

# 1 Introduction

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We consider data  $X_1, \dots, X_n$  from some set  $\mathcal{X} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$ . We consider two functions defined below. First, we consider the *sign function*  $S : \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  for any  $p$ -dimensional vector, defined as

$$S(x; \mu_x) = \|x - \mu_x\|^{-1}(x - \mu_x)\mathcal{I}_{\{x \neq 0\}}.$$

This sign function is defined with respect to the *location parameter*  $\mu_x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ . This is a direct multivariate generalization of the univariate  $p = 1$  case of the indicator of whether the point  $x$  is to the right, left or at  $\mu_x$ . This function has been used many times in statistics, see **???? insert several references.**  
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Suppose  $\mathcal{F}_p$  is the set of all probability measures on  $\mathbb{R}^p$ . The second function we consider is the *peripherality function*  $P : \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathcal{F}_p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , which, for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and every probability measure  $F \in \mathcal{F}_p$ , satisfies the condition

There exists a constant  $\mu_F \in \mathbb{R}^p$  such that for every  $t \in [0, 1]$  and every

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^p \text{ we have } P(\mu_F; F) \leq P(\mu_F + t(x - \mu_F); F).$$

That is, for every fixed  $F$ , the peripherality function achieves a minimum at  $\mu_F$ , and is non-decreasing in every direction away from  $\mu_F$ . If we impose the practical restriction that  $\inf_x P(x; F)$  is bounded below, then we may as well impose without loss of generality  $P(\mu_F; F) = 0$  and consequently  $P(x; F) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and  $F \in \mathcal{F}_p$ . The peripherality function quantifies whether the point  $x$  is near or far from  $\mu_F$ . We will impose additional conditions on this function as we proceed, but it can be seen immediately that any distance measure between  $x$  and  $\mu_F$  satisfies the bare minimum requirement mentioned above.

In this paper, we demonstrate certain interesting applications arising from composing the sign function and the peripherality function together, to form the *signed-peripherality function*  $\kappa(\cdot)$ . We define this function with three parameters  $\mu_x \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $F \in \mathcal{F}_p$  and  $\mu_y \in \mathbb{R}^p$ , argument  $x \in \mathbb{R}^p$  and range  $\mathbb{R}^p$ .

More precisely,  $\kappa : \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathcal{F}_p \times \mathbb{R}^p \times \mathbb{R}^p \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$  is defined as

$$\kappa(x; \mu_x, F, \mu_y) = S(x; \mu_x)P(x; F) + \mu_y.$$

Notice that if we consider  $\mu_y = \mu_F = \mu_x$  and take the very simple peripherality function  $P(x; F) = \|x - \mu_F\|$ , we have  $\kappa(x; \mu_x, F, \mu_y) \equiv x$  for all choices of parameters  $\mu_x, F, \mu_y$ . Consequently, under this choice of parameters for the  $\kappa$ -transformation, analyzing a dataset  $\{X_1, \dots, X_n\}$  and its  $\kappa$ -transformed version  $\{Y_i = \kappa(X_i; \dots), i = 1, \dots, n\}$  are equivalent. However, in this paper we illustrate how other choices of the peripherality function lead to interesting robustness results. We have deliberately set the location parameters  $\mu_x, \mu_F, \mu_y$  to be potentially non-identical, this additional flexibility has some advantage for robust data analysis. In many applications, the value of these three parameters may be identical, which leads to no conflict in our framework.

A whole class of peripherality functions can be defined from *data - depth*, which are center-outward ranking of multivariate data. Data-depths have been extensively used in statistics also, see **???? multiple references**. **????**Peripherality functions can be defined as some inverse ranking based on data depth, and the concept of *outlyingness* associated with data depth is essentially same as what we use in this paper. We use the term *peripherality* to keep track of the difference in application contexts and technical assumptions.

