

Variance-based methods

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High-Dimensional Model Representation (HDMR)

Consider a model $f(x)$, x is a vector of input independent variables, $f(x)$ is integrable. Decomposition of $f(x)$ is called HDMR:

$$f(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \dots + f_{1,2,\dots,n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

For simplicity we assume $\mathbf{x} \in H^n = [0,1]^n$

An example in 3 dimensions:

$$\begin{aligned} f(\mathbf{x}) = & f_0 + f_1(x_1) + f_2(x_2) + f_3(x_3) \\ & + f_{12}(x_1, x_2) + f_{13}(x_1, x_3) + f_{23}(x_2, x_3) \\ & + f_{123}(x_1, x_2, x_3) \end{aligned}$$

There are infinite ways to build such an expansion \rightarrow

High-Dimensional Model Representation (HDMR)

An example in 2 dimensions:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = 4x_1^2 + 3x_2$$

a) $f_0 = 0; \quad f_1(x_1) = 4x_1^2 \quad f_2(x_2) = 3x_2 \quad f_{12}(x_1, x_2) = 0$

b) $f_0 = 5;$

$$f_1(x_1) = 4x_1^2 - 2x_1$$

$$f_2(x_2) = 3x_2 - \sqrt{x_2}$$

$$f_{12}(x_1, x_2) = 2x_1 + \sqrt{x_2} - 5$$

ANOVA decomposition

$$y = f(\mathbf{x}) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \dots + f_{1,2,\dots,n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$$

Impose a constraint: each term in the HDMR should be

$$\int f_{i_1 i_2 \dots i_s}(x_{i_1}, x_{i_2}, \dots, x_{i_s}) dx_j = 0 \quad \forall j = i_1, i_2, \dots, i_s$$

ANOVA decomposition

THEN the HDMR has the following properties:

1)
$$f_0 = \int_{H^n} f(\mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{x}$$

2) Any pair of terms in the HDMR is orthogonal:

$$\int f_{i_1, \dots, i_s} f_{j_1, \dots, j_l} d\mathbf{x} = 0 \quad \text{for } (i_1, \dots, i_s) \neq (j_1, \dots, j_l)$$

3) HDMR is unique \rightarrow ANOVA decomposition (Sobol' 1993)

ANOVA decomposition and Sobol' Sensitivity Indices

$$Y = f(X)$$

$$X = (X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \in H^n$$

$$0 \leq X_i \leq 1$$

$f(x)$ is L2 integrable

ANOVA decomposition is unique:

$$Y = f(X) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(X_i) + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) + \dots + f_{1,2,\dots,k}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n),$$

$$\int_0^1 f_{i_1 \dots i_s}(X_{i_1}, \dots, X_{i_s}) dX_{i_p} = 0, \quad \forall p, \quad 1 \leq p \leq s, \rightarrow \int_0^1 f_{i_1 \dots i_s} f_{i_1 \dots i_l} dX_{i_p} dX_{i_l} = 0, \quad \forall i_p \neq i_l$$

Let's square each side and integrate over dx :

$$\int_{H^n} (f(X) - f_0)^2 dx = \int_{H^n} \left(\sum_{i=1}^n f_i(X_i) + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} f_{ij}(X_i, X_j) + \dots + f_{1,2,\dots,k}(X_1, X_2, \dots, X_n) \right)^2 dx$$

Total variance:

$$D = \int_{H^n} (f(X) - f_0)^2 dx$$

ANOVA decomposition and Sobol' Sensitivity Indices

Due to the orthogonality of the terms:

$$\int_0^1 f_{i_1 \dots i_s} f_{i_1 \dots i_l} dX_{i_p} dX_{i_l} = 0, \quad \forall i_p \neq i_l$$

we obtain variance decomposition :

$$D = \sum_i D_i + \sum_{i,j} D_{ij} + \dots + D_{1,2,\dots,n}$$

Partial variances:

$$D_{ij} = \iint f_{ij}^2(x_i, x_j) dx_i dx_j - \left[\iint f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) dx_i dx_j \right]^2 = \iint f_{ij}^2(x_i, x_j) dx_i dx_j$$

Sobol' SI:

$$1 = \sum_{i=1}^n S_i + \sum_{i < j} S_{ij} + \sum_{i < j < l} S_{ijl} + \dots + S_{1,2,\dots,n}$$

Sobol' Sensitivity Indices (SI)

