

# A KERNEL-BASED ANOVA DECOMPOSITION

## EXTENDING SENSITIVITY INDICES AND SHAPLEY EFFECTS WITH KERNELS

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# Outline

**Context – Global Sensitivity Analysis (GSA)**

**Generalized GSA via kernel embedding of probability distributions**

**Conclusion & outlook**

# 1

**CONTEXT**

**GLOBAL SENSITIVITY  
ANALYSIS**

# Sensitivity analysis: Sobol' indices arise from a functional ANOVA decomposition

**Theorem 1** (ANOVA decomposition (Hoeffding, 1948; Antoniadis, 1984)). Assume that  $\eta : \mathcal{X}_1 \times \dots \times \mathcal{X}_d \rightarrow \mathcal{Y}$  is a square integrable function of  $d$  independent random variables  $X_1, \dots, X_d$ . Then  $\eta$  admits a decomposition

$$Y = \eta(X_1, \dots, X_d) = \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} \eta_A(\mathbf{X}_A),$$

with  $\eta_A$  depending only on the variables  $\mathbf{X}_A$  and satisfying

(a)  $\eta_\emptyset = \mathbb{E}(Y)$ ,

(b)  $\mathbb{E}_{X_l}(\eta_A(\mathbf{X}_A)) = 0$  if  $l \in A$ ,

(c)  $\eta_A(\mathbf{X}_A) = \sum_{B \subset A} (-1)^{|A|-|B|} \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}_B)$ .

Furthermore, (b) implies that all the terms  $\eta_A$  in the decomposition are mutually orthogonal. As a consequence, the output variance can be decomposed as

$$\text{Var } Y = \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} \text{Var } \eta_A(\mathbf{X}_A) = \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} V_A \quad (1)$$

where

$$V_A = \sum_{B \subset A} (-1)^{|A|-|B|} \text{Var } \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}_B). \quad (2)$$

# Sensitivity analysis: Sobol' indices arise from a functional ANOVA decomposition

**Definition 1** (Sobol' indices (Sobol', 1993)). Under the same assumptions of Theorem 1, the Sobol' sensitivity index associated to a subset  $A$  of input variables is defined as

$$S_A = \frac{V_A}{\text{Var } Y}, \quad (3)$$

$A$  is a subset of input variables

while the total Sobol' index associated to  $A$  is

$$S_A^T = \sum_{B \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d, B \cap A \neq \emptyset} S_B. \quad (4)$$

In particular, the first-order Sobol' index of an input  $X_l$  writes

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Impact of an input through all its potential interactions with others

Finally, the ANOVA decomposition (1) readily provides an interpretation of Sobol' indices as a percentage of explained output variance, i.e.

$$\sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} S_A = 1. \quad (5)$$

Interpretation as percentage

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## Limitations

- > Assumption of independent inputs (more on this later)
- > Impact on output variance only
- > Outputs may not be scalars

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# Sensitivity analysis: other indices

## Going beyond the variance 1: goal-oriented sensitivity analysis

- > Indices based on contrast functions (Fort et al. 2014), in particular quantile-oriented indices
- > Reliability-based indices
- > Many industrial applications

## Going beyond the variance 2: moment-independent indices

- > Principle: Quantify the impact of an input parameter on the **probability distribution of the output**

$$\mathcal{S}_l^{TV} = \int |p_Y(y) - p_{Y|X_l=x}(y)| p_{X_l}(x) dx dy$$

Borgonovo 2007

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Kraskov et al. 2001



# Sensitivity analysis: general point of view

## General framework for moment-independent indices

$$\mathcal{S}_l = \mathbb{E}_{X_l} \left( d(P_Y, P_{Y|X_l}) \right)$$

Baucells & Borgonovo 2013  
D. 2015

- > If the output probability distribution and the conditional one are « close », the input parameter has little influence
- > Example: f-divergence (D. 2015, Rahman 2016), with particular cases TV & KL

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Does this make sense ?

$$\mathcal{S}_{ll'}^{TV} = \int |p_Y(y)p_{X_l}(x)p_{X_{l'}}(x') - p_{X_l, X_{l'}, Y}(x, x', y)| dx dx' dy - \mathcal{S}_l^{TV} - \mathcal{S}_{l'}^{TV}$$

