distribution measure  $P$ , then

- (By Fraiman, Muniz(2001))  $D(x, P) = 1/2 - [1/2 - F_P(x)]$
- (Halfspace depth, By Tukey(1975))  $D(x, P) = \min\{F_P(x), \lim_{v \rightarrow x-} F_P(v)\}$
- (Simplicial depth, By Liu(2001))  $D(x, P) = F_P(x)\{1 - \lim_{v \rightarrow x-} F_P(v)\}$
- (Modified band depth, By Cuevas, Fraiman(2009))  
$$D(x, P) = \frac{1}{J-1} \sum_{j=2}^J P(x \in [\min(X_1, \dots, X_j), \max(X_1, \dots, X_j)])$$

## definition of depth in $\mathcal{F}$

### Definition (statistical depth in $\mathcal{F}$ , (Nieto-Reyes and Battey, 2016))

Let  $(\mathcal{F}, A, P)$  be probability space and  $\mathcal{P}$  be class of all distribution measures on  $\mathcal{F}$ . The bounded and non-negative mapping  $D(., .) : \mathcal{F} \times \mathcal{P} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called a statistical functional depth function if it satisfies the following properties:

- distance invariance

$D(f(x), P_{f(X)}) = D(X, P_X)$  for any  $x \in \mathcal{F}$  and  $f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  such that for any  $y \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $d(f(x), f(y)) = a_f d(x, y)$ ,  $a_f \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ .

- Maximality at centre

For any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  with unique centre of symmetry  $\theta$  w.r.t. some notion of symmetry,  $D(\theta, P) = \sup_{x \in \mathcal{F}} D(x, P)$ .

- Monotonicity (strictly decreasing) relative to the deepest point

For any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  s.t.  $D(z, P) = \max_{x \in \mathcal{F}} D(x, P)$  exists (:deepest point  $z$ ), for  $x, y \in \mathcal{F}$ ,  $D(x, P) < D(y, P) < D(z, P)$  s.t.  $\min\{d(y, z), d(y, x)\} > 0$  and  $\max\{d(y, z), d(y, x)\} < d(x, z)$ .

## Definition ((continue.))

- Upper semi-continuity in  $x$

$D(x, P)$  is upper semi-continuous as a function of  $x$ .

- Receptivity to convex hull width across the domain.

Let  $C(\mathcal{F}, P)$  be convex hull in  $(\mathcal{F}, A, P)$  defined as

$C(\mathcal{F}, P) = \{x \in \mathcal{F} : x(v) = \alpha L(v) + (1 - \alpha)U(v), v \in V, \alpha \in [0, 1]\}$  where  $U = \{\sup_{x \in \mathcal{F}} x(v), v \in V\}$ ,  $L = \{\inf_{x \in \mathcal{F}} x(v), v \in V\}$  and  $\epsilon$  is smallest set in  $A$  s.t.  $P(\epsilon) = P(\mathcal{F})$ .

Then, condition:  $D(x, P_x) < D(f(x), P_{f(x)})$  for any  $x \in C(\mathcal{F}, P)$  with  $D(x, P) < \sup_{y \in \mathcal{F}} D(y, P)$  and

$f : \mathcal{F} \rightarrow \mathcal{F}$  s.t.  $f(y(v)) = \alpha(v)y(v)$  with  $\alpha(v) \in (0, 1)$  for all  $v \in L_\delta$  and  $\alpha(v) = 1$  otherwise where

$L_\delta = \text{argsup}_{H \in V} \{\sup_{x, y \in C(\mathcal{F}, P)} d(x(H), y(H)) \leq \delta\}$  for any  $\delta \in \inf_{v \in V} d(L(v), U(v)), d(L, U)$  s.t.  $\lambda(L_\delta) > 0$  and  $\lambda(L_\delta^c) > 0$ .

- Continuity in  $P$

For all  $x \in \mathcal{F}$ , for all  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  and for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta(\epsilon) > 0$  s.t.  $|D(x, Q) - D(x, P)| \leq \epsilon$   $P$ -almost surely for all  $Q \in \mathcal{P}$  with  $d_P(Q, P) < \delta$   $P$ -almost surely, where  $d_P$  is metric (in weak topology).