■ *Definition:*

$$S_{i_1 \dots i_s} = D_{i_1 \dots i_s} / D$$

$$D_{i_1 \dots i_s} = \int_0^1 f_{i_1 \dots i_s}^2(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}) dx_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s} \quad - \text{partial variances}$$

$$D = \int_0^1 (f(x) - f_0)^2 dx \quad - \text{total variance}$$

■ *Sensitivity indices for subsets of variables:* $x = (y, z)$

$$D_y = \sum_{s=1}^m \sum_{(i_1 \dots i_s) \in K} D_{i_1 \dots i_s}$$

The total variance (Homma&Saltelli 96) : $D_y^{tot} = D_y + D_{yz} = D - D_z$

Corresponding Sobol' sensitivity indices (SI):

$$S_y = D_y / D,$$

$$S_y^{tot} = D_y^{tot} / D.$$

How to use Sobol' Sensitivity Indices?

$$0 \leq S_y \leq S_y^{tot} \leq 1$$

- $S_y^{tot} - S_y$ accounts for all interactions between y and z , $x=(y,z)$.

- The important indices in practice are S_i and S_i^{tot}

$S_i^{tot} = 0 \rightarrow f(x)$ does not depend on x_i ;

$S_i = 1 \rightarrow f(x)$ depends only on x_i ;

$S_i = S_i^{tot}$ corresponds to the absence of interactions between x_i and other variables

If $\sum_{i=1}^n S_i = 1$, then function has an additive structure: $f(x) = f_0 + \sum_i f_i(x_i)$

- Fixing unessential variables

If $S_z^{tot} \ll 1 \rightarrow f(x)$ does not depend on z so it can be fixed

$f(x) \approx f(y, z_0) \rightarrow$ complexity reduction, from k to $k - k_z$ variables

ANOVA decomposition. Finding component functions

$$f(x) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n f_i(x_i) + \sum_i \sum_{j>i} f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) + \dots + f_{1,2,\dots,n}(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n),$$

$$\int_0^1 f_{i_1 \dots i_s}(x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_s}) dx_{i_k} = 0, \quad \forall k, \quad 1 \leq k \leq s$$

$$\int_0^1 f_v(x_v) f_u(x_u) dx = 0, \quad \forall v \neq u.$$

$$f_0 = \int_{H^n} f(x) dx,$$

$$f_i(x_i) = \int_{H^n} f(x) \prod_{j \neq i}^n dx_j - f_0,$$

$$f_{ij}(x_i, x_j) = \int_{H^n} f(x) \prod_{k \neq i, j}^n dx_k - f_i(x_i) - f_j(x_j) - f_0, \dots$$

2ⁿ integral evaluations

ANOVA decomposition. Test case

$$f(x_1, x_2) = f_0 + f_1(x_1) + f_2(x_2) + f_{12}(x_1, x_2),$$

$$f(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 \in H^2 \rightarrow f_0 = \frac{1}{4},$$

$$f_1(x_1) = \int_{H^n} f(x) dx_2 - f_0 = \frac{1}{2} x_1 - \frac{1}{4},$$

$$f_2(x_2) = \int_{H^n} f(x) dx_1 - f_0 = \frac{1}{2} x_2 - \frac{1}{4},$$

$$f_{12}(x_1, x_2) = x_1 x_2 - \frac{1}{2} x_1 - \frac{1}{2} x_2 + \frac{1}{4}.$$

$$S_1 = \frac{\int_{H^2} f_1^2(x_1) dx_1}{D} = \frac{3}{7},$$

$$S_2 = S_1 = \frac{3}{7}, \quad S_{12} = \frac{1}{7}.$$

$$S_1^{tot} = S_1 + S_{12} = \frac{4}{7}, \quad S_2^{tot} = S_2 + S_{12} = \frac{4}{7}$$

Evaluation of Sobol' Sensitivity Indices

Straightforward use of ANOVA decomposition requires

2^n integral evaluations – not practical !

There are efficient formulas for evaluation of Sobol' SI (Sobol' 2001):

$$S_y = \frac{1}{D} \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z')^2 dy dz dz' - f_0^2 \right]$$
$$S_y^{tot} = \frac{1}{2D} \int_0^1 [f(y, z) - f(y', z)]^2 dy dz dz'$$
$$D = \int_0^1 f^2(y, z) dy dz - f_0^2$$

Evaluation is reduced to high-dimensional integration by MC/QMC methods.

