

# Comparison of Active Subspaces and Global Sensitivity Measures for Problems with Rotations and Dependent Variables

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# Motivation

Sensitivity analysis (SA) should be able to quantify uncertainty of parameters, or their combinations regardless of their space orientation for example for directions not aligned with the axes of the parameter space

*Active subspaces (AS)* identifies important directions in the parameter space which allows

- 1) dimension reduction
- 2) to perform SA invariant of space rotations

# Active Subspaces

$$f(x) \in C^1, x \in \mathbb{R}^n, x \sim p(x), \left\{ \frac{\partial f(x)}{\partial x_i} \right\} \in L^2, \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

Compute matrix  $C = E[\nabla f \nabla f^T]$  and its eigenvalue decomposition:  $C = W \Lambda W^T$ ,

$\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$ ,  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$  are eigenvalues,

$W$  - orthogonal matrix of eigenvectors forming the basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$ .

Find a partition  $\Lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \Lambda_1 & \\ & \Lambda_2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $W = [W_1 \ W_2]$ ,

$W_1$  - eigenvectors of the top  $k$  eigenvalues ( $k \ll n$ ),

Their span is called the “active subspace” (AS) .

$$x = W W^T x = W_1 W_1^T x + W_2 W_2^T x = W_1 y + W_2 z,$$

$$f(x) = f(W_1 y + W_2 z) \approx g(y), \text{ where } y = W_1^T x, \begin{array}{l} y \in \mathbb{R}^k \text{ - active variables,} \\ z \in \mathbb{R}^{n-k} \text{ - inactive variables} \end{array}$$

Ref.: P.G. Constantine, *Active Subspaces: Emerging Ideas for Dimension Reduction in Parameter Studies*, SIAM, Philadelphia, 2015

# Derivative based global sensitivity measures (DGSM) and their link with Active subspaces

$$f(\mathbf{x}) \in C(H^n), \left\{ \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i} \right\} \in L^2(H^n), \forall i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$v_i = \int_{H^n} \left( \frac{\partial f(\mathbf{x})}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 d\mathbf{x}$$

$$S_i^{tot} \leq \frac{v_i}{\pi^{2D}}$$

Link with Active subspaces

$$v_i = C_{ii}$$

Ref.: Sobol' I.M., Kucherenko S. *A new derivative based importance criterion for groups of variables and its link with the global sensitivity index.* *Comp. Physics Comm.*, 181, 1212-1217, 2010)

# Active Subspaces for Problems with Rotations

Consider model in transformed coordinates:  $x' = \hat{R}x$ ,  
rotation matrix  $\hat{R}$  is orthogonal.

Consider the link between sensitivity measures of  $f(x')$  with respect to  $x'$  coordinates and  $f_R = f(\hat{R}x)$  with respect to  $x$  coordinates.

Example 1. Ishigami function

$$f(x') = \sin x'_1 + a \sin^2 x'_2 + bx_3'^4 \sin x'_1, x'_i \in [-\pi, \pi], i=1, 2, 3$$

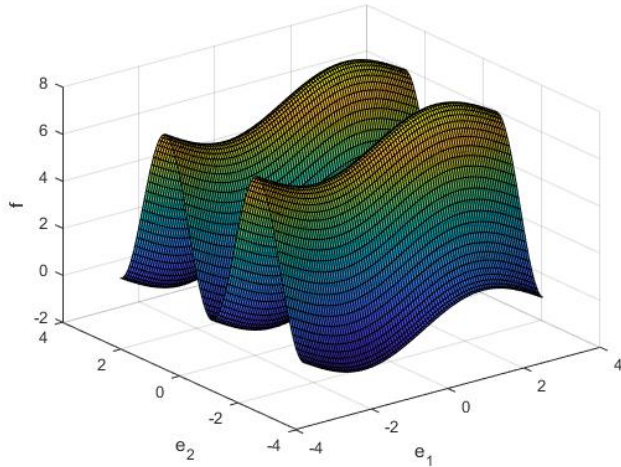
Example 2. Ishigami function with rotation on  $\theta$

$$\hat{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

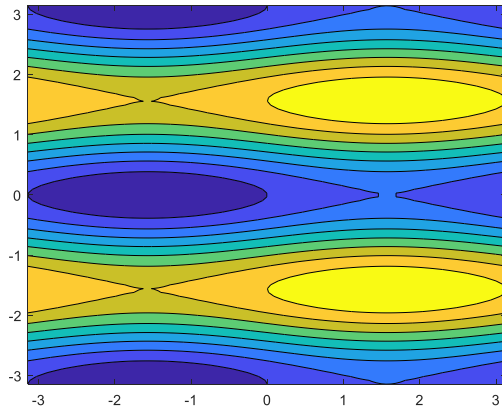
$$f_R(x) = \sin(\cos(\theta)x_1 - \sin(\theta)x_2) + a \sin^2(\cos(\theta)x_1 + \sin(\theta)x_2) \\ + bx_3^4 \sin(\cos(\theta)x_1 - \sin(\theta)x_2)$$