## Check the validity of existing depth on $\mathcal{F}$

- h-depth (Cuevas, Febrero and Fraiman(2007))

$$D_h(x, P) = E_X(K_h(\|x - X\|_{\mathcal{L}^2[0,1]})) \text{ on } \mathcal{L}^2[0,1]^p : \text{FTTTTTT}$$

- random-tukey depth (Cuesta-Albertos and Nieto-Reyes(2008))

$$D_{RT}(x, P) = \min_{u \in \{u_j\}_{j=1}^k} \min(P_u(-\infty, \langle u, x \rangle], P_u[\langle u, x \rangle, \infty)) \text{ where } P_u: \text{ marginal distribution measure of } u, \text{ on } \mathcal{L}^2[0,1]^p : \text{TTFTFT}$$

- band depth(Lopez-Pintado and Romo(2009))

$$D_J(x, P) = \sum_{j=2}^J P_{S_j}(x \in S_j(P)) \text{ where } S_j(P) = \{y \in \mathcal{F} : y(v) = \alpha_1 X_1(v) + \dots + \alpha_j X_j(v), \alpha_k \in (j\text{-th dim simplex}), v \in V, X_i \sim P\} \text{ on } \mathcal{C} \text{ with sup norm : TTFTFT}$$

- modified band depth (Lopez-Pintado and Romo(2009))

$$D_{MJ}(x, P) = \sum_{j=2}^J E(\lambda\{v \in V : x \in S_j(P)\}) \text{ with above notation, on } \mathcal{C} \text{ with sup norm : TTFTFT}$$

- half-region depth (Lopez-Pintado and Romo(2011))

$$D_{HR}(x, P) = \min\{P(X \in H_x), P(X \in E_x)\} \text{ where } H_x = \{y \in \mathcal{F} : y(v) \leq x(v) \text{ for all } v \in V\} \text{ and } E_x = \{y \in \mathcal{F} : y(v) \geq x(v) \text{ for all } v \in V\} \text{ on } \mathcal{C} \text{ with sup norm : TFFFTFT}$$

- modified half-region depth (Lopez-Pintado and Romo(2011))

$$D_{MHR}(x, P) = \min\{E(\lambda\{v \in V, X(v) \leq x(v)\}), E(\lambda\{v \in V, X(v) \geq x(v)\})\} / \lambda(V) \text{ on } \mathcal{C} \text{ with sup norm : TTFTFT}$$

## Consistency of functional depth: classification of existing functional depth

For showing consistency, classify depths to 3 groups (Stanislav Nagy(2018)) Let  $D$ : some depth in  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . then

- integrated depth (Fraiman, Muniz(2001) and Cuevas, Fraiman(2009))  
form of  $FD(x, P) = \int D(f(x), f(P))d\lambda(f)$
- infimal depth (Mosler(2013))  
form of  $ID(x, P) = \inf_f D(f(x), x(P))$
- band depth (Lopez-Pintado, Romo(2009))  
form of  $BD(x, P) = P(x \in Band(X_1, \dots, X_K))$  on  $\mathcal{C}$  where  
 $Band(x_1, x_2) = \{y \in \mathcal{C} : \min\{x_1(v), x_2(v)\} \leq y(v) \leq \max\{x_1(v), x_2(v)\}, v \in V\}$   
(extend to convex hull with many  $X_i$ s.)



## Consistency of functional depth

### Definition

For given  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ , let  $P_n \rightarrow P$  weakly. A functional depth  $D(x, P)$  is uniformly consistent for  $P$  over  $\mathcal{F}$ , if

$$\sup_{x \in \mathcal{F}} |D(x, P_n) - D(x, P)| \rightarrow 0$$

for almost every  $x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

### Definition

If  $D$  is uniformly consistent for any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ , then we say  $D$  is universally consistent over  $\mathcal{F}$ .

## Consistency of functional depth

### Theorem (Consistency of functional band depth (Gijbels, Nagy(2015)))

$BD(x, P)$  is not uniformly consistent over compact subset of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Possible remedy: smoothing with integration and decreasing function  $w : [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ,  $w(0) = 1$ ,  $w(\infty) \rightarrow 0$   
Adjusted band depth:  $aBD(x, P) = Ew(\inf_{y \in \text{Band}(X_1, \dots, X_k)} \|x - y\|)$  for all  $x \in \mathcal{C}$ ,  $P \in \mathcal{P}$ . Then, aBD is universally consistent over  $\mathcal{C}$ .