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**A promising candidate: kernel-embedding of probability distributions**

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# 2

## KERNEL-EMBEDDING OF PROBABILITY DISTRIBUTIONS

## Kernel-embedding of probability distributions

The kernel mean embedding of a probability measure is defined as

$$\mu_P = \mathbb{E}_{\xi \sim P} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\xi, \cdot) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\xi, \cdot) dP(\xi)$$

A distance between probability measures is then given by the Maximum Mean Discrepancy

$$\text{MMD}(P_1, P_2) = \|\mu_{P_1} - \mu_{P_2}\|_{\mathcal{H}}$$

The reproducing property in the RKHS gives the central result

$$\text{MMD}^2(P_1, P_2) = \mathbb{E}_{\xi, \xi'} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\xi, \xi') - 2\mathbb{E}_{\xi, \zeta} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\xi, \zeta) + \mathbb{E}_{\zeta, \zeta'} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\zeta, \zeta')$$

Smola et al. 2007, Song 2008, Song et al. 2009

## Kernel-embedding of probability distributions

Other major use: testing independence of random vectors

$$\text{MMD}^2(P_{\mathbf{UV}}, P_{\mathbf{U}} \otimes P_{\mathbf{V}}) = \|\mu_{P_{\mathbf{UV}}} - \mu_{P_{\mathbf{U}}} \otimes \mu_{P_{\mathbf{V}}}\|_{\mathcal{H}}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{HSIC}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) &= \text{MMD}^2(P_{\mathbf{UV}}, P_{\mathbf{U}} \otimes P_{\mathbf{V}}) \\ &= \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{U}', \mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}'} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{U}') k_{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}') \\ &+ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{U}'} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{U}') \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}'} k_{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}') \\ &- 2\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}} [\mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{U}'} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{U}') \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{V}'} k_{\mathcal{Y}}(\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}')] \end{aligned}$$

Gretton et al. 2005a,b

Many applications: goodness-of-fit, independence tests, feature selection, ...

# Kernel-embedding of probability distributions

## Pros

- > Thanks to the RKHS, only involves expectations of kernels
- > Less prone to the curse of dimensionality
- > **Can easily handle structured objects (curves, images, graphs, probability measures, ...) by using specific kernels tailored at such tasks**

## Cons

- > Choice of kernel / kernel hyperparameters ...



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Group

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$$\begin{aligned} k_{\mathcal{Y}}(y, y') = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_r(y)\phi_r(y') \quad \longrightarrow \quad \mathcal{S}_A^{\text{MMD}} &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_A} \mathbb{E}_{\xi, \xi' \sim P_{Y|\mathbf{X}_A}} (\phi_r(\xi)\phi_r(\xi')) - \mathbb{E}_{\zeta, \zeta' \sim P} (\phi_r(\zeta)\phi_r(\zeta')) \right\} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_A} \mathbb{E} (\phi_r(Y)|\mathbf{X}_A)^2 - \mathbb{E} (\phi_r(Y))^2 \right\} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \text{Var} \mathbb{E} (\phi_r(Y)|\mathbf{X}_A). \end{aligned}$$

> Aggregation of Sobol' indices on a (possibly) infinite number of nonlinear transformations of the output

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- > So we can define properly normalized MMD-based sensitivity indices
- > Proof is straightforward with Mercer's theorem

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From Theorem 3, we have the fundamental identity providing the interpretation of MMD-based indices as percentage of the explained generalized variance  $\text{MMD}_{\text{tot}}^2$ :

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**Why not use HSIC instead?**

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From Theorem 4, we have the fundamental identity providing the interpretation of HSIC-based indices as percentage of the explained HSIC dependence measure between  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, \dots, X_d)$  and  $Y$ :

$$\sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} S_A^{\text{HSIC}} = 1.$$

Interpretation as percentage

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$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}_A, Y) = \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_A} (\text{MMD}^2(\mathbb{P}_Y, \mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathbf{X}_A}))$$

where  $\text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}_A, Y)$  is defined with the product RKHS  $\mathcal{H}_A = \mathcal{F}_A \times \mathcal{G}$  and  $\text{MMD}^2(\mathbb{P}_Y, \mathbb{P}_{Y|\mathbf{X}_A})$  with the RKHS  $\mathcal{G}$ .

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## Estimation

- > Very easy, U-stat or V-stat, see Song et al. (2007); Gretton et al. (2008)



# Kernel-embedding of probability distributions for GSA: HSIC

**Wait a minute!**

*In addition, for all  $l = 1, \dots, d$  and  $\forall x_l \in \mathcal{X}_l$ , we have*

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}_l} k_l(x_l, x'_l) dP_{\mathcal{X}_l}(x'_l) = 0.$$

**Zero-mean kernel**

(11)

> **How do we build a kernel satisfying this?**

# Kernel-embedding of probability distributions for GSA: HSIC

Zero-mean kernel

$$\int_{\mathcal{X}_l} k_l(x_l, x'_l) dP_{\mathcal{X}_l}(x'_l) = 0.$$

## Easy case: inputs are uniform on [0,1]

> We can directly use famous Sobolev kernels (from SS-ANOVA, COSSO, ACOSSO, ...)

$$k_l(x_l, x'_l) = \frac{B_{2r}(|x_l - x'_l|)}{(-1)^{r+1}(2r)!} + \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{B_j(x_l)B_j(x'_l)}{(j!)^2}$$

where B are Bernoulli polynomials.

- > Always possible to transform independent inputs to end up with this case (via probability integral transform)
- > But sensitivity index is not invariant via nonlinear transformations
- > **See G. Sarazin's talk on Wednesday (session 6A)**

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## General case 1

- > Kernels built by Durrande et al. (2012) in the context of GP models with ANOVA decomposition inside

$$k_0^D(x, x') = k(x, x') - \frac{\int k(x, t) dP(t) \int k(x', t) dP(t)}{\iint k(s, t) dP(s) dP(t)}$$

- > Built from any initial kernel  $k$
- > Very nice theory, but needs numerical integration to compute the second term in general

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## General case 2

> Kernels introduced in the context of Stein discrepancy in lieu of MMD

$$k_0^S(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') = \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}'} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}'} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}'} p(\mathbf{x}')}{p(\mathbf{x}')} \nabla_{\mathbf{x}} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') + \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}} p(\mathbf{x})}{p(\mathbf{x})} \frac{\nabla_{\mathbf{x}'} p(\mathbf{x}')}{p(\mathbf{x}')} k(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}')$$

- > Built from any initial kernel  $k$  again, but must be differentiable this time
- > Needs derivative of the log pdf of the inputs
- > Means that we only need to know the pdf up to a constant
  - ◆ Trick extensively used lately (see Chris' talk)
  - ◆ **A potential interest for GSA problems where some inputs are obtained through Bayesian calibration**

# 3

## WHAT ABOUT DEPENDENT INPUTS ?

## Shapley effects

**Definition 4** (Shapley effects (Shapley, 1953)). For any  $l = 1 \dots, d$ , the Shapley effect of input  $X_l$  is given by

$$Sh_l = \frac{1}{\text{Var } Y} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d, A \not\ni l} \binom{p-1}{|A|}^{-1} \left\{ \text{Var } \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}_{A \cup \{l\}}) - \text{Var } \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}_A) \right\}. \quad (14)$$

This definition corresponds to the Shapley value (Shapley, 1953)

$$\phi_l = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d, A \not\ni l} \binom{p-1}{|A|}^{-1} \left\{ \text{val}(A \cup \{l\}) - \text{val}(A) \right\}$$

with value function  $\text{val} : \mathcal{P}_d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  equal to  $\text{val}(A) = \text{Var } \mathbb{E}(Y | \mathbf{X}_A) / \text{Var } Y$ . Moreover, we have the following decomposition

$$\sum_{l=1}^p Sh_l = 1.$$

The only requirement is that the value function satisfies  $\text{val} : \mathcal{P}_d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  such that  $\text{val}(\emptyset) = 0$ .