In this paper, we consider a few illustrative cases of the use of the  $\kappa$ -transformation. Suppose the data at hand is  $X_1, \dots, X_n$ , and we define  $Y_i = \kappa(X_i; \mu_X, F, \mu_Y)$  for some choice of parameters  $\mu_X, F, \mu_Y$ . For interpretability and convenience, we assume that  $\mathbb{E}S(X_i; \mu_X)P(X_i; F) = 0$ , thus  $\mathbb{E}Y_i = \mu_Y$ . We thus have

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{V}Y_i &= \mathbb{E}P(X_i; F)^2 S(X_i; \mu_X)S(X_i; \mu_X)^T \\ &= \mathbb{E}P(X_i; F)^2 \|X_i - \mu_X\|^{-2} (X_i - \mu_X)(X_i - \mu_X)^T. \end{aligned}$$

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## 2 Develop a robust estimator of variance

Simply do sample variance of the transformed variables  $Y_i = \kappa(X_i)$ .

Show simulation results like above.

## 3 Outlier detection

Expand and generalize what you have in the paper already, where I think this is a small example. Refer to a standard method for multivariate outlier detection, and show that such a method used on  $Y_i = \kappa(X_i)$  works. I will send you some papers for referencing in this part.

## 4 Robust principal component analysis

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## 5 Robust PCA and supervised models

In the presence of a vector of univariate responses, say  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)^T$ , there is substantial literature devoted to utilizing the subspace generated by the basis of  $Cov(\mathbf{X})$  in modelling  $E(Y|\mathbf{X})$ . This ranges from the simple Principal Components Regression (PCR) to Partial Least Squares (PLS) and Envelope methods [3]. Here we concentrate on robust inference using Sufficient Dimension Reduction (SDR) [1], mainly because it provides a general framework for reducing dimensionality of data directly using top eigenvectors of the covariance matrix of  $X$  (albeit in a different manner than PCR) or an appropriate affine transformation of it.

SDR attempts to find out a linear transformation  $R$  on  $\mathbf{X}$  such that  $E(Y|\mathbf{X}) = E(Y|R(\mathbf{X}))$ . Assuming that  $R(\mathbf{X})$  takes values in  $\mathbb{R}^d, d \leq \min(n, p)$ , this can be achieved through an inverse regression model:

$$\mathbf{X}_y = \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + \Gamma \mathbf{v}_y + \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \quad (1)$$

where  $\mathbf{X}_y = \mathbf{X}|Y = y$ ,  $\bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = E\mathbf{X}$ ,  $\Gamma$  is a  $p \times d$  semi-orthogonal basis for  $\mathcal{S}_\Gamma$ , the spanning subspace of  $\{E\mathbf{X}_y - \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}|y \in S_Y\}$  ( $S_Y$  is sample space of  $Y$ ) and  $\mathbf{v}_y = (\Gamma^T \Gamma)^{-1} \Gamma^T (E\mathbf{X}_y - \bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}) \in \mathbb{R}^d$ . The random error term  $\boldsymbol{\epsilon}$  follows a multivariate normal distribution with mean  $\mathbf{0}_p$  and covariance matrix  $\Delta$ . This formulation is straightforward to implement when  $Y$  is categorical, while for continuous responses, the vector  $\mathbf{y}$  is divided into a number of slices.

Under this model the minimal sufficient transformation is  $R(\mathbf{X}) = \Gamma^T \Delta^{-1} \mathbf{X}$ . The simplest case of this model is when  $\Delta = \sigma^2 I_p$ , for which the maximum likelihood estimator of  $R(\mathbf{X})$  turns out to be the first  $d$  PCs of  $Cov(\mathbf{X})$ . Taking  $\hat{E}\mathbf{X}_y = \bar{\mathbf{X}}_y$  and  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}} = \bar{\mathbf{X}}$ , one can now estimate  $\sigma^2$  as:  $\hat{\sigma}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^p s_{ii}/p$ , where  $s_{ii}$  is the  $i^{\text{th}}$  diagonal element of  $\hat{Cov}_Y(\mathbf{X}_Y - \bar{\mathbf{X}} - \hat{\Gamma} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_Y)$ . Following this, predictions for a new observation  $\mathbf{x}$  is obtained as a weighted sum of the responses:

$$\hat{E}(Y|\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{x}) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i Y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n w_i}; \quad w_i = \exp \left[ -\frac{1}{\hat{\sigma}^2} \|\hat{\Gamma}^T (\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{X}_i)\|^2 \right]$$

