

Importance measures with dependent inputs: linear and non-linear cases

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Uncertainty quantifiation context in neutronic



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Interest variable :

• ψ the neutron flux.

Input variables :

 $\blacktriangleright~\sim$ 2000 variables : large size and correlations.

Approached model :

Linear regression model



The linear case : Context of our presentation

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An overview of variance-based importance measures in the linear regression context: comparative analyses and numerical tests

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Basics of multivariate linear regression

Framework and notations

Experimental design

 n observations (R-valued) of an explained random variable Y and of d explanatory random variables X = (X₁,...,X_d) :

$$\left(\mathbf{X}^{n},\mathbf{y}^{n}\right) = \left(\mathbf{x}_{1}^{(i)},\ldots,\mathbf{x}_{d}^{(i)},y^{(i)}\right)_{i=1,\ldots,n}$$

Assumption. without any loss of generality

$$\mathbb{E}[X_j] = 0$$
 for $j = 1, ..., d$ and $\mathbb{E}[Y] = 0$



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Multivariate linear regression model

 $Y = \boldsymbol{X}\beta + \varepsilon.$

• where $\beta = (\beta_1, \dots, \beta_d)^\top \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is the vector of coefficients,

 \blacktriangleright ε is a random error assumed to be Gaussian and centered.

Assumption. $\varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2)$ and $\mathbb{E}[\varepsilon | \mathbf{X}] = 0$.

For each observation i = 1, ..., n, $y^{(i)} = x^{(i)}\beta + \varepsilon^{(i)}$ where for all i = 1, ..., n, the $\varepsilon^{(i)}$ s are independent and identically distributed with the same law as ε . Therefore, determine :

$$\mathbb{E}\left[\boldsymbol{Y}|\boldsymbol{X} = \left(\mathbf{x}_{1}^{(i)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{d}^{(i)}\right)\right] = \mathbf{x}^{(i)}\boldsymbol{\beta}.$$



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Estimating model coefficients β

Hypothesis. The sample size is large enough $(n \gg d)$, and the matrix $\mathbf{X}^{n\top}\mathbf{X}^{n}$ is positive-definite.

The unbiased maximum likelihood estimator (Ordinary Least Squares [Chr90]) :

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}} = (\mathbf{X}^{n\top}\mathbf{X}^{n})^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{n\top}\mathbf{y}^{n}.$$

Coefficient of determination

• Quantify the **output variability captured** by the linear regression model : $R^{2} = R^{2}_{Y(X)} := 1 - \frac{\mathbb{E}\left[\mathbb{V}(Y|X)\right]}{\mathbb{V}(Y)} = \frac{\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{E}[Y|X])}{\mathbb{V}(Y)}.$



The R^2 decomposition

The Variance-based importance measures (VIM) describe the impact of input data on **output dispersion** and are equivalent to partition R^2 among the *d* inputs

Criteria for R^2 decomposition

Four basic desirability criteria can be sought after for a VIM (according to Grothendieck [Gro07]) :

- (C₁) Proper decomposition : the sum of all shares should be equal to the total variance;
- ▶ (C₂) Non-negativity : all shares should be nonnegative ;
- (C_3) *Exclusion* : if $\beta_j = 0$, then the share of X_j should be zero;
- (C_4) Inclusion : if $\beta_j \neq 0$, then the share of X_j should be nonzero.

An additional criterion that is sometimes mentioned in the literature, but more related to regularization-based techniques [ZH05; Wal19] :

• (C_5) Grouping : shares tend to equate for highly correlated inputs.