# GSA with dependent inputs: Shapley effects

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- > Reliability-oriented value function (Idrissi et al. 2021 – session 5A on Wednesday)
- > Why not plugging our kernel-based indices ?

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**Definition 5** (Kernel-embedding Shapley effects). *For any  $l = 1 \dots, d$ , we define*

(a) *The MMD-Shapley effect*

$$Sh_l^{\text{MMD}} = \frac{1}{\text{MMD}_{\text{tot}}^2} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d, A \not\ni l} \binom{p-1}{|A|}^{-1} \left\{ \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_{A \cup \{l\}}} \left( \text{MMD}^2(P_Y, P_{Y|\mathbf{X}_{A \cup \{l\}}}) \right) - \mathbb{E}_{\mathbf{X}_A} \left( \text{MMD}^2(P_Y, P_{Y|\mathbf{X}_A}) \right) \right\} \quad (15)$$

*provided Assumption 1 holds.*

(b) *The HSIC-Shapley effect*

$$Sh_l^{\text{HSIC}} = \frac{1}{\text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}, Y)} \frac{1}{p} \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d, A \not\ni l} \binom{p-1}{|A|}^{-1} \left\{ \text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}_{A \cup \{l\}}, Y) - \text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}_A, Y) \right\} \quad (16)$$

*provided Assumptions 2 and 3 hold.*



# 4

## EXAMPLES

## Obviously kernel indices can be used in standard GSA studies

### But we believe their true potential lies in how they can handle more complex cases

- > Stochastic simulators
  - ◆ Meaning the model output is a probability distribution (molecular dynamics, predictive maintenance, ...)
- > Functional simulators (curves, images, ...)
- > Multi-class outputs
  - ◆ Goal-oriented for different output regimes, or intrinsic categorical models

## Examples: stochastic simulator

$$Y = (X_1 + 2X_2 + U_1) \sin(3X_3 - 4X_4 + N) + U_2 + 5X_5B + \sum_{i=1}^5 iX_i$$

Input variables

« Internal » random variables  
responsible for code stochasticity

$$X_1, \dots, X_5 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$$

$$U_1 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1), U_2 \sim \mathcal{U}(1, 2), N \sim \mathcal{N}(0, 1) \quad B \sim \text{Bernoulli}(1/2)$$

## Examples: stochastic simulator

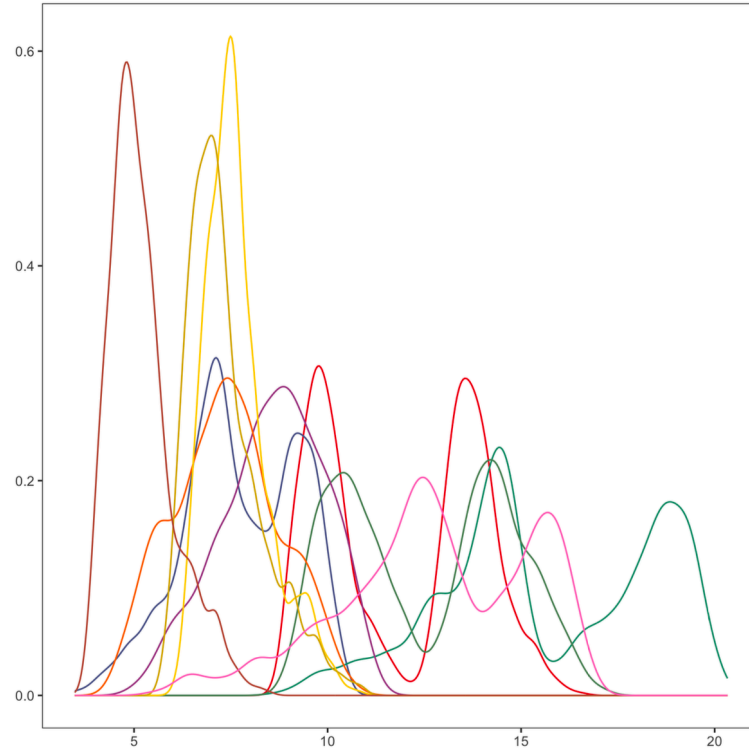
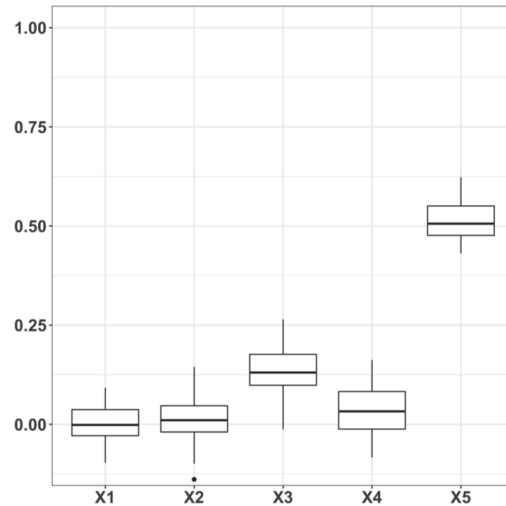


