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Materials and Methods

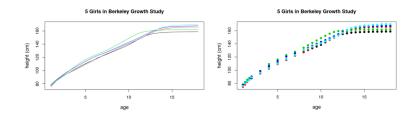
What is Functional Data Analysis?

Functional Data Analysis (FDA) focuses on the analysis of smooth curves:

$$y_t(x), x \in [a, b], t = 1, \dots, n$$

However, in practise we observe discrete evaluations of functional data samples:

$$y_t(\tilde{x}_i), \quad \tilde{x} \in [a, b], \quad t = 1, \dots, T \quad j = 1, \dots, p.$$



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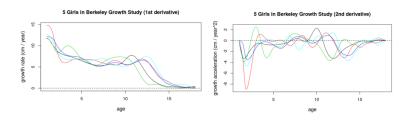
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FDA propose to express discrete data by means of a basis expansion,

$$y_t(x) \approx \sum_{k=1}^K c_{t,k} \phi_k(x),$$

where $c_{t,k}$ are coefficients and ϕ_k a collection of basis functions with known derivatives

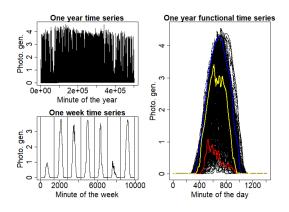
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FDA in the context of Smart Meters

From one meter to FDA and Functional Time Series



Being again t be the index of days,

$$y_1(\tilde{x}),\ldots,y_T(\tilde{x}), \quad \tilde{x}=\{0,1,\ldots,1440\}, \quad t=\{1,\ldots,365\}.$$

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Let i = 1, ..., N be the index of the meters. Then, a sample of high dimensional functions takes the following form:

$$\mathbf{y}(x) = \begin{bmatrix} y_1^1(x) & y_1^2(x) & \dots & y_1^N(x) \\ y_2^1(x) & y_2^2(x) & \dots & y_2^N(x) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_T^1(x) & y_T^2(x) & \dots & y_T^N(x) \end{bmatrix}.$$

We denote by $y_i^i(x)$ the *i*-th column of y(x). This is the FTS of one smart meter that is composed of $y_1^i(x), \ldots, y_T^i(x)$ daily functions.

In contrast, $y_t(x)$ is the *t*-th row corresponding to N functions for a given day t. This is a sample of N daily functions $y_t^1(x), \ldots, y_t^N(x)$ where each represents a meter.

Univariate data:

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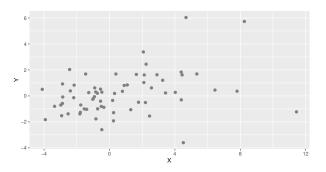
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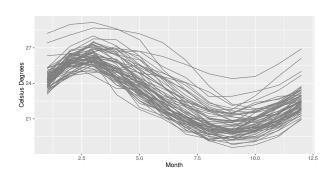
Bivariate data:

$$X = (X_1, X_2)^T : \Omega \to \mathbb{R}^2$$



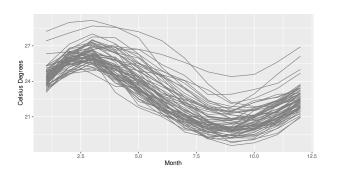
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It is not straightforward! \rightarrow Depth Measures

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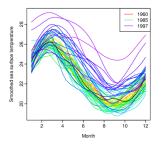
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Outlier detection toolbox

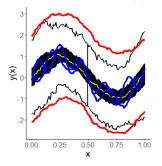
Outlier detection toolbox

We propose a toolbox based on the concept of depth to highlight:

- Magnitude outliers: the feature of analysis for the meter is higher or lower than the majority.
- Shape outliers: the shape of the profile for the meter is different than the majority.
- Evolution outliers: the day-to-day dependency for the meter is different for than the majority.

Magnitude Outlier

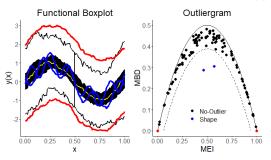
• Functional Boxplot. Sun, Y. and Genton, M. G. (2011). Functional boxplots. Journal of Computational & Graphical Statistics, 20(2):316–334.



