

Def | Local Sensitivity

- Let $\vec{y} = f(\vec{x}; \vec{\theta})$ be the QoI with $\vec{\theta} \in \mathbb{R}^p$.
 We call $\vec{\theta}^*$ the nominal or a priori parameter value.

- The local sensitivity is

$$\Delta f_j \approx \left. \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_j} \right|_{\vec{\theta}^*} \cdot \Delta \theta_j$$

• We often approximate the above

$$\Delta f_j \approx \left(f(\vec{\theta}^* + \vec{e}_j \Delta \theta_j) - f(\vec{\theta}^*) \right) / \Delta \theta_j$$

Where \vec{e}_j is a unit vector in the j th direction,

Properties

- The above approx. is linear

• highly nonlinear models may have sensitivities not well approx. by local sens.

- The results hinge on choice of $\vec{\theta}^*$

- Choice of $\Delta \theta_j$ is subjective.

- the magnitudes of θ_i make $\frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_i}$ hard to interpret

* $\sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_i}$ gives insight into identifiability *

Analytical Sensitivities

Ex) Consider the Spring problem

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = A\vec{u}, \quad \vec{u} = \begin{bmatrix} dz/dt \\ z \end{bmatrix}, \quad A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -K & -C \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{u}_0 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ -C \end{bmatrix}$$

where $K = \frac{g}{m}$, $C = \frac{c}{m}$.

- Analytical Solution:

$$z(t) = 2 e^{-Ct/2} \cos(\sqrt{K - C^2/4} t)$$

where $C^2 - 4K < 0$.

- We can derive the analytical sensitivities

e.g.,

$$\frac{\partial z}{\partial K} = e^{-Ct/2} \cdot \frac{-zt}{\sqrt{4K - C^2}} \sin(\sqrt{K - C^2/4} t)$$

- Then $\underline{z}(\vec{\theta}) \in \mathbb{R}^{N_t \times 2}$, where N_t is the number of time points.

Sensitivity Equations

- Sensitivity equations differentiate the system w.r.t. $\vec{\theta}$

- Consider an ODE system

$$\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = g(t, \vec{u}(t), \vec{\alpha}), \quad \vec{u}(t_0) = \vec{u}_0(\vec{\alpha})$$

where $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^{N_u}$, $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^p$ are model parameters.

- Let $\vec{\theta} = [\vec{\alpha}, \vec{u}_0]^T \in \mathbb{R}^{p+N_u}$.

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$$\vec{S}_j(t) \equiv \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \alpha_j}, \quad j=1, \dots, P$$

- To get the \vec{S}_j , we differentiate the entire ODE System

$$\frac{d\vec{S}}{dt} = \underbrace{\frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{u}}}_{(i)} \cdot \underbrace{\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \vec{\alpha}}}_{(ii)} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{\alpha}}}_{(iii)}, \quad \vec{S}(t_0) = \underbrace{\frac{\partial \vec{u}_0}{\partial \vec{\alpha}}}_{(iv)}$$

(i) $\frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{u}}$ is a $(N_u \cdot P) \times (N_u \cdot P)$ block diagonal matrix given by

$$\vec{J}_{u \times \alpha} = \frac{\partial g_i}{\partial u_i} \equiv \text{Jacobian}$$

(ii) $\frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \vec{\alpha}}$ is the sensitivity vector ($\mathbb{R}^{N_u \cdot P}$)

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(iv) $\vec{S}(t_0)$ is the Jacobian at $t=t_0$.

$$\vec{S}_j = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{u}} \cdot \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \alpha_j} + \frac{\partial g}{\partial \alpha_j}, \quad \vec{S}(t_0) = \frac{\partial \vec{u}_0}{\partial \vec{\alpha}} \quad (iv)$$

Ex) If $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\vec{\alpha} \in \mathbb{R}^2$, $\frac{d\vec{u}}{dt} = \begin{bmatrix} g_1(u_1, u_2, \vec{\alpha}) \\ g_2(u_1, u_2, \vec{\alpha}) \end{bmatrix}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \alpha_1} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \alpha_1} \\ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \alpha_2} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \alpha_2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_2} & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial u_2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial u_2} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial u_1} & \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial u_2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \alpha_1} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \alpha_1} \\ \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \alpha_2} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \alpha_2} \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \alpha_1} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial \alpha_1} \\ \frac{\partial g_1}{\partial \alpha_2} \\ \frac{\partial g_2}{\partial \alpha_2} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \vec{S}(t_0) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial u_1}{\partial \alpha_j} \\ \frac{\partial u_2}{\partial \alpha_j} \end{bmatrix}_{t=t_0}$$

- We also have

$$\vec{f}_{o,i}(t) = \frac{\partial \vec{u}}{\partial \vec{u}_{o,i}}, \quad i=1, \dots, N_u$$

which gives ODE system

$$\frac{d\vec{f}_o}{dt} = \frac{\partial g}{\partial \vec{u}} \cdot \vec{f}_o(t), \quad \vec{f}_o(t_0) = \vec{1}$$