We formulate a robust version of the above procedure by estimating the quantities  $\Gamma$ ,  $\bar{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_y$ ,  $\sigma^2$  by robust methods. Specifically, we take:

- $\tilde{\Gamma}$  = first  $d$  eigenvectors of the sample DCM;
- $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  = spatial median of the rows of  $X$ ;
- $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_y$  = spatial median of the rows of  $(X|Y = y)$ , for all  $y \in S_Y$ ;
- $\tilde{\sigma}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^p [\widehat{\text{MAD}}_Y(X_{Y,i} - \tilde{\mu}_i - \tilde{\gamma}_i^T \tilde{\mathbf{v}}_Y)]^2 / p$ , with  $\tilde{\Gamma} = (\tilde{\gamma}_1, \dots, \tilde{\gamma}_p)^T$ .

The following simulation study using the same setup as in [1] compares the performance of our robust SDR with the original method with or without the presence of bad leverage points in the covariate matrix  $X$ . For a fixed dimension  $p$ , we take  $n = 200, d = 1$ , generate the responses  $Y$  as independent standard normal, and the predictors as  $\mathbf{X}_Y = \boldsymbol{\gamma}^* v_Y^* + \boldsymbol{\epsilon}$ , with  $\boldsymbol{\gamma}_{p \times 1}^* = (1, \dots, 1)^T$ ,  $v_Y = Y + Y^2 + Y^3$  and  $\text{Var}(\boldsymbol{\epsilon}) = 25I_p$ . We measure performance of both SDR models by their mean squared prediction error on another set of 200 observations  $(Y^*, \mathbf{X}^*)$  generated similarly, and taking the average

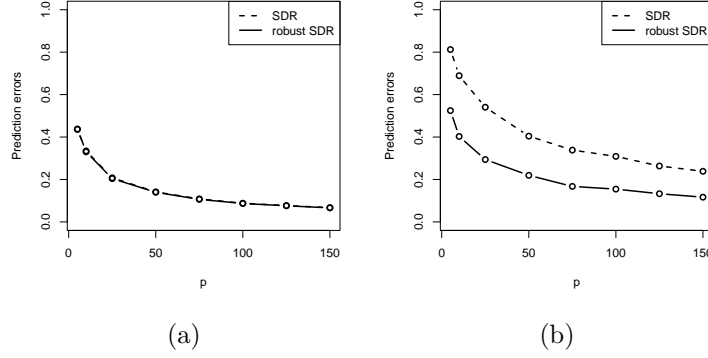


Figure 1: Average prediction errors for two methods of SDR (a) in absence and (b) in presence of outliers

of these errors on 100 such training-test pair of datasets. Finally we repeat the whole setup for different choices of  $p = 5, 10, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150$ .

Panel (a) of figure 1 compares prediction errors using robust and maximum likelihood SDR estimates when  $X$  contains no outliers, and the two methods are virtually indistinguishable. We now introduce outliers in each of the 100 datasets by adding 100 to first  $p/5$  coordinates of the first 10 observations in  $X$ , and repeat the analysis. Panel (b) of the figure shows that although our robust method performs slightly worse than the case when there were no outliers, it remains more accurate in predicting our of sample observations for all values of  $p$ .

## 6 Robust inference with functional data

This section is to show something beyond the  $p \ll n$  setting. Both robust PCA and location testing are important problems for functional data. Abhirup can take charge of this part once we have everything else settled.

The main idea here is to use any decent location estimator to start with (some version of median is fine). Then we may test if the functional location for resting and active state are identical or not.

Also do functional PCA robust version, and then maybe project the data on the first few principal components and then do the 2 sample (or paired sampel) testing again.