# Ishigami function

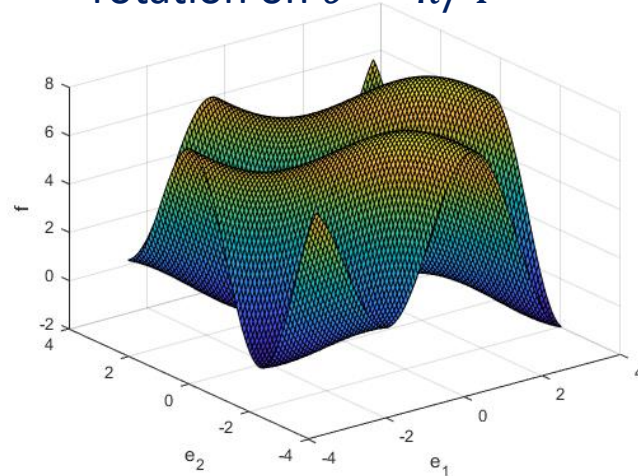
without rotation



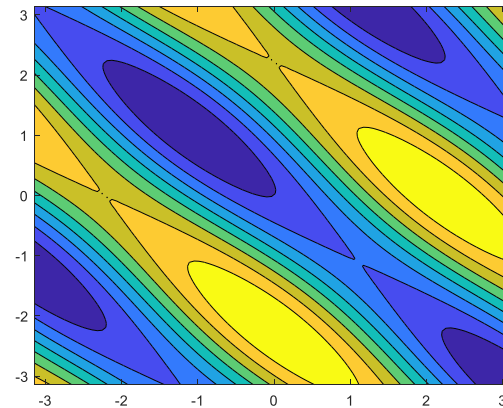
$$f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3 = 0.0)$$



rotation on  $\theta = \pi/4$



$$f_R(x_1, x_2, x_3 = 0.0)$$



Contour lines

# Link between DGSM for problems with rotations

Note that  $\frac{\partial f_R}{\partial x_i} = \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_j} \frac{\partial x'_j}{\partial x_i}$ .

$\frac{\partial x'_j}{\partial x_i} = r_{ji}, r_{ji}$  - elements of  $\hat{R}$

$$v_i^R = \int_{H^n} \left[ \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ji} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_j} \right]^2 dx = \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ji} v_i + \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{k \neq j}^n r_{ji} r_{ki} \int_{H^n} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_j} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_k} \right] dx$$

Example.  $f(x'_1, x'_2, x'_3)$  with corresponding  $v_1, v_2, v_3$ .

$$\hat{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \cos(\theta) & -\sin(\theta) & 0 \\ \sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$v_1^R = \cos(\theta)^2 v_1 + \sin(\theta)^2 v_2 + \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \int_{H^n} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_2} \right] dx$$

$$v_2^R = \sin(\theta)^2 v_1 + \cos(\theta)^2 v_2 - \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \int_{H^n} \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_1} \frac{\partial f}{\partial x'_2} \right] dx$$

$$v_3^R = v_3$$



# Active Subspaces for Problems with Rotations

Note that  $\nabla_x f_R(\hat{R}x) = \hat{R}^T \nabla_{x'} f(x')$

$$C_R = \int \nabla_x f_R \nabla_x f_R^T dx = \hat{R}^T C \hat{R}, \quad C = W \Lambda W^T \text{ - a matrix of } f(x')$$

The results of AS are exactly the same as in the case with no rotation:

$C_R$  and  $C$  have the same eigenvalues,  $W_R = \hat{R}^T W$ .

Active directions  $\hat{R}^T W_1$ ,

A low-dimensional approximation of  $f_R \approx g(\hat{R}^T W_1 x)$ .