Figure 3: Stochastic simulator test case. Output probability distribution for 20 values of the input variables chosen at random. The distribution is estimated with a kernel-density estimator.

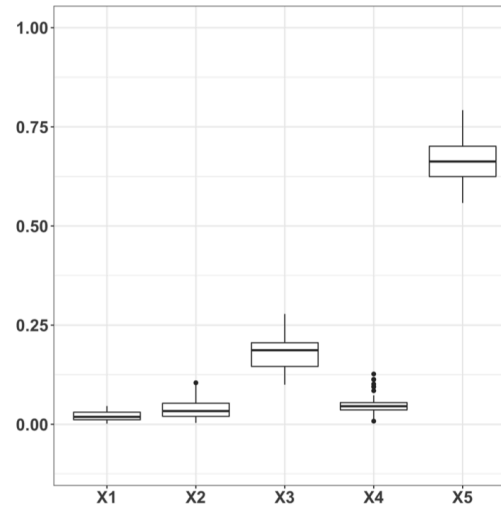
# Examples: stochastic simulator

## Kernel-based indices: we need to define a kernel on probability distributions

- > Several options
- > Histogram kernel, Wasserstein kernel, **MMD-kernel**  $k_{\gamma}(P, Q) = \sigma^2 e^{-\lambda \text{MMD}^2(P, Q)}$



(a) MMD first-order index

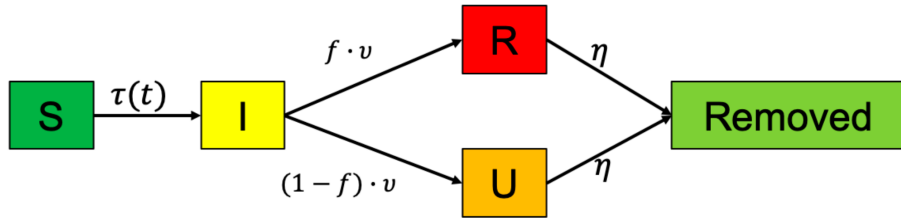


(b) HSIC first-order index

Figure 5: Stochastic simulator test case. First-order MMD (a) and HSIC (b) indices of the output distribution with rank and V-statistic estimators, respectively,  $n = 200$ , 50 replicates.

# Examples: functional outputs

We consider a simple modified SIR model for COVID-19



$$\frac{dS}{dt} = -\tau S(I + U)$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \tau S(I + U) - \nu I$$

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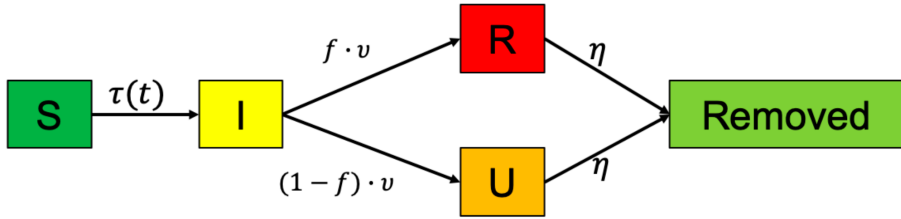
Incertain input parameters

$$CR(t) = \chi_1 \exp(\chi_2 t) - 1$$

$$I_0 = \frac{\chi_2}{f\nu}, U_0 = \frac{(1 - f)\nu}{\eta + \chi_2} I_0, R_0 = 1$$