Definition of Sobol' SI for subsets

Consider two sets of variables : $x=(y,z)$

ANOVA decomposition:

$$f(y, z) = f_0 + g_1(y) + g_2(z) + g_{12}(y, z) \quad (1)$$

$$\int g_1(y)dy = \int g_2(z)dz = \int g_{12}(y, z)dy = \int g_{12}(y, z)dz = 0 \quad (2)$$

We square and integrate (1) and because of (2)

$$D = D_y + D_z + D_{yz}$$

Define

$$D_y^{tot} = D_y + D_{yz}$$

$$D_z^{tot} = D_z + D_{yz}$$

$$S_y = \frac{D_y}{D}, S_y^{tot} = \frac{D_y^{tot}}{D}$$

Formulas for the main effect Sobol' SI

$$\begin{aligned} S_y &= \frac{1}{D} \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z')^2 dy dz' - f_0^2 \right] = \\ &= \frac{1}{D} \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' - f_0^2 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

That is

$$D_y = \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' - f_0^2 \right]$$

We need to prove that

$$\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' = f_0^2 + D_y :$$

Recall that $D_y = \int g_1(y)^2 dy$

Derivation of formulas for the main effect Sobol' SI

$$D_y = \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' - f_0^2 \right]$$

$$\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' = \int dy \int f(y, z) dz \int f(y, z') dz'$$

$$= \int dy \left[\int f(y, z) dz \right]^2 = \int dy \left[\int (f_0 + g_1(y) + \cancel{g_2(z)} + \cancel{g_{12}(y, z)}) dz \right]^2$$

$$= \int dy \left[\int (f_0 + g_1(y)) dz \right]^2 = \int dy [f_0 + g_1(y)]^2$$

$$= f_0^2 + 2f_0 \int \cancel{g_1(y)} dy + \int g_1(y)^2 dy = f_0^2 + D_y$$

Similarly

$$D_z = \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y', z) dy dy' dz - f_0^2 \right]$$

Derivation of formula for the total effect Sobol' SI

Jansen's formula (1994), Sobol (2001):

$$S_y^{tot} = \frac{1}{2D} \int_0^1 [f(y, z) - f(y', z)]^2 dy dz dy',$$

$$\begin{aligned} D_y^{tot} &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [f(y, z) - f(y', z)]^2 dy dz dy' \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [f(y, z)]^2 dy dz + \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 [f(y', z)]^2 dy' dz - \int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y', z) dy dy' dz \\ &= \int_0^1 [f(y, z)]^2 dy dz - (D_z + f_0^2) = D - D_z = (D_y + D_z + D_{yz}) - D_z = D_y + D_{yz} \end{aligned}$$

Recall

$$\begin{aligned} D_z &= \left[\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y', z) dy dy' dz - f_0^2 \right], \\ \int_0^1 [f(y, z)]^2 dy dz - f_0^2 &= D \end{aligned}$$

Evaluation of Sobol' Main Effect SI with small values

Original Sobol' formula:

$$\underline{x} = (y, z), \quad x' = (y', z')$$

using values $f(y, z)$, $f(y, z')$, $f(y', z)$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' - f_0^2$$

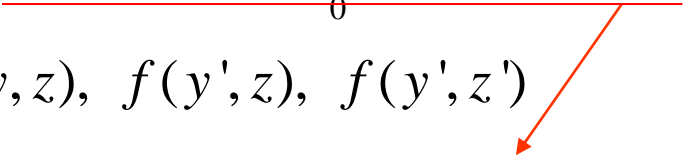
for small indices $S_y \ll 1$

$$\int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y, z') dy dz dz' \approx f_0^2$$

→ loss of accuracy

Improved formula for Sobol' Main Effect SI

Notice that $f_0^2 = \int_0^1 f(y, z) dy dz \int_0^1 f(y', z') dy' dz'$



using values $f(y, z)$, $f(y', z)$, $f(y', z')$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{D} \int_0^1 f(y, z) f(y', z) dy dy' dz - f_0^2 \rightarrow$$

$$S_y = \frac{1}{D} \left[\int_0^1 f(y', z') [f(y', z) - f(y, z)] dy dy' dz dz' \right]$$

--gives much more accurate results (Kucherenko, Mauntz, 2002)

Additional advantage (Saltelli 2002):

Requires $N(n+2)$ model evaluation rather than

$N(2n+1)$ for original Sobol' formulas.