# DGSM and Sobol' SI. Ishigami function without rotation

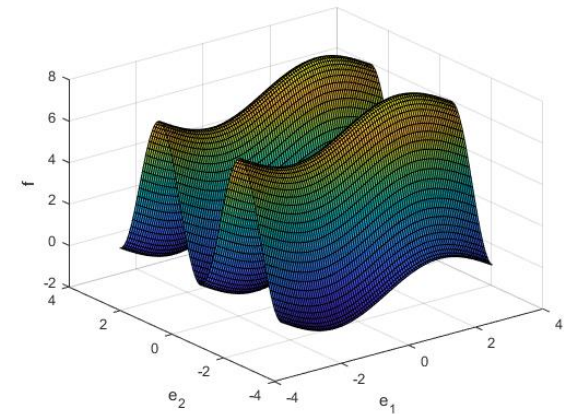
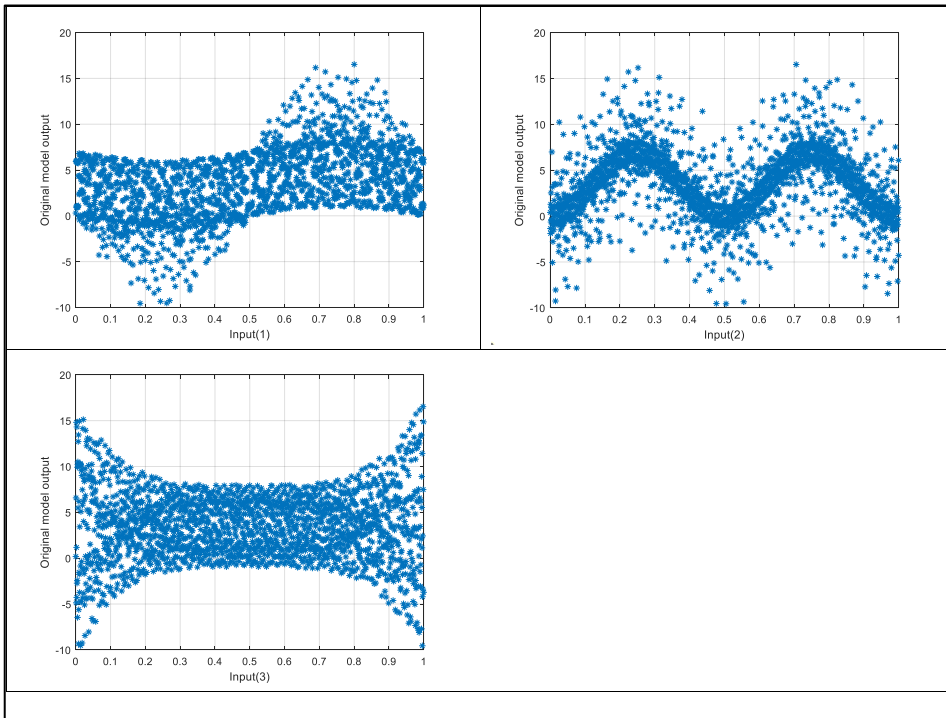
$$\text{Sobol' SI: } D = \frac{a^2}{8} + \frac{b\pi^4}{5} + \frac{b^2\pi^8}{18} + \frac{1}{2},$$

$$S_1^{tot} = \frac{1}{D} \left[ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{b\pi^4}{5} + \frac{b^2\pi^8}{18} \right], S_2^{tot} = \frac{a^2}{8D}, S_3^{tot} = \frac{b^2\pi^8}{225D}.$$

$$\text{DGSM: } \nu_1 = 2\pi^2 + \frac{4b\pi^6}{5} + \frac{2b^2\pi^{10}}{9}, \nu_2 = 2a^2\pi^2, \nu_3 = \frac{32b^2\pi^8}{7}.$$

Results for  $a=7$ ,  $b=0.1$ .