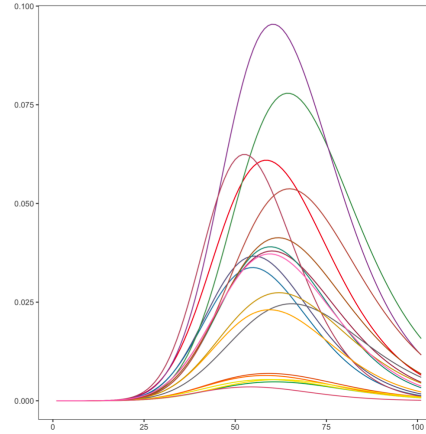
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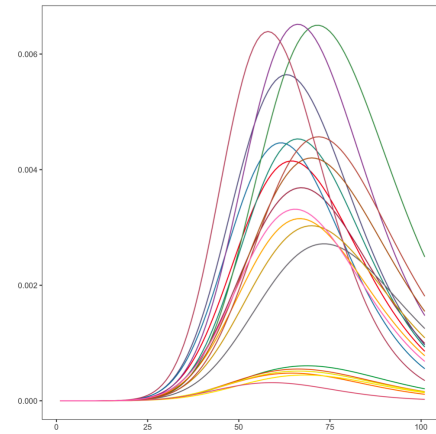


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Incertain input parameters



(a) Infectious cases



(b) Reported cases

Figure 7: Functional simulator test case. Output dynamics over time for compartment  $I$  (left) and  $R$  (right) for 20 values of the input variables chosen at random. They are both normalized by the total population  $S_0$ .

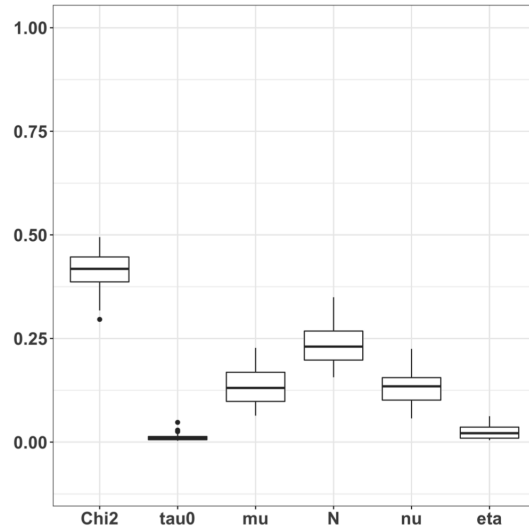
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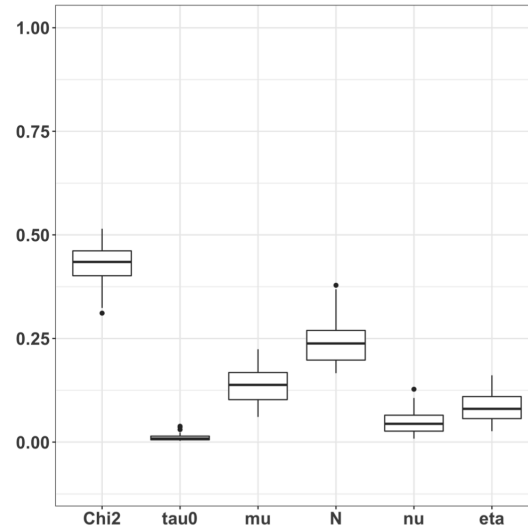
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## Kernel-based indices: we need to define a kernel on timeseries

- > Several options
- > We use the **global-alignment kernel** of Cuturi (2011) inspired by dynamic-time warping



(a) First-order HSIC index for compartment  $I$



(b) First-order HSIC index for compartment  $R$

Figure 8: Functional simulator test case. First-order HSIC index for compartments  $I$  (left) and  $R$  (right) with V-statistics estimator,  $n = 200$ , 50 replicates.