- In the context of smart meters, we apply this method for every single day, where we have one curve for each meter.
- Then we determine as magnitude outlier those meters that have been unmasked as magnitude outlier the majority of the days.

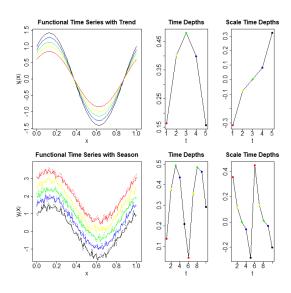
Shape Outlier

 Outliergram. Arribas-Gil, A. and Romo, J. (2014). Shape outlier detection and visualization for functional data: the outliergram. *Biostatistics*, 15(4):603–619.



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Evolution Outlier



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Lets define the time depths of each meter as,

$$FD(t) = [FD^{1}(t), FD^{2}(t), ..., FD^{N}(t)],$$

• Prototype evolution is a trimmed mean,

$$\mu \mathsf{FD}(t) = \frac{1}{\lceil \alpha N \rceil} \sum_{r=1}^{\lceil \alpha N \rceil} \mathsf{FD}^{[r]}(t),$$

 Then, we use the Euclidean distance between each FD(t) and the prototype μFD(t), i.e.,

$$d(\mathsf{FD}^i(t), \mu \mathsf{FD}(t)) = \sqrt{\sum_{t=1}^T \left(\mathsf{FD}^i(t) - \mu \mathsf{FD}(t)\right)^2},$$

• Right-tailed outlier detection rule for skewed distributions,

$$d(FD^{i}(t), \mu FD(t)) > Q_{3}(d) + \gamma \times exp^{3MC} \times IQR(d).$$

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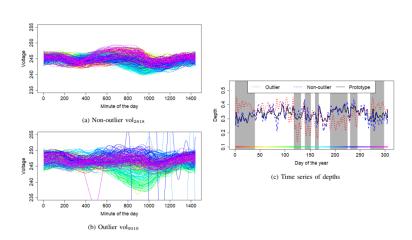
- Pecan street data set.
- One-minute records of smart meters from Austin over one year.
- Voltage circuit and photo-voltaic energy generation.

	Meter id	Zero derivative				First derivative			
		M	S	E	$\widetilde{\mathbf{E}}$	М	S	E	Ê
Voltage	vol ₅₇₄₆			√		✓			
	vol ₆₁₃₉			√		✓			
	vol ₇₉₀₁			✓	✓	✓			
	vol ₉₀₁₉			√					
	vol9922					✓			
	vol ₇₉₅₁					✓			
Solar	sol ₉₀₁₉							√	
	sol ₆₁₃₉							√	
	sol ₃₅₃₈								✓

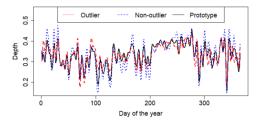
Key learnings

- 1 Evolution outliers are not detected by other methods.
- 2 First derivatives allow detecting those outliers not detected with level data.
- 3 Scaled depths unmask those outliers which are not detected with regular depths.

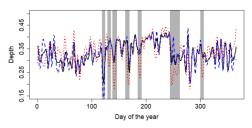
Household voltage circuit



Household photo-voltaic energy generation

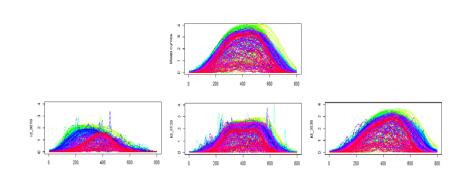


(a) Time series of depths computed on the zero derivative.



(b) Time series of depths computed on the first derivative.

Household photo-voltaic energy generation



Conclusions

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- We propose a toolbox to highlight three types of outliers.
- Daily evolution is an important concern for outlier detection.
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Article: https://arxiv.org/abs/2107.01144.

 ${\sf Code:\ smartOASYS\ an\ R-package\ available\ at\ our\ Github\ Organization}.$

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