Variable	$S_i^{tot}$	$\nu_i$
1	0.55	304.75
2	0.44	967.22
3	0.24	433.76

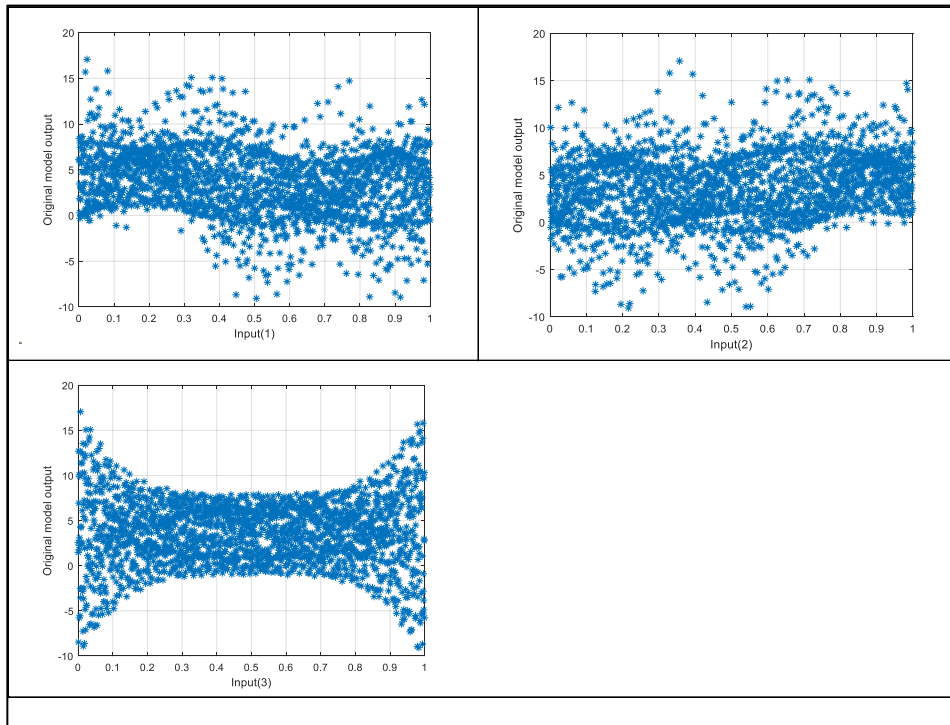


# DGSM and Sobol SI. Ishigami function ( $\alpha=7, b=0.1$ ) with rotation

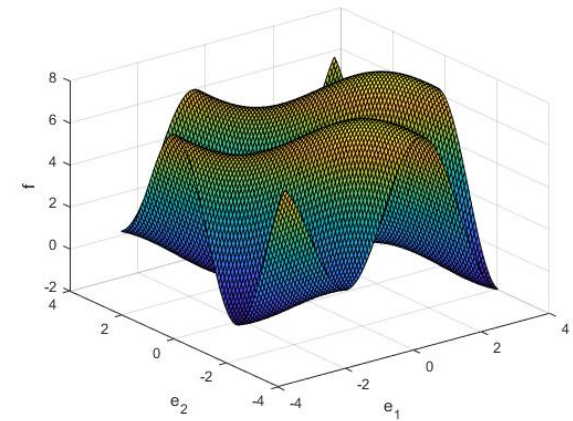
Rotation:  $\theta = \pi/4$ ,

$$v_i^R = v_1 + v_2, \quad i = 1, 2; \quad v_3^R = v_3$$

Variable	$S_i^{tot}$	$v_i$
1	0.75	635
2	0.73	635
3	0.24	411



Scatter plots



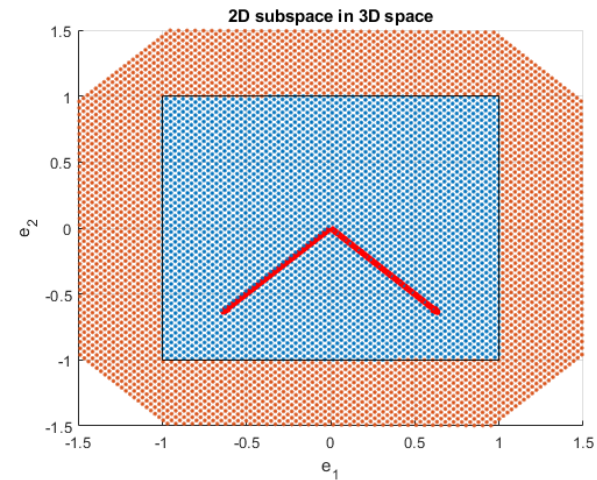
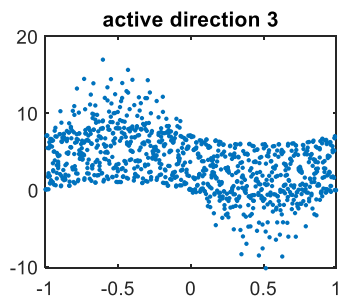
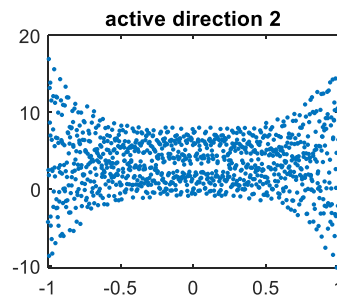
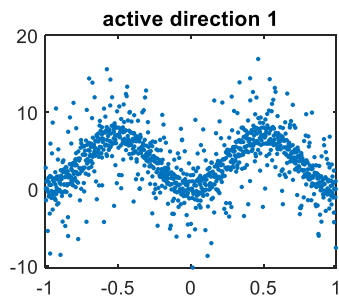
Results are inconclusive

# Active Subspaces. Ishigami function ( $a=7, b=0.1$ ) with rotation

Rotation:  $\theta = \pi/4$ .

$\Lambda = [240.4; 103.4; 78.8]$ ,

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0.0 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0.0 & \sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0.0 & 1.0 & 0.0 \end{bmatrix}$$



The scatter plots in the active dimensional space are the same as in the case of no rotation