# Conclusion & outlook

## Introduction of new kernel-based sensitivity indices

- > Generalizations of Sobol' indices
- > But moment-independent or distributional indices
- > Can easily handle more complex output types
- > **With an ANOVA-like decomposition**
- > More details on proofs, estimators and test cases in D. 2021 and example use in D. et al. 2021

## Still room for improvement

- > Theory: we heavily rely on Mercer's theorem, we will investigate if decompositions still holds without it
- > Theory: CLT for our estimators would be useful to test if indices are zero
- > **Practice: choice of kernels and hyperparameters**



*Thank you for your  
attention*

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# 5

## APPENDIX

## Proof outline for ANOVA decomposition of HSIC (1/2)

First assume that Mercer's theorem holds  $k_Y(y, y') = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_r(y) \phi_r(y')$

Then write HSIC as

$$\text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}, Y) = \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \|g^{[r]}\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2 \quad g^{[r]}(\mathbf{x}) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{Y}} k_{\mathcal{X}}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{x}') \phi_r(y') [p_{\mathbf{X}Y}(\mathbf{x}', y') - p_{\mathbf{X}}(\mathbf{x}') p_Y(y')] d\mathbf{x}' dy'$$

Key part: orthogonal decomposition of each  $g$  function thanks to Kuo et al. (2010)

> This is where we need the strong assumptions on the input kernels

$$g^{[r]} = \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} g_A^{[r]}$$

$$g_A^{[r]} = \sum_{B \subseteq A} (-1)^{|A|-|B|} P_{-B}(g^{[r]})$$

## Proof outline for ANOVA decomposition of HSIC (2/2)

We then plug the decompositions inside HSIC

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}, Y) &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \|g^{[r]}\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \|g_A^{[r]}\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2 \\
 &= \sum_{A \subseteq \mathcal{P}_d} \sum_{B \subseteq A} (-1)^{|A|-|B|} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \|P_{-B}(g^{[r]})\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2
 \end{aligned}$$

And the final result comes from rewriting the projections

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \|P_{-B}(g^{[r]})\|_{\mathcal{F}}^2 &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \int_{\mathcal{X}_B \times \mathcal{X}_B} \int_{\mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y}} k_B(\mathbf{x}_B, \mathbf{x}'_B) \phi_r(y) \phi_r(y') [p_{\mathbf{X}_B Y}(\mathbf{x}_B, y) - p_{\mathbf{X}_B}(\mathbf{x}_B) p_Y(y)] \\
 &\quad [p_{\mathbf{X}_B Y}(\mathbf{x}'_B, y') - p_{\mathbf{X}_B}(\mathbf{x}'_B) p_Y(y')] d\mathbf{x}_B d\mathbf{x}'_B dy dy' \\
 &= \int_{\mathcal{X}_B \times \mathcal{X}_B} \int_{\mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y}} k_B(\mathbf{x}_B, \mathbf{x}'_B) \left( \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \phi_r(y) \phi_r(y') \right) [p_{\mathbf{X}_B Y}(\mathbf{x}_B, y) - p_{\mathbf{X}_B}(\mathbf{x}_B) p_Y(y)] \\
 &\quad [p_{\mathbf{X}_B Y}(\mathbf{x}'_B, y') - p_{\mathbf{X}_B}(\mathbf{x}'_B) p_Y(y')] d\mathbf{x}_B d\mathbf{x}'_B dy dy' \\
 &= \int_{\mathcal{X}_B \times \mathcal{X}_B} \int_{\mathcal{Y} \times \mathcal{Y}} k_B(\mathbf{x}_B, \mathbf{x}'_B) k_Y(y, y') [p_{\mathbf{X}_B Y}(\mathbf{x}_B, y) - p_{\mathbf{X}_B}(\mathbf{x}_B) p_Y(y)] \\
 &\quad [p_{\mathbf{X}_B Y}(\mathbf{x}'_B, y') - p_{\mathbf{X}_B}(\mathbf{x}'_B) p_Y(y')] d\mathbf{x}_B d\mathbf{x}'_B dy dy' \\
 &= \text{HSIC}(\mathbf{X}_B, Y).
 \end{aligned}$$