(Some technical notations)

We use the approach of [2] for performing robust PCA on functional data. Given data on  $n$  functions, say  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n \in L^2[0, 1]$ , each observed at a set of common design points  $\{t_1, \dots, t_m\}$ , we model each function as a linear combination of  $p$  mutually orthogonal B-spline basis functions  $\delta_1, \dots, \delta_p$ . Following this, we map data for each of the functions onto the coordinate system formed by the spline basis:

$$\tilde{x}_{ij} = \sum_{l=2}^m f_i(t_l) \delta_j(t_l) (t_l - t_{l-1}); \quad 1 \leq i \leq n, 1 \leq j \leq p \quad (2)$$

We now do depth-based PCA on the transformed  $n \times p$  data matrix  $\tilde{X}$ , and obtain the rank- $q$  approximation ( $q \leq p$ ) of the  $i^{\text{th}}$  observation using the robust  $p \times q$  loading matrix  $\tilde{P}$  and robust  $q \times 1$  score vector  $\tilde{\mathbf{s}}_i$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{x}}_i = \tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}} + \tilde{P} \tilde{\mathbf{s}}_i$$

with  $\tilde{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$  being the spatial median of  $\tilde{X}$ . Then we transform this approximation back to the original coordinates:  $\hat{f}_i(t_l) = \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{x}_{ij} \delta_j(t_l)$ .

Detection of anomalous observations is of importance in real-life problems involving functional data analysis. We now demonstrate the utility of our robust method for detecting functional outliers through two data examples.

**(SD and OD definition, cutoffs... from previous manuscript)**

We first look into the El-Nino dataset, which is part of a larger dataset on potential factors behind El-Nino oscillations in the tropical pacific available in <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/data/indices/>. Monthly average Sea Surface Temperatures from June 1970 to May 2004 are recorded in this data, and the yearly oscillations follow more or less the same pattern (see panel a of figure 2). Using a cubic spline basis with knots at alternate months starting at June gives a close approximation of the yearly time series data (panel b), and performing depth-based PCA with  $q = 1$  results in two points having their SD and OD larger than cutoff (panel c). These points correspond to the

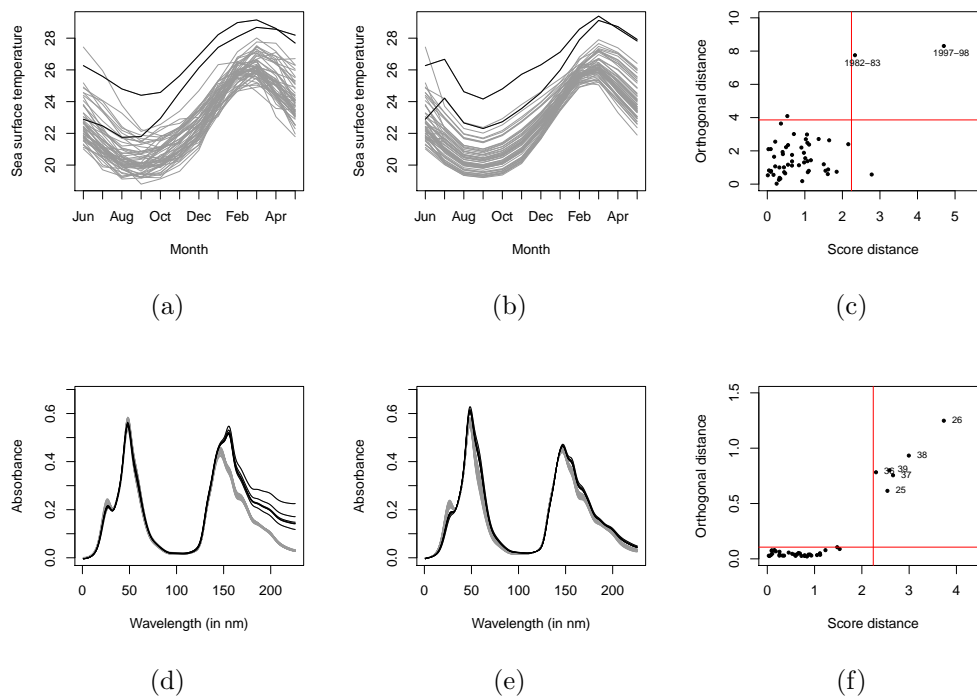


Figure 2: Actual sample curves, their spline approximations and diagnostic plots respectively for El-Nino (a-c) and Octane (d-f) datasets

time periods June 1982 to May 1983 and June 1997 to May 1998, pinpointing the two seasons with strongest El-Nino events.