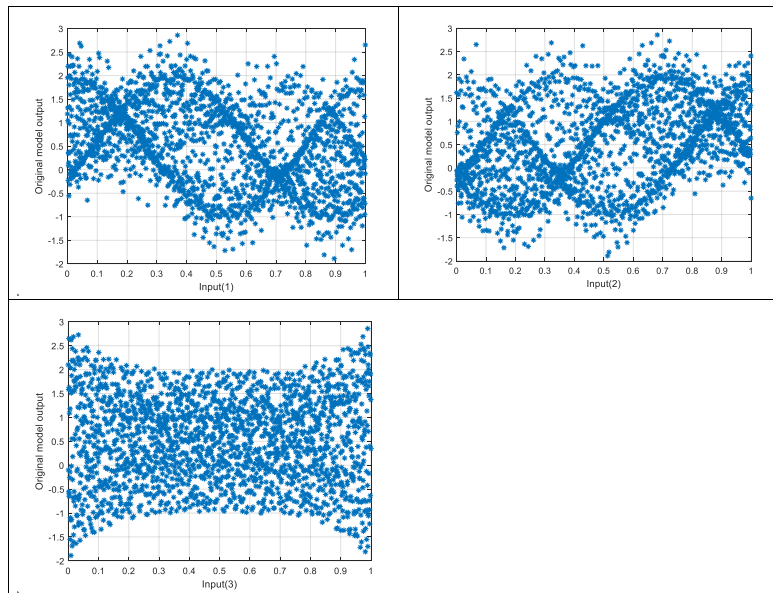
Active directions

# DGSM and Sobol SI. Ishigami function ( $a=1, b=0.01$ ) with rotation

rotation:  $\theta = \pi/4$

Variable	$S_i$	$S_i^{tot}$	$v_i$
1	0.15	0.81	26
2	0.13	0.79	26
3	0.0	0.04	4.1

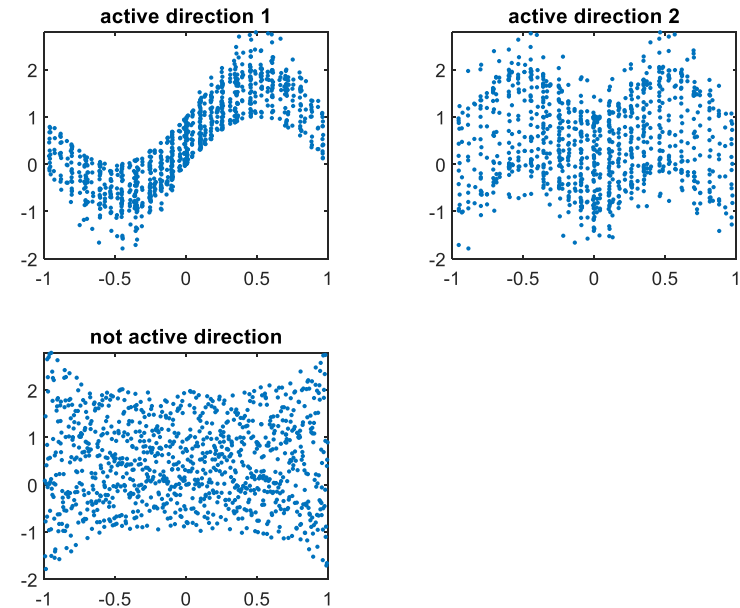
dominant first two inputs – same ranking



without rotation

Variable	$S_i$	$S_i^{tot}$	$v_i$
1	0.82	0.86	29.5
2	0.14	0.14	19.7
3	0.0	0.04	4.33

different ranking for all inputs



Scatter plots don't reveal any patterns

Scatter plots in the active dimensional space are the same as in the case of no rotation

# Active Subspaces. Ishigami function ( $\alpha=1, b=0.01$ )

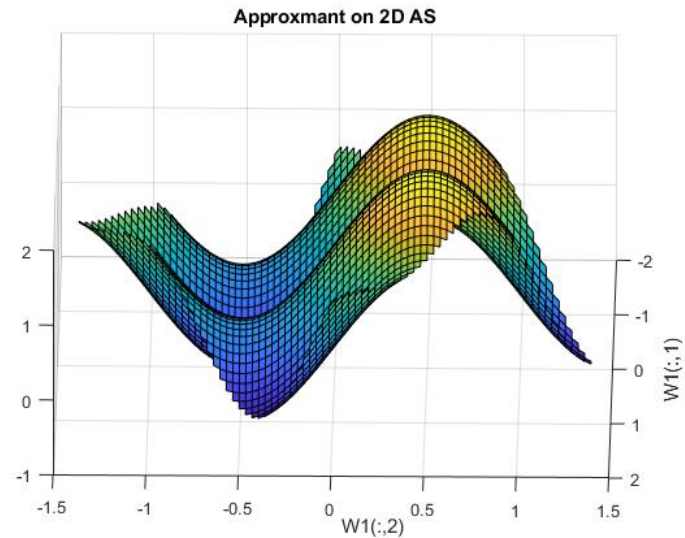
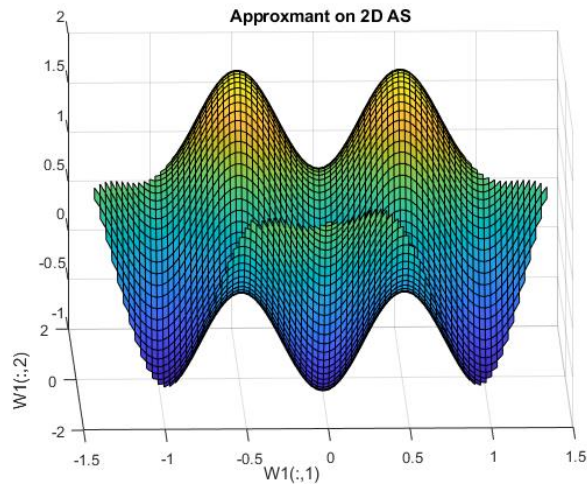
rotation:  $\theta = \pi/4$