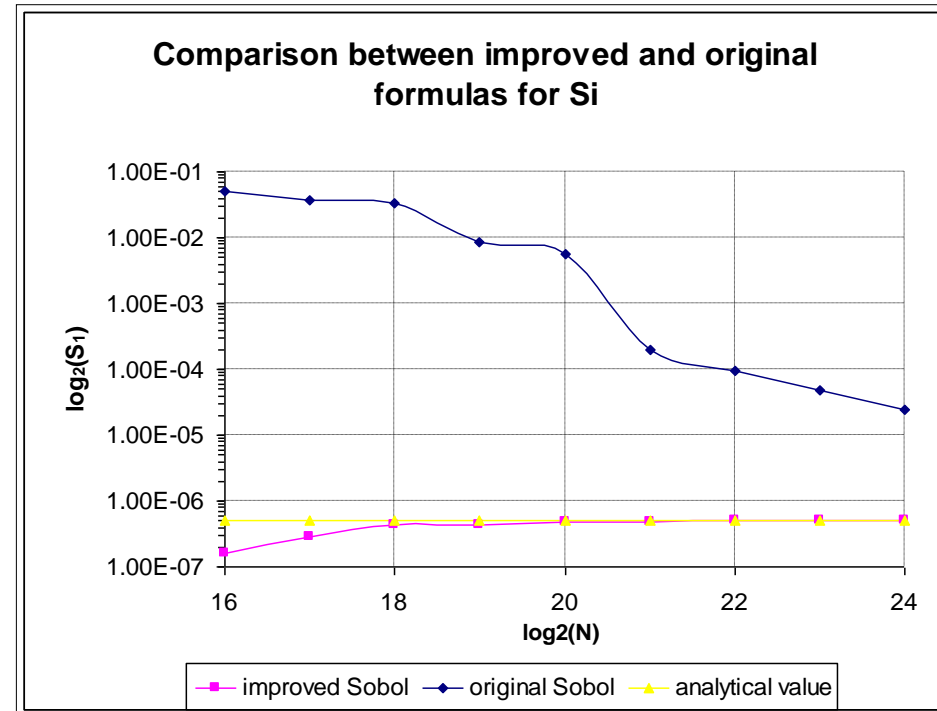
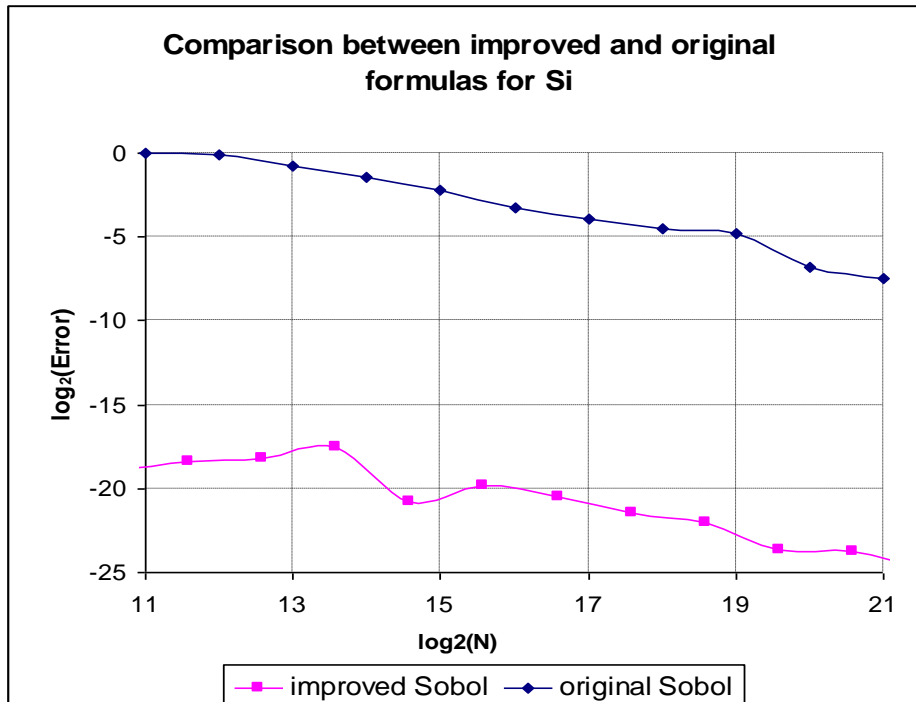
Further improvements: Sobol' and Mishetskaya 2007, A. Owen 2012

Saltelli 2002 - computation of second order indices at no extra costs.

Improved formula for Sobol' Main Effect SI

$$\text{Test : } f(x) = \sum_{i=1}^n ix_i, \quad S_i = S^T = \frac{6}{n(n+1)(2n+1)}$$

$$n = 180, \quad S_1 = 5.1 \cdot 10^{-7}$$



Improved formula have much higher convergence rate than the original Sobol' formula.

Evaluation of Sobol' Sensitivity Indices. Monte Carlo estimates

Main effect SI:

$$S_y = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N f(x'_j) (f(y'_j, z_j) - f(x_j))}{D}$$

Total order effect SI:

$$S_y^T = \frac{\frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (f(x_j) - f(y'_j, z_j))^2}{2D}$$

Each MC trial requires three function values for $f(x)$, $f(x')$, $f(y', z)$

The total number of function evaluations for a set (S_i, S_i^T) , $i = 1, \dots, n$ is equal to $N_F = N(n + 2)$.

How to sample ?

Evaluation of Sobol' Sensitivity Indices. MC and QMC Sampling

To sample x and x' (they are vector points in H^n):

A. For Monte Carlo sample $2n$ random numbers

$$\xi_j = (\gamma_1^j, \gamma_2^j, \dots, \gamma_n^j), \xi'_j = (\gamma_{n+1}^j, \gamma_{n+2}^j, \dots, \gamma_{2n}^j), j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

B. For Quasi Monte Carlo sample one

2n-dimensional quasi random number

$Q_j = (q_1^j, q_2^j, \dots, q_{2n}^j)$ and split it into two points

$$\xi_j = (q_1^j, q_2^j, \dots, q_n^j), \xi'_j = (q_{n+1}^j, q_{n+2}^j, \dots, q_{2n}^j), j = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

How to use Sobol' sequence generators. MATLAB version

Specification (www.broda.co.uk) :

Successive calls to the function

`SobolSeq(i,n)`

generates an n - dimensional vector containing the Cartesian coordinates of the i -th point of the Sobol' sequence in the n - dimensional unit cube $[0,1]^n$.

Input parameters:

i - index of a point ($i=[0,2^{31}-1]$),

n - dimension of the Sobol' sequence;

Syntax:

`r = SobolSeq(i,n)`

How to use Sobol' sequence generators

To sample n independent inputs $x = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ in H^n

A. Monte Carlo: sample n random numbers $(\gamma_1^j, \gamma_2^j, \dots, \gamma_n^j) = \xi_j, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$

B. Quasi Monte Carlo: sample one **n-dimensional quasi random vector**

$$\xi_j = (q_1^j, q_2^j, \dots, q_n^j);$$

to sample another vector - increase index $j \rightarrow j+1$.

Sets $\{q_k^j\}, \{q_p^j\}, j = 1, 2, \dots, N, k \neq p$ (different dimensions) **are independent**;

Vectors $\xi_j = (q_1^j, q_2^j, \dots, q_n^j), \xi_{j+1} = (q_1^{j+1}, q_2^{j+1}, \dots, q_n^{j+1}), \dots, j = 1, 2, \dots, N$ **are dependent**

INDEX	x1	x2	x3
1	0.5	0.5	0.5
2	0.25	0.75	0.25
3	0.75	0.25	0.75
4	0.125	0.625	0.875
5	0.625	0.125	0.375
6	0.375	0.375	0.625
7	0.875	0.875	0.125
8	0.0625	0.9375	0.6875

Different formulas for the main effect index

	D_y	Monte Carlo estimator
Sobol'	$\int f(x)f(y,z')dxdz' - f_0^2$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(y,z)f(y,z') - \left[\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(y,z) \right]^2$
Kucherenko 2002	$\int f(x)[f(y,z') - f(x')]dxdx'$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N f(y,z)[f(y,z') - f(y',z')]$
Owen 2012	$\int [f(x) - f(y'',z)][f(y,z') - f(x')]dxdx'dx''$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N [f(y,z) - f(y'',z)][f(y,z') - f(y',z')]$
Sobol- Myshetzskay (Oracle) 2007	$\int [f(x) - \mu][f(y,z') - f(x')]dxdx'dx''$	$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^N [f(y,z) - \mu][f(y,z') - f(y',z')]$

Comparison of computational costs

Method	Sobol'	S-K	Owen	Oracle
Number of function evaluations N_{CPU}	$N(2n+1)$	$N(n+2)$	$N(2n+2)$	$N(n+2)$

The root mean square error (RMSE) is determined using K independent runs

$$\varepsilon_i(N) = \left[\frac{1}{K} \sum_{k=1}^K (S_i^{(n),k} - S_i^{(a)})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

For QMC, the convergence rate is

$$\varepsilon_{QMC} = \frac{O(\ln N)^d}{N}$$

In practice, RMSE is approximated by

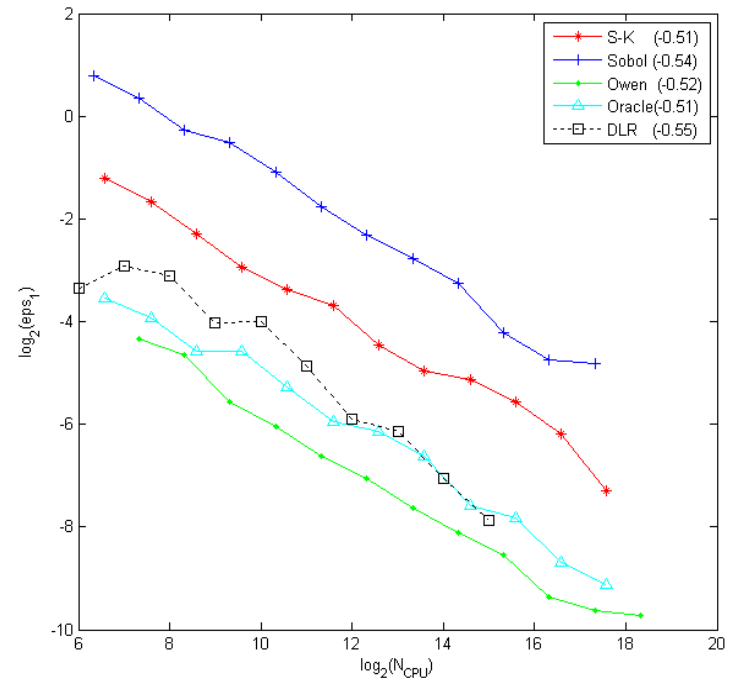
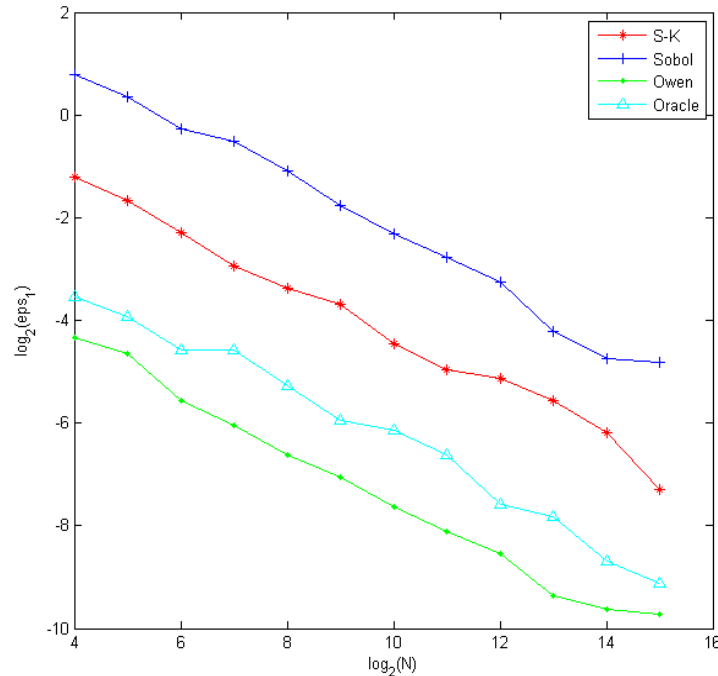
$$cN^{-\alpha}, \quad 0 < \alpha < 1$$

Convergence significantly improves when using QMC (Sobol' sequences) sampling.

Comparison of different formulas

$$f(x) = a_1x_1 + a_2x_2 + \dots + a_nx_n, \quad x_i \sim N(\mu_i, \sigma_i^2)$$

$$n=4, \quad \mu=(1, 3, 5, 7), \quad \sigma=(1, 1.5, 2, 2.5), \quad a_i=1, \quad i=1,2,3,4$$



Log2(RMSE) versus Log2(N) for i=1, S1= 0.0741

Improved formulas have much higher convergence rate than the original Sobol' formula. Owen and Oracle - outperforming other methods

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