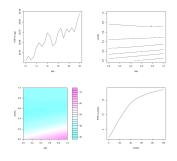
Interpretable Machine Learning

Functional Decompositions Functional ANOVA



Learning goals

- One method for functional decomposition: Classical functional ANOVA (fANOVA)
- Algorithm for calculating the components in a fANOVA
- Variance decomposition in fANOVA



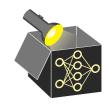
INTRODUCTION AND HISTORY OF FANOVA

- One possible method to obtain functional decomposition
- Since 1940's: Developed under different names in mathematics and sensitivity analysis
- Since 1990's: Developed for probability distributions or statistical data
- Since 2000's: Applied to machine learning, subsequently alternatives developed extending applicability
- **Assumption**: Independent features



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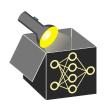
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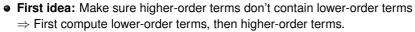
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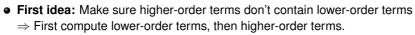
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• Remember:

Idea of PDPs or general PD-functions: Average out all other features

 \Rightarrow Total formula for calculating the components g_S in the fANOVA algorithm:

$$g_{S}(\mathbf{x}_{S}) = ext{(average out all features not contained in } S) \\ - ext{(All lower-order components)}$$



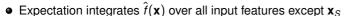
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$$= \int \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_{S}, \mathbf{x}_{-S}) d\mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x}_{-S}) - \sum_{V \subsetneq S} g_{V}(\mathbf{x}_{V})$$



- ullet Subtract sum of g_V to remove all lower-order effects and center the effect
- Note: If no distribution given: Uniform distribution or plain integral



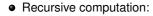
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$$g_{\emptyset} = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}} \left[\hat{f}(\mathbf{X}) \right]$$

$$g_{j}(x_{j}) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_{-j}} \left[\hat{f}(\mathbf{X}) \mid X_{j} = x_{j} \right] - g_{\emptyset}, \ \forall j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$g_{1,\dots,p}(\mathbf{x}) = \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) - \sum_{S \subseteq \{1,\dots,p\}} g_{S}(\mathbf{x}_{S})$$

$$= \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) - g_{1,\dots,p-1}(x_{1},\dots x_{p-1}) - \dots - g_{1,2}(x_{1}, x_{2})$$

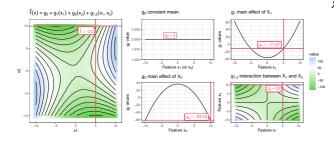
$$- g_{p}(x_{p}) - \dots - g_{2}(x_{2}) - g_{1}(x_{1}) - g_{\emptyset}$$



STANDARD FANOVA – EXAMPLE

Example: $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = 2 + x_1^2 - x_2^2 + x_1 \cdot x_2$ (e.g., for $x_1 = 5$ and $x_2 = 10$ we have $\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = -23$)

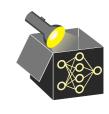
• Computation of components using feature values $x_1 = x_2 = (-10, -9, ..., 10)^{\top}$ gives:



For $x_1 = 5$ and $x_2 = 10$:

- g_∅ = 2
- $g_1(x_1) = -9.67$
- $g_2(x_2) = -65.33$
- $g_{1,2}(x_1,x_2) = 50$

$$\Rightarrow \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}) = -23$$



STANDARD FANOVA - EXAMPLE

In-class task



STANDARD FANOVA - EXAMPLE REVISITED

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Intercept:

$$g_{\emptyset} = \mathbb{E}\left[\hat{f}(x_1, x_2)\right] = \int_0^1 \int_0^1 4 - 2x_1 + 0.3e^{x_2} + |x_1|x_2 dx_1 dx_2$$

$$= 4 - \left(\int_0^1 2x_1 dx_1\right) + \left(\int_0^1 0.3e^{x_2} dx_2\right) + \left(\int_0^1 |x_1| dx_1\right) \left(\int_0^1 x_2 dx_2\right)$$

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$$= 4 - 2x_{1} + 0.3(e - 1) + |x_{1}| \cdot \frac{1}{2} - (2.95 + 0.3e)$$

$$= -2x_{1} + 0.5|x_{1}| + 0.75$$

$$g_{2}(x_{2}) = \hat{f}_{2;PD}(x_{2}) - g_{\emptyset} = \left(\int_{0}^{1} 4 - 2x_{1} + 0.3e^{x_{2}} + |x_{1}|x_{2} dx_{1}\right) - g_{\emptyset}$$

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$$= 0.3e^{x_{2}} + 0.5x_{2} - 0.3e + 0.05$$

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Second-order component:

$$g_{12}(x_1, x_2) = \hat{f}_{\{1,2\};PD}(x_1, x_2) - g_{\emptyset} - g_1(x_1) - g_2(x_2)$$

$$= 4 - 2x_1 + 0.3e^{x_2} + |x_1|x_2 - (2.95 + 0.3e)$$

$$- (-2x_1 + 0.5|x_1| + 0.75) - (0.3e^{x_2} + 0.5x_2 - 0.3e + 0.05)$$

$$= |x_1|x_2 - 0.5|x_1| - 0.5x_2 + 0.25$$

- ⇒ All components shifted to have mean 0
- \Rightarrow Parts of $|x_1|x_2$, which intuitively seems to be the "interaction term", is attributed to the main effects (correctly, depends on distribution!)

ESTIMATE FANOVA IN PRACTICE

Main part: Calculate all PD-functions $ightarrow 2^{\rho}$ many PD-functions

Estimation of a single PD-function: Sampling

(so-called Monte-Carlo integration)

- Same idea as for PDPs: Fix grid values for features x_S
 Here: Same grid for all features over the whole algorithm
- ullet Estimate integral by sampling: for grid value \mathbf{x}_S^* :

$$\hat{f}_{S,PD}(\mathbf{x}_S^*) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_{-S}} \left[\hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_S^*, \mathbf{X}_{-S}) \right] \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}(\mathbf{x}_S^*, \mathbf{x}_{-S}^{(i)})$$

• Or: for each grid value \mathbf{x}_{S}^{*} , sample only $n_{s} < n$ many random samples (e.g. sampling uniformly)



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 \rightarrow **Sobol index**: Fraction of variance explained by some component $g_V(\mathbf{x}_V)$:

$$S_V = rac{\mathsf{Var}\left[g_V(\mathbf{x}_V)
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 \rightsquigarrow Usable as importance measure of component $g_V(\mathbf{x}_V)$