Our second application is on the Octane data, which consists of 226 variables and 39 observations [5]. Each sample is a gasoline compound with a certain octane number, and has its NIR absorbance spectra measured in 2 nm intervals between 1100 - 1550 nm. There are 6 outliers here: compounds 25, 26 and 36-39, which contain alcohol. We use the same basis structure as the one in El-Nino data here, and again the top robust PC turns out to be sufficient in identifying all 6 outliers (panels d, e and f of figure 2).

## 7 An example with images

## 8 A depth-based M estimate of scatter

### 8.1 Formulation

The DCM is orthogonally equivariant and remains constant only under rotations of the original variables. To construct its affine equivariant counterpart, we need to follow the general framework of M-estimation with data-dependent weights [7]. Specifically, we first implicitly define the Affine-equivariant Depth Covariance Matrix (ADCM) as

$$\Sigma_{Dw} = \frac{1}{Var(\tilde{Z}_1)} E \left[ \frac{(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}))^2 (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T}{(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T \Sigma_{Dw}^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})} \right] \quad (3)$$

Its affine equivariance follows from the fact that the weights  $(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}))^2$  depend only on the standardized quantities  $\mathbf{z}$  that depend only on the underlying circular distribution  $G$ . We solve this iteratively by obtaining a sequence of positive definite matrices  $\Sigma_{Dw}^{(k)}$  until convergence:

$$\Sigma_{Dw}^{(k+1)} = \frac{1}{Var(\tilde{Z}_1)} E \left[ \frac{(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{x}}(\mathbf{x}))^2 (\Sigma_{Dw}^{(k)})^{1/2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T (\Sigma_{Dw}^{(k)})^{1/2}}{(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})^T (\Sigma_{Dw}^{(k)})^{-1} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})} \right]$$

To ensure existence and uniqueness of the estimator in 3, let us consider the class of scatter estimators  $\Sigma_M$  that are obtained as solutions of the following equation:

$$E_{\mathbf{z}_M} \left[ u(\|\mathbf{z}_M\|) \frac{\mathbf{z}_M \mathbf{z}_M^T}{\|\mathbf{z}_M\|^2} - v(\|\mathbf{z}_M\|) I_p \right] = 0 \quad (4)$$

with  $\mathbf{z}_M = \Sigma_M^{-1/2} (\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$ . Under the following assumptions on the scalar valued functions  $u$  and  $v$ , the above equation produces a unique solution [7]:

- (M1) The function  $u(r)/r^2$  is monotone decreasing, and  $u(r) > 0$  for  $r > 0$ ;
- (M2) The function  $v(r)$  is monotone decreasing, and  $v(r) > 0$  for  $r > 0$ ;



(M3) Both  $u(r)$  and  $v(r)$  are bounded and continuous;

(M4)  $u(0)/v(0) < p$ ;

(M5) For any hyperplane in the sample space  $\mathcal{X}$ , (i)  $P(H) = E_{\mathbf{X}} 1_{\mathbf{x} \in H} < 1 - pv(\infty)/u(\infty)$  and (ii)  $P(H) \leq 1/p$ .

In our case we take  $v(r) = Var(\tilde{Z}_1)$ , i.e. a constant, thus (M2) and (M3) are trivially satisfied. As for  $u$ , we notice that most well-known depth functions can be expressed as simple functions of the norm of the standardized random variable. For example,  $PD_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z}) = (1 - G(\|\mathbf{z}\|))$ ;  $MhD_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z}) = (1 + \|\mathbf{z}\|^2)^{-1}$ ;  $HSD_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z}) = (1 + \|\mathbf{z}\|)^{-1}$  etc., so that we can take as  $u$  square of the corresponding peripherality functions:

$$u_{PD}(r) = G^2(r); \quad u_{MhD}(r) = \frac{r^4}{(1 + r^2)^2}; \quad u_{HSD}(r) = \frac{r^2}{(1 + r/G^{-1}(0.75))^2}$$

It is easy to verify the above choices of  $u$  satisfy (M1) and (M3). To check (M4) and (M5), first notice that  $\mathbf{Z}$  has a spherically symmetric distribution, so that its norm and sign are independent. Since  $D_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z})$  depends only on  $\|\mathbf{z}\|$ , we have

$$Var(\tilde{Z}_1) = Var\left(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{Z}) \frac{Z_1}{\|\mathbf{Z}\|}\right) = Var(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{Z}))Var(S_1(\mathbf{Z})) = \frac{1}{p}Var(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{Z}))$$

as  $Cov(\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{Z})) = Cov((S_1(\mathbf{Z}), S_2(\mathbf{Z}), \dots, S_p(\mathbf{Z}))^T) = I_p/p$ . Now for MhD and HSD  $u(\infty) = 1, u(0) = 0$ , so (M4) and (M5) are immediate. To achieve this for PD, we only need to replace  $u_{PD}(r)$  with  $u_{PD}^*(r) = G^2(r) - 1/4$ .

## 8.2 Calculation

(Comes right after the calculations discussion of DCM)

In contrast to the DCM, the issue of estimating  $\boldsymbol{\mu}$  to plug into the ADCM is easily handled by simultaneously solving for the location and scatter func-

tionals  $(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}, \Sigma_{Dw})$ :

$$E \left[ \tilde{D}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}) \frac{\Sigma_{Dw}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw})}{\|\Sigma_{Dw}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw})\|} \right] = \mathbf{0}_p \quad (5)$$

$$E \left[ \frac{(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}))^2 \Sigma_{Dw}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw})(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw})^T \Sigma_{Dw}^{-1/2}}{(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw})^T \Sigma_{Dw}^{-1}(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw})} \right] = \text{Var}(\tilde{Z}_1) I_p \quad (6)$$

In the framework of (3), for any fixed  $\Sigma_M$  there exists a unique and fixed solution of the location problem  $E_{\mathbf{Z}_M}(w(\|\mathbf{z}_M\|)\mathbf{z}_M) = \mathbf{0}_p$  under the following condition:

**(M6)** The function  $w(r)r$  is monotone increasing for  $r > 0$ .

This condition is easy to verify for our choice of the weights:  $w(\|\mathbf{z}_M\|) = \tilde{D}_{\mathbf{Z}_M}(\mathbf{z}_M)/\|\mathbf{z}_M\|$ . Uniqueness of simultaneous fixed point solutions of 5 and 6 is guaranteed when  $\mathbf{X}$  has a symmetric distribution [7].

In practice it is difficult to calculate the scale multiple  $\text{Var}(\tilde{Z}_1)$  analytically for known depth functions and an arbitrary  $F$ . Here we instead obtain its standardized version  $\Sigma_{Dw}^* = \Sigma_{Dw}/\text{Var}(\tilde{Z}_1)$  (so that the determinant equals 1), alongwith  $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}$  using the following iterative algorithm:

1. Start from some initial estimates  $(\boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}^{(0)}, \Sigma_{Dw,(0)})$ . Set  $t = 0$ ;
2. Calculate the standardized observations  $\mathbf{z}_i^{(t)} = \Sigma_{Dw,(t)}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}^{(t)})$ ;
3. Update the location estimate:

$$\boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}^{(t+1)} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{D}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) \mathbf{x}_i / \|\mathbf{z}_i^{(t)}\|}{\sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{D}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i) / \|\mathbf{z}_i^{(t)}\|}$$

4. Update the scatter estimate:

$$\Sigma_{Dw}^{*(t+1)} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{(\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}_i))^2 (\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}^{(t+1)})(\mathbf{x}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_{Dw}^{(t+1)})^T}{\|\mathbf{z}_i^{(t)}\|^2}; \quad \Sigma_{Dw}^{*(t+1)} \leftarrow \frac{\Sigma_{Dw}^{*(t+1)}}{\det(\Sigma_{Dw}^{*(t+1)})^{1/p}}$$

