

Sobol Indices

$$y = F(\vec{\theta}), \vec{\theta} \in \Gamma, \Gamma = [0, 1]^p$$

$$\rightarrow F(\vec{\theta}) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p f_i(\theta_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} f_{ij}(\theta_i, \theta_j) + \dots$$

$$f_0 = \int_{\Gamma} F(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta} = E[F(\vec{\theta})]$$

$$f_i(\theta_i) = \int_{\Gamma^{p-1}} F(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta}_{\sim i} - f_0 = E[F(\vec{\theta}) | \theta_i] - f_0$$

$$f_{ij}(\theta_i, \theta_j) = \int_{\Gamma^{p-2}} F(\vec{\theta}) d\vec{\theta}_{\sim ij} - f_i - f_j - f_0 = E[F(\vec{\theta}) | \theta_i, \theta_j] - f_i - f_j - f_0$$

- Let the variance of $F(\vec{\theta}) = Y$

$$D = \text{Var}[Y] = \int_{\Gamma} (F(\vec{\theta}))^2 d\vec{\theta} - f_0^2$$

- Since each f term is orthogonal, then

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^p D_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} D_{ij} + \dots$$

where

$$D_i = \int_0^1 f_i^2(\theta_i) d\theta_i = \text{Var}[f_i(\theta_i)]$$

$$D_{ij} = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 f_{ij}^2(\theta_i, \theta_j) d\theta_i d\theta_j = \text{Var}[f_{ij}(\theta_i, \theta_j)]$$

Because

$$\text{Var}[f_i] = E[f_i^2] - (E[f_i])^2$$

$$+ E[f_i] = \int_0^1 f_i(\theta_i) d\theta_i = 0$$

Sobol' Indices

- The Sobol' Indices are given by

$$S_i = \frac{D_i}{D} = \frac{\text{Var}[f_i(\theta_i)]}{\text{Var}[F(\vec{\theta})]} \Rightarrow \text{The "first-order" Sobol' index describing the proportion of variance attributed to } \theta_i.$$

$$S_{ij} = \frac{D_{ij}}{D} = \frac{\text{Var}[f_{ij}(\theta_i, \theta_j)]}{\text{Var}[F(\vec{\theta})]} \Rightarrow \text{Second order Sobol' index "..." attributed to } \theta_i - \theta_j \text{ interaction.}$$

Note: $\sum_{i=1}^P S_i + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq P} S_{ij} + \dots = 1$

- We use S_i (+ S_{ij} occasionally) to define an importance index for how θ_i impacts our system.

- We also have the total sensitivity index

$$S_{T_i} = S_i + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^P S_{ij} + \sum_{\substack{j,k=1 \\ j,k \neq i}}^P S_{ijk} + \dots$$

• S_{T_i} assesses the global effects of θ_i on $F(\vec{\theta})$ through all possible interactions.

• We often don't go above S_{ij}

- Note that if $\sum_{i=1}^P S_i \approx 1$, then first-order effects dominate

• also

$$S_{T_i} \approx S_i + \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^P S_{ij} \Rightarrow S_{T_i} - S_i = \sum_{\substack{j=1 \\ j \neq i}}^P S_{ij}$$

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- We can interpret S_i via $(F(\vec{\theta}) = Y)$

$$S_i = \frac{\text{Var}[E[Y|\theta_i]]}{\text{Var}(Y)}$$

- We can also write

$$S_{T_i} = 1 - \frac{\text{Var}[E[Y|\vec{\theta}_{\sim i}]]}{\text{Var}[Y]} \rightarrow \text{"1 - \% Variance attributed to all but } \theta_i \text{"}$$

$$= \frac{E[\text{Var}[Y|\vec{\theta}_{\sim i}]]}{\text{Var}[Y]} \rightarrow \text{"Expected change in } Y \text{ for } \vec{\theta}_{\sim i} \text{ fixed"}$$

- So S_{T_i} reflects the contributions of θ_i on $F(\vec{x}) = Y$.

- We can always express each θ_i with their own PDF, so long as θ_i are independent

- If $S_{T_i} \approx 0$ (or $< \eta$, $\eta \in [0, 1]$), then θ_i is functionally non-influential

Computation

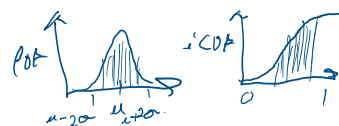
- We need to approximate $\text{Var}[E[Y|\theta_i]] + \text{Var}[Y]$.

• We often employ Monte Carlo (MC) sampling to get these estimates.

□ MC Sampling draws random values from a known pdf

* Why not use quadrature?

• For high dimensions ($p=5$), MC outperforms



- If we approximate $E[Y|\theta_i]$, we need M samples. ($M \approx 500 - 5000$)

- We need to replicate this M times for variance
 - With P parameters, each need $E[Y|\theta_i]$
- $\Rightarrow O(P \cdot M^2)$ evaluations

Algorithms

- First, recall that $\text{Var}[Y] = E[Y^2] - E[Y]^2$

Because

$$f_i = E[Y|\theta_i] - f_0 \\ E[f_i] = 0$$

• Note

$$\text{Var}[E[Y|\theta_i]] = \text{Var}[f_i(\theta_i) + f_0] = E[(f_i(\theta_i) + f_0)^2] - E[f_i(\theta_i) + f_0]^2$$

$\underbrace{E[f_0]^2}_{E[Y_0]^2}$

$$\Rightarrow = E[\underbrace{E[Y|\theta_i]^2}_{(A)}] - f_0^2$$

where (A) is the mean when all but θ_i are varied, i.e.

$$E[E[Y|\theta_i]^2] = \int_{\theta_{-i}} E[Y|\theta_i]^2 d\tilde{\theta}_{-i}$$

- This gives rise to the Saltelli Algorithm