$\Lambda = [7.6; 4.9; 1.04]$ ,

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} -\sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0.0 \\ \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 & 0.0 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 & 1.0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \gg \lambda_3$  – 2D active subspace is defined by

$$\Lambda_1 = [7.6; 4.9], W_1 = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ -\sqrt{2}/2 & -\sqrt{2}/2 \\ 0.0 & 0.0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ - dimension reduction from 3D to 2D}$$



2D plots in the active dimensional space are the same as in the case of no rotation

# Models with correlated inputs

**Proposition.** Let  $\mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \Sigma)$  be the  $n$ -multivariate Gaussian distribution,  $\mathcal{L}$  be the Cholesky factor of  $\Sigma$

If  $x = (x_j, x_{\sim j}) \sim \mathcal{N}_n(\mu, \Sigma)$ , then there exists  $d - 1$  independent random variables  $Z \sim \mathcal{N}_{n-1}(0, I)$  and a function  $r_j: R^n \rightarrow R^{n-1}$  such that  $x_j$  is independent of  $Z$  and

$$x_{\sim j} \stackrel{n}{=} r_j(x_j, Z) = \left[ \mathcal{L} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sigma_j} [x_j - E(x_j)] \\ Z \end{bmatrix} + \mu \right]_{\sim 1},$$

where  $\sigma_j$  is the standard deviation of  $x_j$  and  $[\cdot]_{\sim 1}$  means that the first element of the vector is excluded.

Ref: *M. Lamboni, S. Kucherenko Multivariate sensitivity analysis and derivative-based global sensitivity measures with dependent variables, RESS, 212 (2021) 107519*

# Linear model with correlated inputs. Active Subspaces

$$f(x) = x_1 + x_2,$$
$$x \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 \\ \rho\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Using representation  $f(X_1, r_1(x_1, Z_2)), f(x_2, r_2(x_2, Z_1))$

$$\text{We find } \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \left(1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}\right), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = \left(1 + \frac{\rho\sigma_1}{\sigma_2}\right)$$

$$\text{Denote } A = \frac{\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}, M = \frac{1+\rho A}{1+\rho/A}.$$

Applying AS methodology we find:

$$\Lambda = [(1 + \rho A)^2 + (1 + \frac{\rho}{A})^2, 0],$$

$$W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{M}{\sqrt{1+M^2}} & -\frac{1}{M\sqrt{1+(1/M)^2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+M^2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(1/M)^2}} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = W_1^T x = \frac{M}{\sqrt{1+M^2}} x_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+M^2}} x_2 \quad \text{- active direction}$$

$$z = W_2^T x = -\frac{1}{M\sqrt{1+(1/M)^2}} x_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+(1/M)^2}} x_2 \quad \text{- not active direction}$$



# Linear model with correlated inputs. AS, Sobol SI and DGSM

$$S_1 = \frac{(\sigma_1 + \rho\sigma_2)^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}, S_1^T = \frac{\sigma_1^2(1 - \rho^2)}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2},$$
$$S_2 = \frac{(\sigma_2 + \rho\sigma_1)^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}, S_2^T = \frac{\sigma_2^2(1 - \rho^2)}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\rho\sigma_1\sigma_2}$$

$$v_1 = (1 + \rho A)^2, v_2 = (1 + \rho/A)^2$$

Extreme case 1.  $\rho=0.0, \rightarrow M=1$

$$A = [2, 0], \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \end{bmatrix}.$$

$$y = W_1^T x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_2 - \text{ active direction}$$

$$z = W_2^T x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}x_2 - \text{ not active direction}$$

$$S_1 = S_1^T = \frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\sigma_1\sigma_2}, S_2 = S_2^T = \frac{\sigma_2^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \sigma_2^2 + 2\sigma_1\sigma_2}$$

$$v_1 = v_2 = 1$$

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Extreme case 2.  $\sigma_2 \rightarrow 0$ ,  $A = 0$ ,  $M = 0$

$$A = [\rightarrow \infty, 0], \quad W = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y = W_1^T x = x_2 - \text{active direction}$$

$$z = W_2^T x = -x_1 - \text{not active direction}$$

$$S_1 = 1, S_1^T = (1 - \rho^2), \\ S_2 = \rho^2, S_2^T = 0$$

$$v_1 = 1, v_2 \rightarrow \infty$$

Ref.: *S. Kucherenko, S. Tarantola, P. Annoni. Estimation of global sensitivity indices for models with dependent variables, Comp. Physics Comm., 183 (2012) 937–946*