5. Continue until convergence.

### 8.3 Influence functions

The influence function of any affine equivariant estimate of scatter can be expressed as

$$IF(\mathbf{x}_0, C, F) = \alpha_C(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|) \frac{\mathbf{z}_0 \mathbf{z}_0^T}{\mathbf{z}_0^T \mathbf{z}_0} + \beta_C(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|) C$$

for scalar valued functions  $\alpha_C, \beta_C$  [6]. Following this, the influence function of an eigenvector  $\gamma_{C,i}$  of  $C$  is derived:

$$IF(\mathbf{x}_0, \gamma_{C,i}, F) = \alpha_C(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|) \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^p \frac{\sqrt{\lambda_i \lambda_k}}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \cdot \frac{z_{0i} z_{0k}}{\mathbf{z}_0^T \mathbf{z}_0} \gamma_k$$

For Tyler's estimate of scatter, we have  $\alpha_C(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|) = p + 2$ . Considering a more general case, when  $C = \Sigma_M$ , i.e. the solution to (3), then [7] shows that

$$\alpha_C(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|) = \frac{p(p+2)u(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|)}{E_{F_0} [pu(\|\mathbf{y}\|) + u'(\|\mathbf{y}\|)\|\mathbf{y}\|]}$$

Setting  $u(\|\mathbf{z}_0\|) = (\tilde{D}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z}_0))^2$  ensures that the influence function of eigenvectors of the ADCM is bounded as well as increasing in magnitude with  $\|\mathbf{z}_0\|$ .

### 8.4 ARE calculations

Obtaining ARE of the ADCM is, in comparison to DCM, more straightforward. The asymptotic covariance matrix of an eigenvector of the affine equivariant scatter functional  $C$  is given by:

$$AVar(\sqrt{n}\hat{\gamma}_{C,j}) = ASV(C_{12}, F_0) \sum_{k=1, k \neq i}^p \frac{\lambda_i \lambda_k}{\lambda_i - \lambda_k} \cdot \gamma_i \gamma_k^T$$

where  $ASV(C_{12}, F_0)$  is the asymptotic variance of an off-diagonal element of  $C$  when the underlying distribution is  $F_0$ . Following [4] this equals

$$ASV(C_{12}, F_0) = E_{F_0} [\alpha_c(\|\mathbf{z}\|)^2 (S_1(\mathbf{z}) S_2(\mathbf{z}))^2] = E_{F_0} \alpha_C(\|\mathbf{z}\|)^2 \cdot E_{F_0} (S_1(\mathbf{z}) S_2(\mathbf{z}))^2$$

again using the fact that  $\|\mathbf{Z}\|$  and  $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{Z})$  are independent with  $\mathbf{Z} \sim F_0$ . It now follows that

$$ARE(\hat{\gamma}_{\Sigma_M, i}, \hat{\gamma}_{Cov, i}; F) = \frac{E_{F_0} \alpha_{Cov}(\|\mathbf{z}\|)^2}{E_{F_0} \alpha_C(\|\mathbf{z}\|)^2} = \frac{E_{F_0} \|\mathbf{z}\|^4 \cdot [E_{F_0}(pu\|\mathbf{z}\| + u'(\|\mathbf{z}\|)\|\mathbf{z}\|)]^2}{E_{F_0}(u(\|\mathbf{z}\|))^2} \quad (7)$$

The table below considers 6 different elliptic distributions (namely, bivariate  $t$  with  $df = 5, 6, 10, 15, 25$  and bivariate normal) and summarizes ARE for first eigenvectors for ADCMs corresponding to the three choices of depths we consider, and compares them with those of from its unweighted counterpart, i.e. Tyler's scatter matrix. Due to difficulty of analytically obtain the AREs, we calculate them using Monte-Carlo simulation of  $10^6$  samples and subsequent numerical integration.

**(Table of ARE to be added)**

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