

# Estimation of moment independent importance measures using a copula and maximum entropy framework

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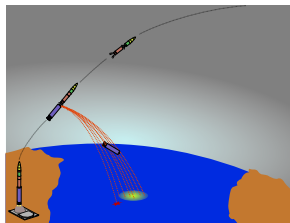
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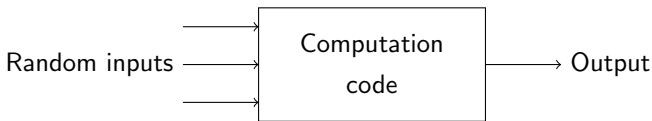
# Context

## Example: estimation of launch vehicle booster first phase fallout zone

- **Data:** meteorological conditions, launch vehicle mass, trajectory angle etc.
- **Computation code:** trajectory simulator.
- **Observation:** distance between the theoretical fallout position and the estimated one (due to uncertainty propagation).

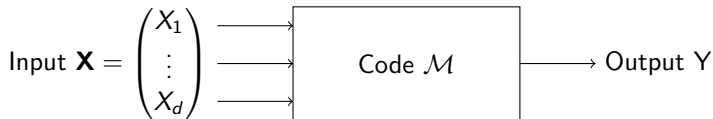


**Figure:** Illustration scheme of a launch vehicle first stage fallout phase [Derenes et al., 2019].



# Sensitivity analysis

- **Goal:** identify and rank the input with respect to their impact on the output model.
- **Why ?**
  - Reduce the output uncertainty by reducing the uncertainty of the most influential inputs.
  - Improve the knowledge of the physical phenomenon.
  - Simplify the model.
- **Notations:**



# Sobol's indices

## Influence of the input $X_i$ ?

**Assumption:** The inputs  $X_i$  are independent.

**Goal:** appreciate the contribution of the variable  $X_i$  to the variance of the model response  $Y$ .

*Total variance theorem:*

$$\text{Var}[Y] = \text{Var}[\mathbb{E}[Y|X_i]] + \mathbb{E}[\text{Var}[Y|X_i]] .$$

*First order Sobol's index:*

$$S_i = \frac{\text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[Y|X_i])}{\text{Var}(Y)} \in [0, 1]$$

*Total effect index:*

$$S_{Ti} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\text{Var}(Y|\mathbf{X}_{\sim i})]}{\text{Var}(Y)} \in [0, 1]$$

# Borgonovo's indices

## Influence of the input $X_i$ ?

**Assumption:** the couple  $(X_i, Y)$  admits a probability density function (PDF)  $f_{X_i, Y}$  with respect to Lebesgue measure.

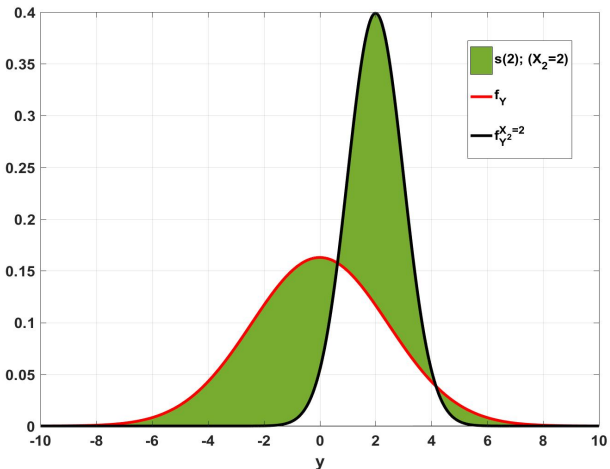
⇒ Random variables  $X_i$ ,  $Y$  and  $Y$  conditioned on  $X_i = x_i$  admit PDFs denoted by  $f_{X_i}$ ,  $f_Y$  and  $f_Y^{X_i=x_i}$  respectively.

*Shift of densities:*

$$s(x_i) = \left\| f_Y - f_Y^{X_i=x_i} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} = \int \left| f_Y(y) - f_Y^{X_i=x_i}(y) \right| dy .$$

# Geometric meaning of the shift

Example:  $Y = X_1 + X_2$  where  $X_1 \sim N(0, 1)$  and  $X_2 \sim N(0, 5)$ .



# Definition of Borgonovo's importance measures

Borgonovo's importance measure [Borgonovo, 2007] of  $Y$  with respect to the input  $X_i$ :

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[s(X_i)] \in [0, 1]$$

For a strict group of inputs  $I \subset \{1, \dots, d\}$ :

$$\delta_I := \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[s(\mathbf{X}_I)] \quad \text{with} \quad s(\mathbf{x}_I) = \left\| f_Y - f_Y^{\mathbf{X}_I = \mathbf{x}_I} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} .$$

# Borgonovo's importance measures

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[s(X_i)]$$

## Properties:

- $\delta_i = 0 \Leftrightarrow Y$  and  $X_i$  are independent.
- $I \subset J \Rightarrow \delta_I \leq \delta_J$ .
- Monotonic transformation invariant.