# Ishigami function ( $a=1, b=0.01$ ) with correlated inputs

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \rho_{13}\sigma_1\sigma_3 \\ \rho_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 & \rho_{23}\sigma_2\sigma_3 \\ \rho_{13}\sigma_1\sigma_3 & \rho_{23}\sigma_2\sigma_3 & \sigma_3^2 \end{bmatrix}\right)$$

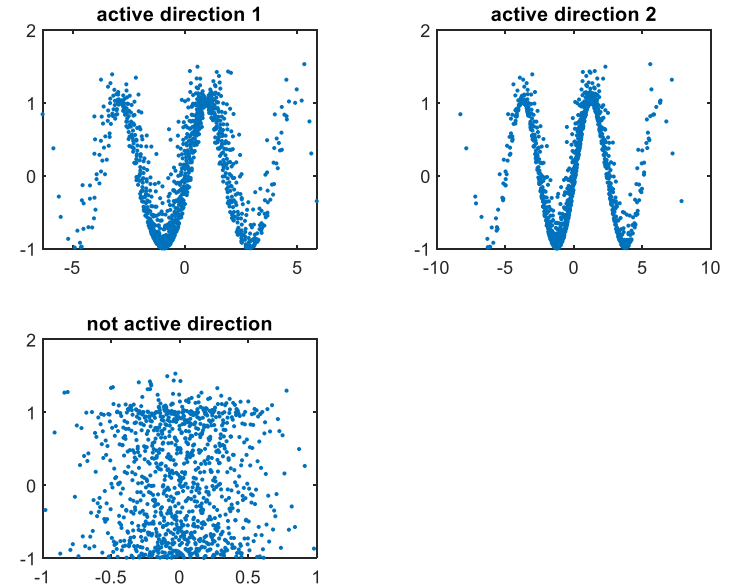
$$\sigma_1^2=10, \sigma_2^2=0.1, \sigma_3^2=0.1,$$

$$\rho_{12}=0.1, \rho_{13}=\rho_{23}=0$$

$$\Lambda = [1.15; 0.12; 0.0],$$

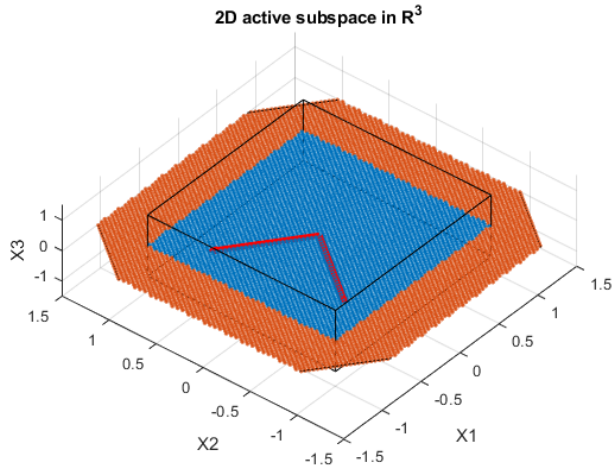
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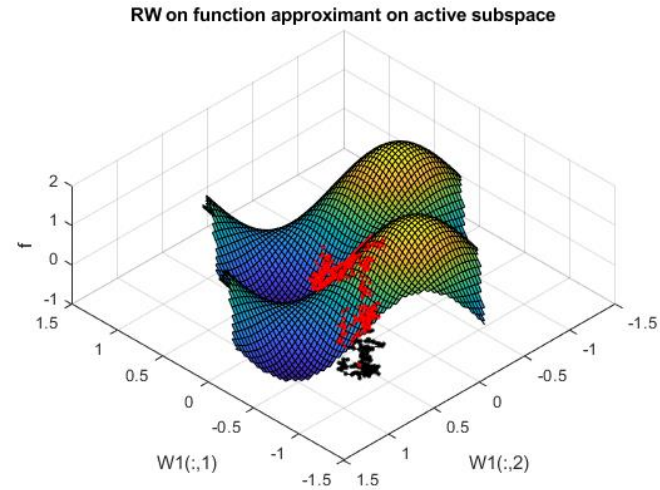