### Theorem (Consistency of functional infimal depth (Gijbels, Nagy(2015)))

$ID(x, P)$  is uniformly consistent over  $\mathcal{C}$  for  $P$   
when  $P$  is mixture of  $P_1, P_2$  s.t.

- all marginal distribution of  $P_1$  have continuous dist. functions.
- $P_2$  is concentrated in finite-dimensional subspace of  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Note that the conditions are too restrictive. (Wiener measure fails to satisfy them.) And it means that  $ID(x, P)$  is not universally consistent over  $\mathcal{C}$ .

## Consistency of functional depth

Theorem (Consistency of functional integrated depth (Nagy, Gijbels, Omelka, Hlubinka(2016)))

$FD(x, P)$  is uniformly consistent over  $\mathcal{C}$ .

Note that, using the definition of integration,  $\mathcal{C}$  can be extend to Borel-measurable (may be discontinuous) functions, include  $\mathcal{L}^2$ .

## Consistency of functional depth: In practice

### Theorem (Varadarajan(1952?))

*Let  $(S, d)$  be a separable metric space and  $\mu$  be any distribution (Borel probability measure) on  $S$ . Then the empirical measure  $\mu_n$  converges to  $\mu$  almost surely:*

$$P(\{w : \mu_n(\cdot)(w) \rightarrow \mu\}) = 1$$

Proof: application of SLLN.

### Theorem (Consistency over partial observability, (Nagy,Ferraty(2018))

*Let  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  on  $\mathcal{L}^2[0, 1]$  and  $\tilde{P}_n$  be empirical distribution of fitted  $n$  curves. Then (under some assumptions,)*

$$\sup_{x \in \mathcal{L}^2} |D(x, \tilde{P}_n) - D(x, P)| \rightarrow 0$$

*almost every  $x$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  when  $D$  is adjust band depth type,  $h$ -depth type. If all marginal distribution of  $P$  is absolutely continuous, then also true for integrated depth type.*

Proof:

step1: show  $\tilde{P}_n \rightarrow P$  weakly almost every  $\omega \in \Omega$  using Varadarajan theorem and with good property of fitting kernel.

step2: using inner  $D$  with good convergence property, show outer  $D$  converges weakly.

## Consistency of functional depth: In practice

### Theorem (convergence rate of FD (Nagy,Ferraty(2018)))

For any  $P \in \mathcal{P}$  on  $\mathcal{L}^2[0, 1]$ , under some conditions,

$$\sup_{x \in \mathcal{L}^2[0,1]} |FD(x, P_n) - FD(x, P)| = O_p(n^{-1/2})$$

If number of data points of  $n$ -th curve is comparable to  $n^r$  and  $\sup_{v \in [0,1]} \sup_{|s-s'| \leq \epsilon} |P_v(s) - P_v(s')| \leq K\epsilon^\alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in (0, 1]$  where  $P_v$ : marginal distribution of  $P$ , then under some conditions,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sup_{x \in \mathcal{L}^2[0,1]} |FD(x, P_n) - FD(x, P)| \\ &= O_p(n^{-r\alpha\beta / \{(1+\alpha)(2\beta+1)\}}) \text{ if } r < (2\beta + 1)/\beta \\ &= O_p(\{\ln(n)/n\}^{\alpha/(1+\alpha)}) \text{ if } r = (2\beta + 1)/\beta \\ &= O_p(n^{-\alpha/(1+\alpha)}) \text{ if } r > (2\beta + 1)/\beta \end{aligned}$$

Note that last case is dense setting, and the rate is similar to full observing case. In other cases, become slower.

More need to develop this theory and related application,

- Robust and Nonparametric functional statistics  
procedure of with rank, nonparametric estimation of distribution, ...
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)  
outlier finding, data detective works, ... (Center? Cluster? Symmetry? range(width)? gap(separation)?  
other irregularities?)
- classification if data can be classified by relation to the center.
- (and other things...)