## Advantages:

- Suitable in the case of correlated inputs.
- No assumption on the model (the function  $\mathcal{M}$  may be nonlinear).
- Consider the entire distribution of the output.

... **But not easy to compute !**



## $\delta_i$ see as an expectation

$$\delta_i := \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E} [s(X_i)], \quad s(x_i) = \left\| f_Y - f_Y^{X_i=x_i} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} .$$

### Double loop method

$$\begin{aligned} \delta_i &\approx \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=1}^N s(X_i^n), \quad \{X_i^n\}_{n=1}^N \stackrel{\text{i.i.d}}{\sim} f_{X_i} , \\ &\approx \frac{1}{2N} \sum_{n=1}^N \hat{s}(X_i^n), \quad \hat{s}(X_i^n) = \left\| \hat{f}_Y - \hat{f}_Y^{X_i=X_i^n} \right\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R})} . \end{aligned}$$

Estimation of the output PDF  $f_Y$  and conditional PDFs  $f_Y^{X_i=X_i^n}$  by Kernel Density Estimation (KDE) procedure.

### Drawback

**Budget:**  $N + d \times N^2$  calls to the model to get all  $\delta$ -sensitivity measures.

## $\delta_i$ see as measure of dependence

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{2} \|f_Y f_{X_i} - f_{Y, X_i}\|_{L^1(\mathbb{R}^2)}$$

Importance Sampling estimation [Derennes et al., 2018]

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{2} \int \frac{f_Y f_{X_i} - f_{Y, X_i}}{g} g := \frac{1}{2} \int h g = \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[h(\mathbf{U})], \quad \mathbf{U} \sim g .$$

$$\delta_i \approx \frac{1}{2} \mathbb{E}[\hat{h}(\mathbf{U})], \quad \hat{h} = \frac{\hat{f}_Y f_{X_i} - \hat{f}_{Y, X_i}}{g} .$$

$\hat{f}_Y, \hat{f}_{Y, X_i}$ : Gaussian kernel estimators.

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Gaussian KDE may be inefficient in the case of bounded support or heavy tailed distributions.

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Nataf transformation based method [Zhang et al., 2014]

$$\mathbf{R}_i = (r_i(X_i), r_Y(Y)) = (\Phi^{-1}(F_{X_i}(X_i)), \Phi^{-1}(F_Y(Y))) .$$

**Very few calls to the model to get all  $\delta$ -sensitivity measures.**

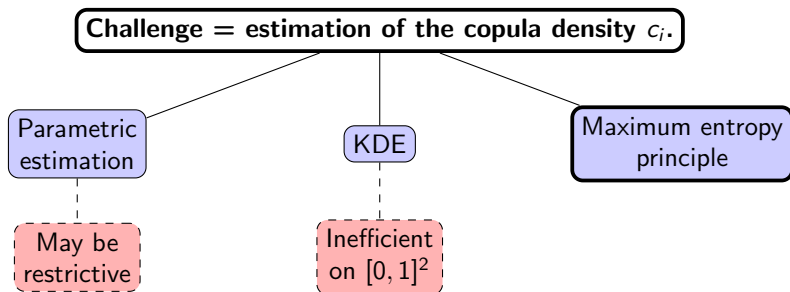
**Drawback: strong assumptions are needed**

- Inputs variables  $X_i$  are independent.
- $\mathbf{R}_i$  is assumed to be a Gaussian vector.

# Copula representation of $\delta_i$

$$\delta_i = \frac{1}{2} \int_{[0,1]^2} |c_i(u, v) - 1| dudv$$

$c_i$ : PDF of the pair  $(U_i, V) := (F_{X_i}(X_i), F_Y(Y))$ .



# Maximum entropy principle

**Stochastic source**  
 $Z \sim \mathbf{b}(\mathbf{p}), \mathbf{p} \in [0, 1].$

Entropy = amount of 'information'

$$H(Z) := H(p) = -p \log(p) - (1 - p) \log(1 - p).$$

**Receptor**  
 $\mathbf{p} = ?$

Available information:  $Z \in \{0, 1\}.$

More 'reasonable' assumption:

$$p = \frac{1}{2} = \text{Argmax } H(p).$$

# Maximum entropy principle

## Goal:

Estimate the PDF  $f_{\mathbf{Z}}$  of an  $d$ -dimensional real valued random variable  $\mathbf{Z}$ .

$$\text{Entropy: } H(f_{\mathbf{Z}}) = - \int_{\mathbb{R}^d} f_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z}) \log(f_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z})) d\mathbf{z}.$$

Constraints:  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $\mathbb{E}[g(\mathbf{Z})] = \mathbf{b} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $g: \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ .

## Maximum entropy (ME) estimator:

$$\begin{cases} \hat{f}_{\mathbf{Z}} = \underset{f \in L^1(S, \mathbb{R}^+)}{\text{Argmax}} H[f] \\ \text{s.t. } \int_S g(\mathbf{z}) f(\mathbf{z}) d\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{b} . \end{cases}$$

$$\hat{f}_{\mathbf{Z}}(\mathbf{z}) \propto \mathbb{1}_S(\mathbf{z}) e^{-\langle \Lambda^*, g(\mathbf{z}) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}} ,$$

where  $\Lambda^*$ , called *Lagrange multipliers*, is the unique solution of the following convex optimization problem

$$\underset{\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^n}{\text{Argmin}} \langle \Lambda, \mathbf{b} \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n} + \log \left( \int_S e^{-\langle \Lambda, g(\mathbf{z}) \rangle_{\mathbb{R}^n}} d\mathbf{z} \right) .$$

# ME estimation of $c_j$ - choice of constraints

Facts (dimension one): let  $Z$  be a real random variable supported in  $S \subset [0, +\infty[$ .

- The distribution of  $Z$  is uniquely characterized by an infinite sequence of distinct Fractional Moments (FMs) [Lin, 1992].
- Let us consider a sequence of FMs with equispaced exponents  $\{\alpha_k := \frac{k\alpha^*}{m}\}_{k=1}^m$ . The associated ME estimator, i.e.,

$$\hat{f}_m^{\text{ME}}(z) \propto \mathbb{1}_S(z) \exp\left(-\sum_{k=1}^m \lambda_k z^{\alpha_k}\right),$$

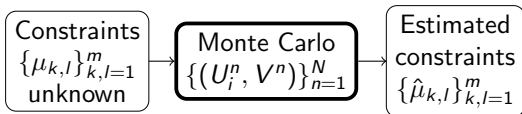
converges to the true distribution of  $Z$  as the number of constraints  $m$  tends to  $+\infty$  [Novi Inverardi and Tagliani, 2003].

Constraints on  $(U_i, V) = m^2$  FMs of the product  $U_i V$

$$\mu_{k,l} := \mathbb{E}[U_i^{\alpha_k} V^{\alpha_l}], \quad k, l = 1, \dots, m,$$

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# ME estimation of $c_i$ - estimation of constraints



## Compromise between parameters $N$ and $m$ .

For a fixed sample size  $N$ , the ME estimator associated to estimated constraints  $\{\hat{\mu}_{k,l}\}_{k,l=1}^m$  will tend to empirical distribution:

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \delta_{(U_i^n, V^n)} .$$

**= overlearning !**



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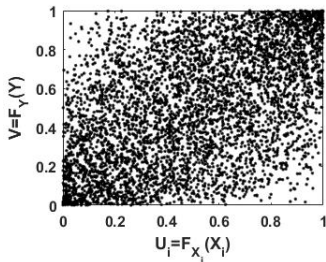
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$$\begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu}_{1,1} & \hat{\mu}_{1,2} & \hat{\mu}_{1,3} \\ \hat{\mu}_{2,1} & \hat{\mu}_{2,2} & \hat{\mu}_{2,3} \\ \hat{\mu}_{3,1} & \hat{\mu}_{3,2} & \hat{\mu}_{3,3} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0.3901 & 0.2902 & 0.2314 \\ 0.2920 & 0.2230 & 0.1810 \\ 0.2340 & 0.1818 & 0.1493 \end{pmatrix}.$$

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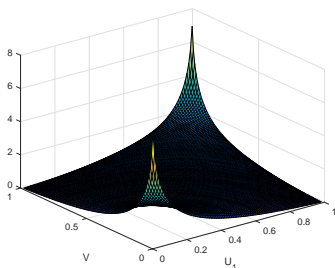
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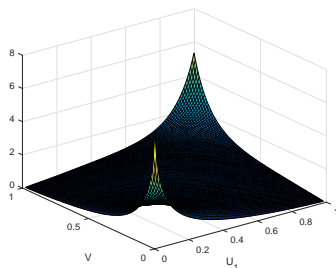
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(e) True density copula  $c_1$



(f) ME density copula



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$$\delta_1 = 0.1846 .$$

$$\hat{\delta}_1^{\text{ME}} = 0.1896$$

**Budget:**  $N = 5,000$ .

# A linear Gaussian model

**Model output:**  $Y = \mathbf{AX}$  where  $\mathbf{A} = [1.7 \ 1.8 \ 1.9 \ 2]$  and where  $\mathbf{X} \sim N(0, \Sigma)$  with

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1/2 & 1/3 & 1/4 \\ 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 & 1/3 \\ 1/3 & 1/2 & 1 & 1/2 \\ 1/4 & 1/3 & 1/2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

**Set of parameters:**  $N = 5,000$  and  $\{\alpha_k\} = \{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, 2\}$ .

| Input | Theoretical value $\delta_i$ | $\hat{\delta}_1^{\text{ME}}$ ( $M = 100$ runs) |        |         |
|-------|------------------------------|--|--------|---------|
|       |                              | Mean   | CV     | RD      |
| $X_1$ | 0.2857                       | 0.2840   | 0.0174 | -0.0058 |
| $X_2$ | 0.3620                       | 0.3538   | 0.0138 | -0.0225 |
| $X_3$ | 0.3792                       | 0.3688   | 0.0121 | -0.0274 |
| $X_4$ | 0.3176                       | 0.3141   | 0.0180 | -0.0110 |

Ranking:  $X_3 > X_2 > X_4 > X_1$ .

# Estimation of launch vehicle booster fallout zone

Computer code  $\mathcal{M} : \mathbb{R}^{d=6} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  : a simplified trajectory simulation code of the dynamic fallout phase of a generic launcher first stage.

$X_1$ : stage altitude perturbation

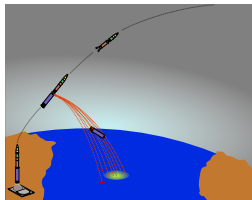
$X_2$ : velocity perturbation

$X_3$ : flight path angle perturbation

$X_4$ : azimuth angle perturbation

$X_5$ : propellant mass residual perturbation

$X_6$ : drag force error perturbation



| Input <sup>1</sup>         | Distribution | Mean | Std    |
|----------------------------|--------------|------|--------|
| $X_1$ (m)                  | Normal       | 0    | 1650   |
| $X_2$ (m.s <sup>-1</sup> ) | Normal       | 0    | 3.7    |
| $X_3$ (rad)                | Normal       | 0    | 0.001  |
| $X_4$ (rad)                | Normal       | 0    | 0.0018 |
| $X_5$ (kg)                 | Normal       | 0    | 70     |
| $X_6$ (dimensionless)      | Normal       | 0    | 0.1    |

<sup>1</sup>The input variables are independent.

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Set of parameter:  $N = 5,000$  and  $\{\alpha_k\} = \{\frac{2}{3}, \frac{4}{3}, 2\}$ .

| Input:                             | $X_1$  | $X_2$  | $X_3$  | $X_4$  | $X_5$  | $X_6$  |
|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean $\hat{\delta}_i^{\text{ME}}$  | 0.0154 | 0.1548 | 0.0692 | 0.1819 | 0.0155 | 0.0400 |
| cv( $\hat{\delta}_i^{\text{ME}}$ ) | 0.2471 | 0.0400 | 0.0842 | 0.0235 | 0.2440 | 0.1140 |

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|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Mean $\hat{S}_i$     | 0.0047 | 0.2642 | 0.0712 | 0.1915 | 0.0040 | 0.0223 |
| cv( $\hat{S}_i$ )    | 3.4040 | 0.0590 | 0.2414 | 0.0783 | 4.1093 | 0.8090 |
| Mean $\hat{S}_{Ti}$  | 0.0151 | 0.6577 | 0.3826 | 0.2104 | 0.0169 | 0.2191 |
| cv( $\hat{S}_{Ti}$ ) | 0.0266 | 0.0211 | 0.0238 | 0.0270 | 0.0248 | 0.0231 |

Results from [Derennes et al., 2019].

# Conclusion and perspectives

## Contributions

- A new estimation scheme of  $\delta$ -sensitivity measures combining copula and maximum entropy framework with low budget simulation.
- The proposed method can handle models with correlated input or with heavy tailed distribution.

## Future works

Estimation of higher order Borgonovo's indices.

$$\delta_{i,j} = \frac{1}{2} \int_{[0,1]^3} \left| c_{ij}(u, v, w) - \frac{f_{X_i, X_j}(F_{X_i}^{-1}(u), F_{X_j}^{-1}(v))}{f_{X_i}(F_{X_i}^{-1}(u)) \times f_{X_j}(F_{X_j}^{-1}(v))} \right| dudvdw ,$$

$c_{ij}$ : copula density of  $(X_i, X_j, Y)$ .

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