Scatter plots in the active dimensional space

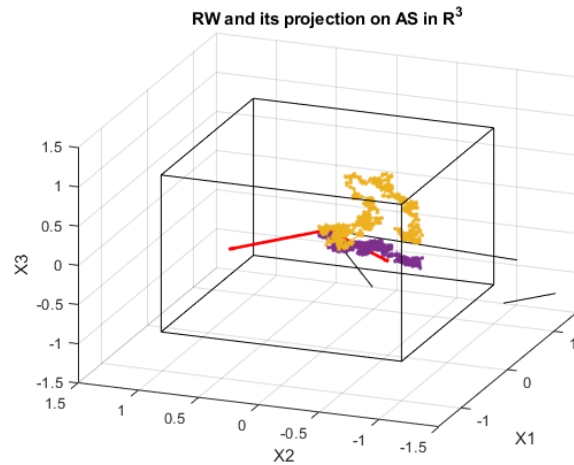
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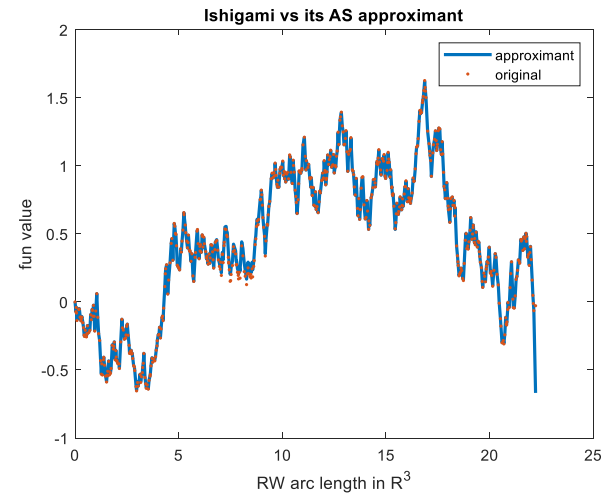
Active directions



Random walk on 2D function approximant on active subspace



Random walk (RW) in  $R^3$  (yellow line) and its projection on 2D AS



RW on full model (red dots) and its projection on 2D AS (blue line)

# Summary

1. The AS method is capable of finding new directions in which parameters have the same importance regardless of their space orientation.
2. Sobol' and DGSM methods are unable to identify directions and rank parameters in active subspaces rather than in original directions.
3. The AS method allows dimension reduction by ignoring inactive variables.
4. We generalised the AS methodology for the case of models with dependent variables and showed its efficiency

# Link between DGSM and Active subspaces

Constantine et al. introduced the so-called activity score defined as

$$a_i(k) = \sum_{j=1}^k \lambda_j w_{i,j}^2, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

- a combined reflection of the contribution of each input variable to the active subspace.

A link between the activity score and DGSM:

$$a_i(n) = \sum_{j=1}^n \lambda_j w_{i,j}^2 = v_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Ref.: *Paul G. Constantine, Paul Diaz, Global sensitivity metrics from active subspaces, Reliability Engineering and System Safety 162 (2017) 1–13.*

# Models with correlated inputs. Derivatives

Linear function:  $f(x) = x_1 + x_2 + x_3$ ,

$$x \sim \mathcal{N}\left(0, \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & \rho_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \rho_{13}\sigma_1\sigma_3 \\ \rho_{12}\sigma_1\sigma_2 & \sigma_2^2 & \rho_{23}\sigma_2\sigma_3 \\ \rho_{13}\sigma_1\sigma_3 & \rho_{23}\sigma_2\sigma_3 & \sigma_3^2 \end{bmatrix}\right).$$

Model  $(x_1, x_2, x_3)$  as follows:  $(x_2, x_3) = r_1(x_1, Z_2, Z_3)$ ,

$$\begin{cases} X_2 = \frac{\rho_{12}\sigma_2}{\sigma_1}X_1 + \sqrt{1 - \rho_{12}^2}Z_2 \\ X_3 = \frac{\rho_{13}\sigma_3}{\sigma_1}X_1 + \frac{\sigma_3(\rho_{23} - \rho_{12}\rho_{13})}{\sigma_2\sqrt{1 - \rho_{12}^2}}Z_2 + \sqrt{\frac{1 - \rho_{12}^2 - \rho_{13}^2 - \rho_{23}^2 + 2\rho_{12}\rho_{13}\rho_{23}}{1 - \rho_{12}^2}}Z_3, \end{cases}$$

$Z_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0, I), j = 2, 3$ ,  $Z_2, Z_3, X_1$  are independent.

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} f(X_1, r_1(x_1, Z_2, Z_3)) &= \left(1 + \frac{\rho_{12}\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} + \frac{\rho_{13}\sigma_3}{\sigma_1}\right)X_1 \\ &+ \left(\sqrt{1 - \rho_{12}^2} + \frac{\sigma_3(\rho_{23} - \rho_{12}\rho_{13})}{\sigma_2\sqrt{1 - \rho_{12}^2}}\right)Z_2 \\ &+ \sqrt{\frac{1 - \rho_{12}^2 - \rho_{13}^2 - \rho_{23}^2 + 2\rho_{12}\rho_{13}\rho_{23}}{1 - \rho_{12}^2}}Z_3 \end{aligned}$$

then  $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \left(1 + \frac{\rho_{12}\sigma_2}{\sigma_1} + \frac{\rho_{13}\sigma_3}{\sigma_1}\right)$

Similarly we find  $f(x_2, r_2(x_2, Z_1, Z_3)), \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots$