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# Flexible and Systematic Uncertainty Estimation with Conformal Prediction via the MAPIE library

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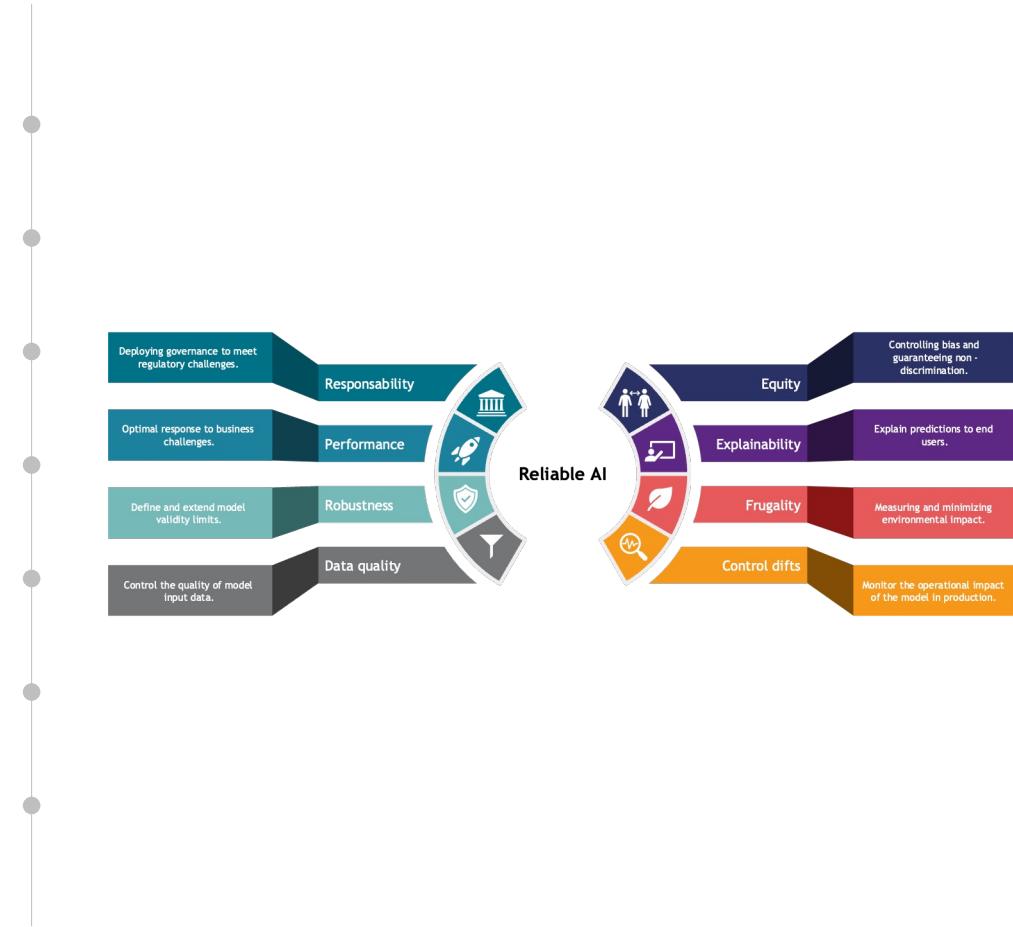
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## Part 1

# MAPIE

To the origins of MAPIE



## Our motivations for developping MAPIE

- Uncertainty quantification (UQ) for model predictions is of crucial importance for developing and deploying reliable artificial intelligence (AI) systems:
  - **to better understand the predictive power** of their model.
  - **to assess the validity** of model predictions on new data points.
  - **to help risk management** when making business decisions based on AI system predictions.
  - **to assess the compliance of the AI system** with the regulation.
  - **to be more transparent and trustworthy** for people impacted by the decisions made from AI.
  - ...

# MAPIE - Model Agnostic Prediction Interval Estimator



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- Since 2021, we are developing the MAPIE library based on conformal prediction framework [1-2].
- MAPIE is an open-source Python library hosted on scikit-learn-contrib project that allows you to:
  - 1) easily **compute conformal prediction intervals/sets** with controlled marginal coverage rate for regression [3,4,8], classification (binary and multi-class) [5-7] and time series [9].
  - 2) easily **control risks** (such as coverage, recall or any other non-monotone risk) for more complex tasks (multi-label classification, semantic segmentation, ...) [10-12].
  - 3) easily **wrap any model** (*scikit-learn, tensorflow, pytorch, ...*).

## Part 2



How does it work?



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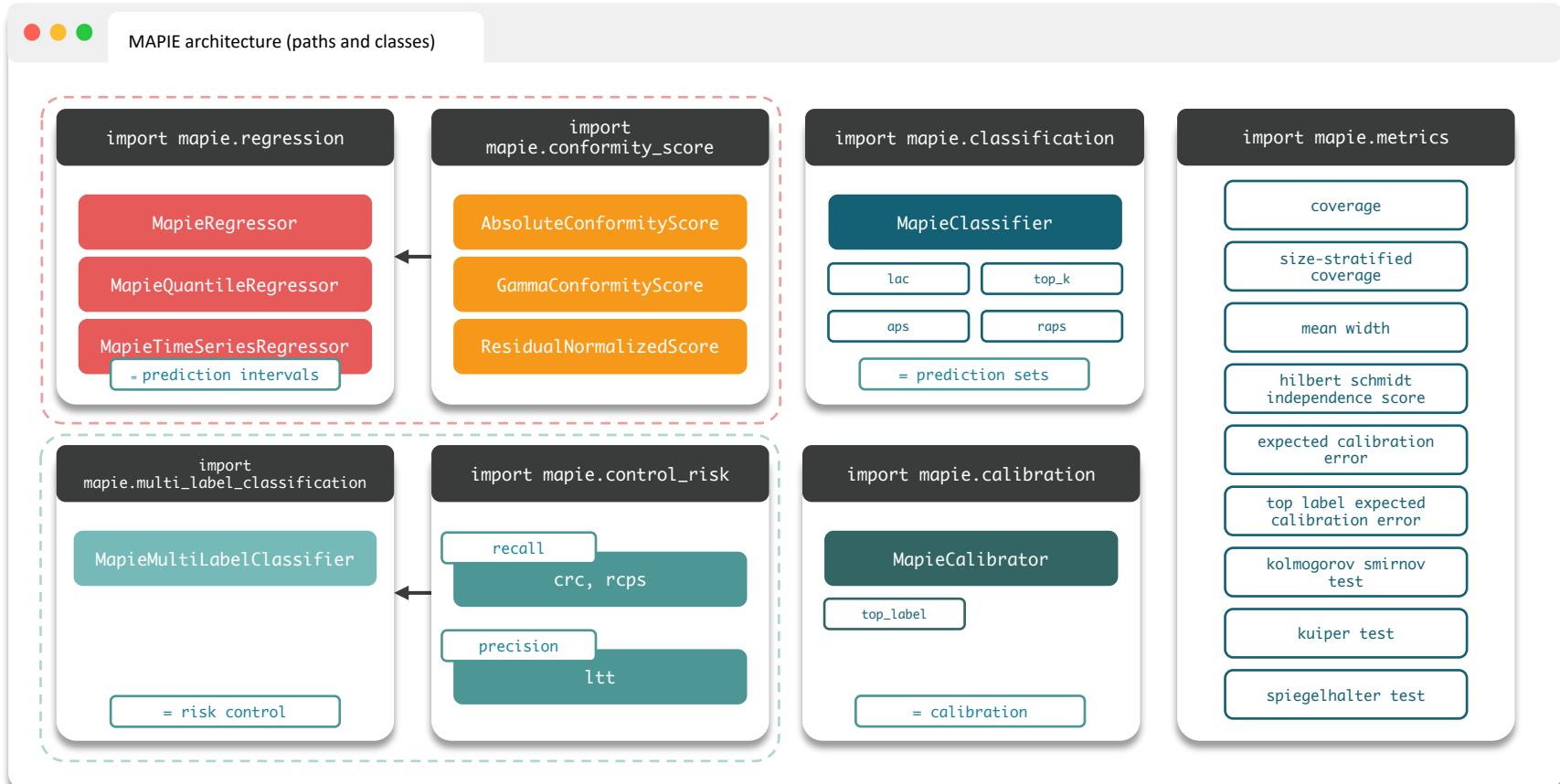
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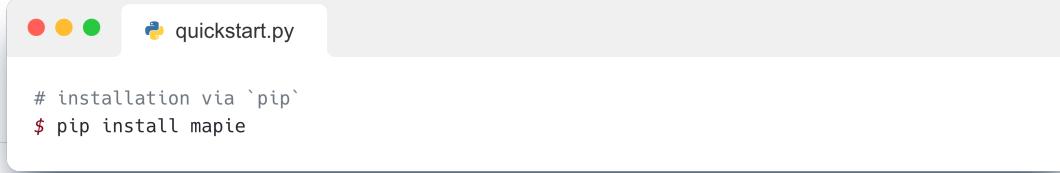
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# Control risks for multi-label classification problem
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mapie_classifier = MapieMultiLabelClassifier(estimator=classifier, method='crc', metric_control='recall')
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```

# Software architecture of MAPIE



# ⚡ Quick start with MAPIE



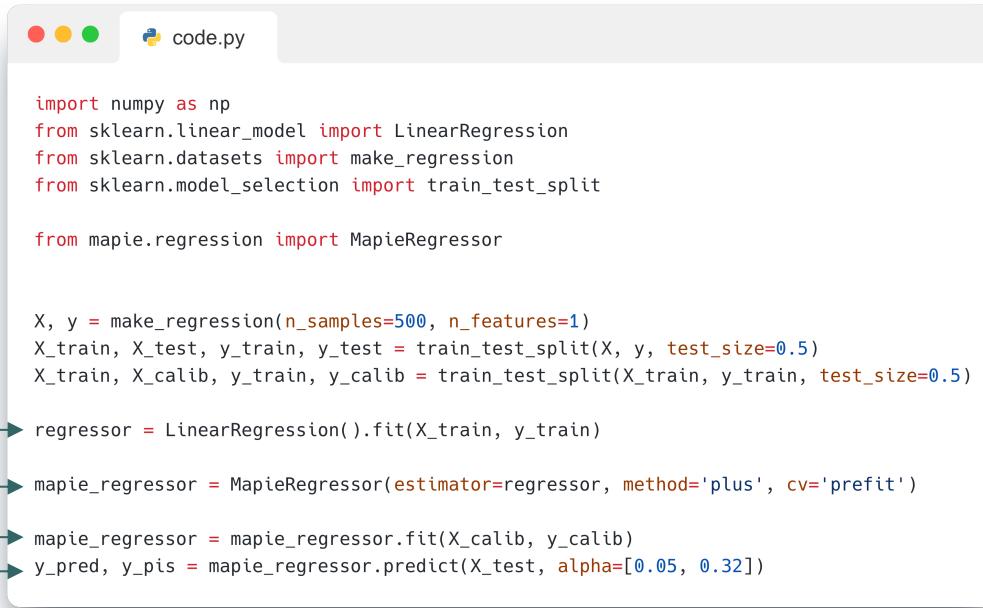
```
# installation via `pip`
$ pip install mapie
```



- ① Identify a (pre-trained) model.
- ② Wrap it with the MAPIE class.
- ③ Fit the new model to calibration data.
- ④ Predict the target on the test data to obtain the prediction intervals/sets.

Easy to use, yet powerful! 🔥

# MAPIE for regression (pre-fit / split-conformal)

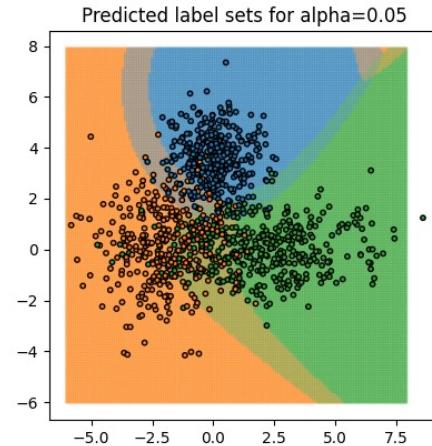
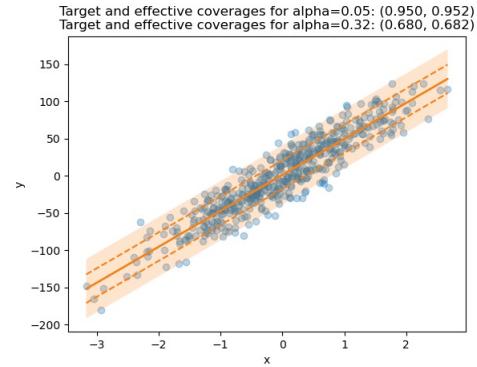


```
import numpy as np
from sklearn.linear_model import LinearRegression
from sklearn.datasets import make_regression
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split

from mapie.regression import MapieRegressor

X, y = make_regression(n_samples=500, n_features=1)
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X, y, test_size=0.5)
X_train, X_calib, y_train, y_calib = train_test_split(X_train, y_train, test_size=0.5)

① regressor = LinearRegression().fit(X_train, y_train)
② mapie_regressor = MapieRegressor(estimator=regressor, method='plus', cv='prefit')
③ mapie_regressor = mapie_regressor.fit(X_calib, y_calib)
④ y_pred, y_pis = mapie_regressor.predict(X_test, alpha=[0.05, 0.32])
```



## Part 3



How to contribute?



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About

A scikit-learn-compatible module for estimating prediction intervals.

mapie.readthedocs.io/en/latest/

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# Focus on a MAPIE contribution to the ConformityScore module

A new family of non-conformity scores “**p-Normalized residual non-conformity score**”.

- Motivations for its integration into MAPIE:
  - **Theoretical demonstration:** "Global marginal coverage guarantee" for cross-conformal methods.
  - **Practical interest:** Useful where the uncertainty is of the order of magnitude of the prediction (heteroskedasticity).
  - **Advantages:** Model agnostic.
- In practice: implementation of a new class, GammaConformityScore (special case when p=2).

```
graph LR; A[Assumption] --> B[Induced non-conformity score]; B --> C[Induced limits of the prediction interval]
```

$$Y = \mu(x) + \sigma(x)\epsilon$$
  
$$\sigma(x) \propto |\mu(x)|^{p/2}$$
 → 
$$s(x, y) = \left| \frac{y - \hat{\mu}(x)}{\hat{\mu}(x)^{p/2}} \right|$$
 → 
$$\hat{y}_{\text{bound}}^{\pm} = \hat{\mu}(X_{n+1}) \pm \hat{q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm} |\hat{\mu}(X_{n+1})|^{p/2}$$

$n$  calibration samples ;  $\alpha$  level of risk ;  $x$  features ;  $y$  target ;  $s$  non-conformity score function ;  $\hat{\mu}$  estimated model ;  $\hat{y}$  prediction ;  $\hat{s}$  estimated non-conformity score ;  $\hat{q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm}$  upper and lower quantiles ;  $\hat{Q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm}$  upper and lower quantile estimators ;  $(X_{n+1}, Y_{n+1})$  test data ;  $\hat{C}_{n,\alpha}(X_{n+1})$  prediction interval

# Theoretical results on p-normalized residual non-conformity scores

**Theorem 1 (Global marginal coverage guarantee)** *We state that, for any signed loss score function  $f(\hat{y}, y)$  monotonically increasing on  $\hat{y}$  and monotonically decreasing on  $y$  (the higher the absolute value, the more atypical the point), for any conformal prediction methods in Table 3.1, the prediction interval satisfies the marginal coverage:*

$$P\{Y_{n+1} \in \hat{C}_{n,\alpha}(X_{n+1})\} \gtrsim 1 - \alpha$$

Method	Theoretical coverage	Training cost	Evaluation cost
Naïve	No guarantee	1	$n_{\text{test}}$
Split	$\geq 1 - \alpha$	1	$n_{\text{test}}$
Jackknife	No guarantee	$n$	$n_{\text{test}}$
Jackknife+	$\geq 1 - 2\alpha$	$n$	$n \times n_{\text{test}}$
Jackknife-minmax	$\geq 1 - \alpha$	$n$	$n \times n_{\text{test}}$
CV	No guarantee	$K$	$n_{\text{test}}$
CV+	$\geq 1 - 2\alpha$	$K$	$K \times n_{\text{test}}$
CV-minmax	$\geq 1 - \alpha$	$K$	$K \times n_{\text{test}}$
Jackknife-aB+	$\geq 1 - 2\alpha$	$K$	$K \times n_{\text{test}}$
Jackknife-aB-minmax	$\geq 1 - \alpha$	$K$	$K \times n_{\text{test}}$

Table 1: Theoretical marginal coverage and reminder of the training cost and the evaluation cost for conformal prediction methods ([Foygel Barber et al., 2021](#)).

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# Expanding the available family of non-conformity scores for regression

Non-conformity scores for MapieRegressor

MapieRegressor      AbsoluteConformityScore

$$s(x, y) = |y - \hat{\mu}(x)|$$
$$\hat{y}_{bound}^{\pm} = \hat{\mu}(X_{n+1}) \pm \hat{q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm}$$

MapieRegressor      GammaConformityScore

$$s(x, y) = \frac{|y - \hat{\mu}(x)|}{|\hat{\mu}(x)|}$$
$$\hat{y}_{bound}^{\pm} = \hat{\mu}(X_{n+1}) \pm \hat{q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm} |\hat{\mu}(X_{n+1})|$$

 *Proposed in the paper.*

 *Release 0.4.0*

MapieRegressor      ResidualNormalizedScore

$$s(x, y) = \frac{|y - \hat{\mu}(x)|}{|\hat{\sigma}(x)|}$$
$$\hat{y}_{bound}^{\pm} = \hat{\mu}(X_{n+1}) \pm \hat{q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm} |\hat{\sigma}(X_{n+1})|$$

MapieQuantileRegressor

$$s(x, y) = \max(y - \hat{Q}_{n,\alpha}^+(x), \hat{Q}_{n,1-\alpha}^-(x) - y)$$
$$\hat{y}_{bound}^{\pm} = \hat{Q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm}(X_{n+1}) + \hat{q}_{n,\alpha}^{\pm}$$

 *quantile of the non-conformity scores*

 *quantile regressor*

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# How to expand non-conformity scores in MAPIE?

ConformityScore template in MAPIE

```
class ConformityScore(metaclass=ABCMeta):
    """...
    def __init__(...
        @abstractmethod
    def get_signed_conformity_scores(...
        @abstractmethod
    def get_estimation_distribution(...
        def check_consistency(...
        def get_conformity_scores(...
            @staticmethod
    def get_quantile(...
        def get_bounds(...
```

→

GammaConformityScore class in MAPIE implementing ConformityScore

```
class GammaConformityScore(ConformityScore):
    def __init__(self) -> None:
        super().__init__(sym=False, consistency_check=False, eps=EPSILON)

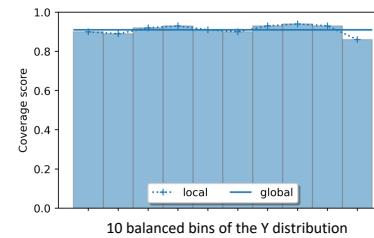
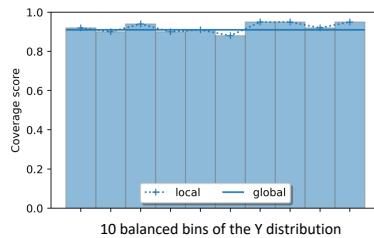
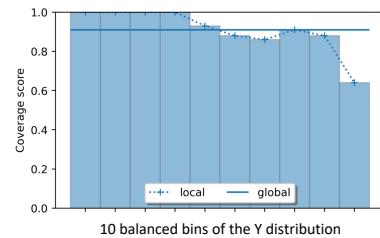
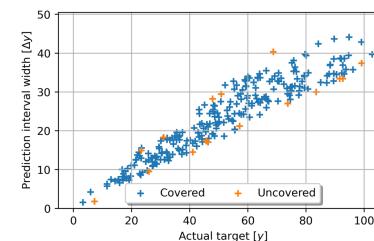
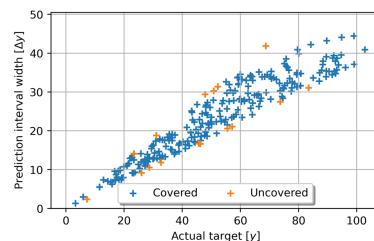
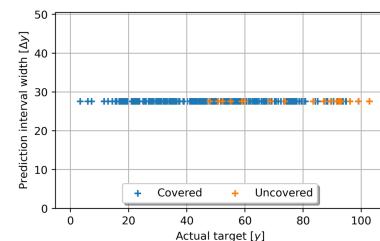
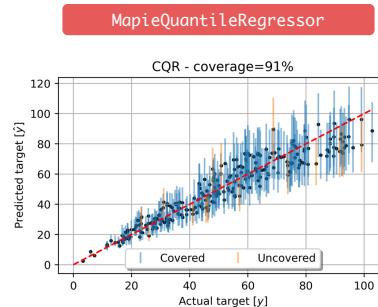
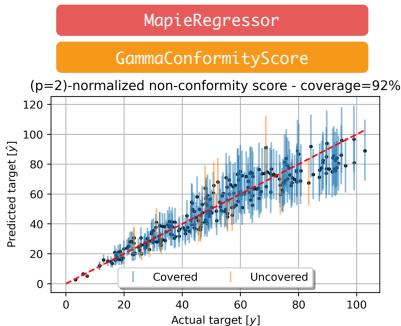
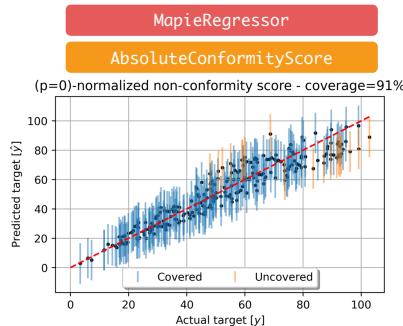
    def get_signed_conformity_scores(
        self, X: ArrayLike, y: ArrayLike, y_pred: ArrayLike
    ) -> NDArray:
        self._check_observed_data(y)
        self._check_predicted_data(y_pred)
        return np.divide(np.subtract(y, y_pred), y_pred)

    def get_estimation_distribution(
        self,
        X: ArrayLike,
        y_pred: ArrayLike,
        conformity_scores: ArrayLike
    ) -> NDArray:
        self._check_predicted_data(y_pred)
        return np.multiply(y_pred, np.add(1, conformity_scores))
```

*ConformityScore* interface needs to implement two abstract methods.

*GammaConformityScore* class implements the two abstract methods.

# Comparison of non-conformity scores on heteroskedastic dataset



Empirical coverage computed with respect to  
10 balanced bins of the Y distribution.

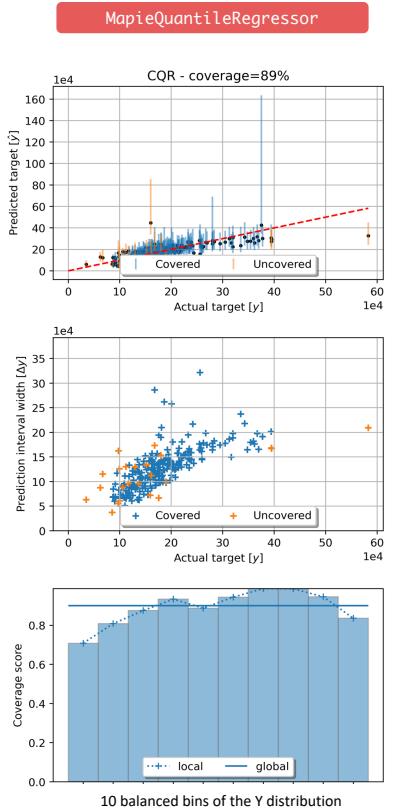
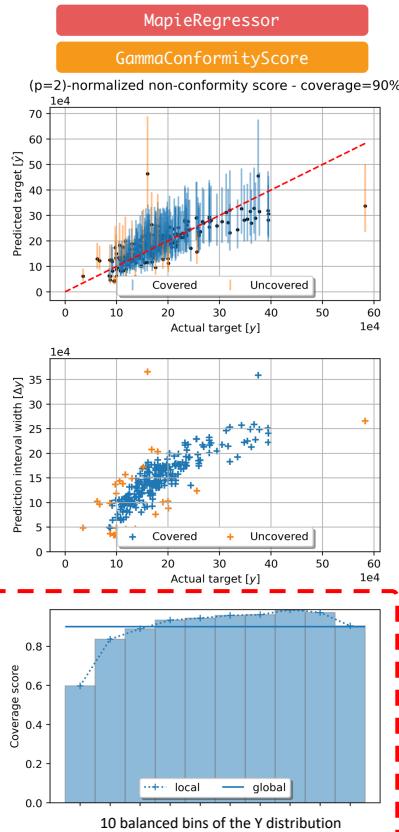
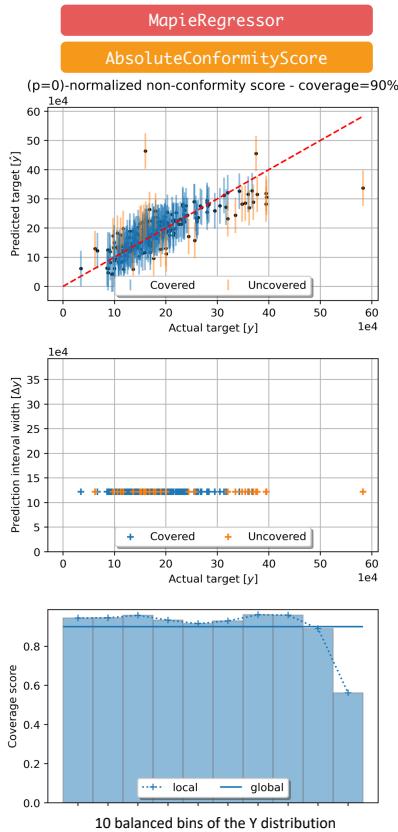
## Assumption

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- Absolute score is not adaptive (constant prediction interval width).
- Gamma score and CQR methods are more adaptive.
- **Advantage:** GammaScore is model agnostic whereas CQR requires a quantile regressor.

# Comparison of non-conformity scores on House Price dataset



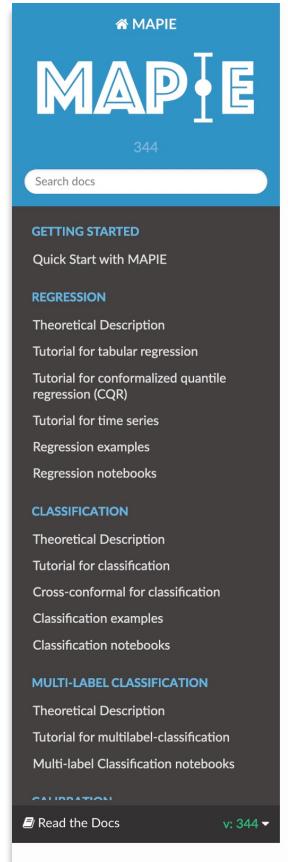
- Gamma score gives better coverage for high prices
- Efficiency balance can be done with the  $p$ -normalised score.
- In this application, decision maker is more focused on high prices than in low prices.
- **Limitations:** prior motivated by business, well-designed for this data dispersion.

Empirical coverage computed with respect to 10 balanced bins of the price (Y) distribution.

## Partie 4



Wrap Up: the evolution of the  
open-source library



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Prediction intervals (PI)	AbsoluteConformityScore GammaConformityScore ResidualNormalizedScore	Absolute Score	Vovk, Vladimir, Alexander Gammerman, and Glenn Shafer. <i>Algorithmic Learning in a Random World</i> . Springer Nature, 2005
		Gamma Score	Cordier, Thibault, Vincent Blot, Louis Lacombe, Thomas Morzadec, Arnaud Capitaine, Nicolas Brunel "Flexible and Systematic Uncertainty Estimation with Conformal Prediction via the MAPIE library", COPA (2023)
	MapieTimeSeriesRegressor MapieQuantileRegressor	Normalized Score	Papadopoulos, Harris, Proedrou, Kostas, Vovk, Volodya, and Gammerman, Alex. "Inductive confidence machines for regression". In <i>Machine Learning: ECML</i> (2002).
		EnbPI	Xu, Chen, and Yao Xie. "Conformal prediction interval for dynamic time-series." <i>International Conference on Machine Learning</i> . PMLR, (2021).
Prediction sets (PS)	MapieClassifier	CQR	Romano, Yaniv, Evan Patterson, and Emmanuel Candes. "Conformalized quantile regression." <i>Advances in neural information processing systems</i> 32 (2019).
		LAC / LABEL	Sadinle, Mauricio, Jing Lei, and Larry Wasserman. "Least ambiguous set-valued classifiers with bounded error levels." <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i> 114.525 (2019): 223-234.
		APS	Romano, Yaniv, Matteo Sesia, and Emmanuel Candès. "Classification with valid and adaptive coverage." <i>Advances in NeurIPS</i> 33 (2020): 3581-3591.
		Top-K	Angelopoulos, Anastasios, et al. "Uncertainty sets for image classifiers using conformal prediction." <i>International Conference on Learning Representations</i> (2021).
Control Risks (CR)	MapieMultiLabelClassifier	RAPS	Angelopoulos, Anastasios, et al. "Uncertainty sets for image classifiers using conformal prediction." <i>International Conference on Learning Representations</i> (2021).
		RCPS	Bates, Stephen, et al. "Distribution-free, risk-controlling prediction sets." <i>Journal of the ACM (JACM)</i> 68.6 (2021): 1-34.
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Calib.	MapieCalibrator	LTT	Angelopoulos, Anastasios N., Stephen, Bates, Emmanuel J. Candès, et al. "Learn Then Test: Calibrating Predictive Algorithms to Achieve Risk Control." (2022).
		Top-label	Gupta, Chirag, and Aaditya K. Ramdas. "Top-label calibration and multiclass-to-binary reductions." <i>arXiv preprint arXiv:2107.08353</i> (2021).

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	MapieTimeSeriesRegressor	Normalized Score	Papadopoulos, Harris, Proedrou, Kostas, Vovk, Volodya, and Gammerman, Alex. "Inductive confidence machines for regression". In <i>Machine Learning: ECML</i> (2002).	
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Prediction sets (PS)	MapieClassifier	LAC / LABEL APS Top-K RAPS	Sadinle, Mauricio, Jing Lei, and Larry Wasserman. "Least ambiguous set-valued classifiers with bounded error levels." <i>Journal of the American Statistical Association</i> 114.525 (2019): 223-234. Romano, Yaniv, Matteo Sesia, and Emmanuel Candès. "Classification with valid and adaptive coverage." <i>Advances in NeurIPS</i> 33 (2020): 3581-3591. Angelopoulos, Anastasios, et al. "Uncertainty sets for image classifiers using conformal prediction." <i>International Conference on Learning Representations</i> (2021). Angelopoulos, Anastasios, et al. "Uncertainty sets for image classifiers using conformal prediction." <i>International Conference on Learning Representations</i> (2021).	
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Calib.	MapieCalibrator	Top-label	Gupta, Chirag, and Aaditya K. Ramdas. "Top-label calibration and multiclass-to-binary reductions." <i>arXiv preprint arXiv:2107.08353</i> (2021).	

# What do you want to do in MAPIE 0.8.0?

- **General assembly form** (afternoon of the 17th November 2023)
  - Discuss about next prioritized contributions of MAPIE 0.8.0
    - Binary Classification (Mondrian, Venn ABERS, ...)
    - Time Series (ACI, ...)
    - Distribution Shift
    - ...
- **Call for MAPIE contributions, examples and applications**
  - Integrate your notebooks in the example gallery of MAPIE
  - ...

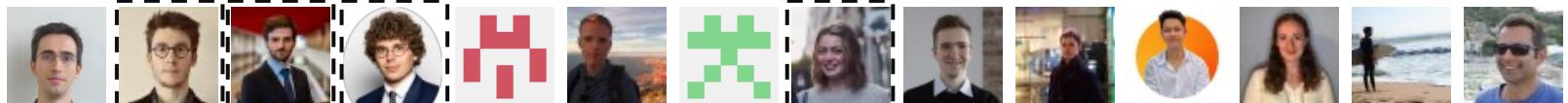
Join us!



MAPIE - general assembly



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