Multicolinearity illustration

Two-input regression model

An illustrative example :

Two-input regression model

Consider the linear regression model (for d = 2) of the output Y with X_1 and X_2 .

$$b_1 := \beta_1 \sigma_1, \quad b_2 := \beta_2 \sigma_2, \text{ and } r := r_{X_1, X_2}.$$

The coefficient of determination is :

$$R^{2} = \frac{b_{1}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{2}^{2}}{b_{1}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{2}^{2} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}}$$



Metrics to deal with multicollinearity

Venn diagrams illustrating the challenges of the multicollinearity framework :



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Shapley Values in regression model :

- inspired from the cooperative game [Sha53],
- measure the average marginal contribution of each variable X_j to all possible combinations of variables in a regression model :

$$\psi_j = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_D} \Delta_{\pi}(X_j)$$

where :

- S_D is the set of all permutations of $D = \{1, \ldots, d\}$,
- $\Delta_{\pi}(X_j) = c(v \cup j) c(v)$ the marginal performance difference of the model between the permutation π with and without X_j ,
- v the list of indices preceding j in the order π .



Owen[Owe14] proposes to set the function c such as :

$$c(v) = rac{\mathbb{V}(\mathbb{E}[Y|oldsymbol{X}_v])}{\mathbb{V}(Y)}$$

In the linear regression context, Lindeman-Merenda-Gold indices [LMG80] :

► LMG_j average the additional explanatory power of X_j in each subset X_{v∪{j}} defined for all the permutations of D = {1,...,d}:

$$\mathsf{LMG}_j = \frac{1}{d!} \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_D} r_{Y,(X_j | \boldsymbol{x}_\pi)}^2$$

where

- the squared SPCC $r_{Y,(X_j|\mathbf{X}_{\pi})}^2 = R_{Y(\mathbf{X}_{\nu \cup \{j\}})}^2 R_{Y(\mathbf{X}_{\nu})}^2$
- gives the additional explanatory power of X_j in the model $Y(X_{v \cup \{j\}})$.



$$LMG_{1} = \frac{b_{1}^{2} + b_{1}b_{2}r + \frac{r^{2}}{2}(b_{2}^{2} - b_{1}^{2})}{b_{1}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{2}^{2} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}} \qquad LMG_{2} = \frac{b_{2}^{2} + b_{1}b_{2}r + \frac{r^{2}}{2}(b_{1}^{2} - b_{2}^{2})}{b_{2}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{1}^{2} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}} = \frac{a + b/2}{a + b + c + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}}$$



LMG redistributes b equally between the portions attributed to X_1 and X_2 .



With correlated inputs : $r \neq 0$

$$\mathsf{LMG}_{1} = \frac{b_{1}^{2} + b_{1}b_{2}r + \frac{r^{2}}{2}(b_{2}^{2} - b_{1}^{2})}{b_{1}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{2}^{2} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}} \quad \mathsf{LMG}_{2} = \frac{b_{2}^{2} + b_{1}b_{2}r + \frac{r^{2}}{2}(b_{1}^{2} - b_{2}^{2})}{b_{2}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{1}^{2} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}}$$

\mathcal{C}_{1}	Proper decomposition	$\sum_{j} IM_{j} = R^{2}$	YES
\mathcal{C}_{2}	Non-negativity	for all $j, IM_j \ge 0$	YES
\mathcal{C}_{3}	Exclusion	$if \beta_j = 0, IM_j = 0$	NO if $r \neq 0$
\mathcal{C}_4	Inclusion	$if eta_j eq 0, IM_j eq 0$	YES
\mathcal{C}_{5}	Grouping	shares equate for high correlations	YES
			$LMG_1 = LMG_2$, if $r = 1$



Johnson indices

Drawback of LMG :

▶ its exponential complexity : one needs to perform 2^d - 1 different linear regressions.

The Johnson indices [Joh66; Joh00] :

Xⁿ ∈ ℝ^{n×d} is transformed in an orthogonal matrix Zⁿ ∈ ℝ^{n×d} in the least square sense. It consists in finding Zⁿ and W ∈ ℝ^{d×d} such as :

$$\begin{cases} \mathbf{X}^{n} = \mathbf{Z}^{n} \mathbf{W} \\ (\mathbf{Z}^{n})^{\top} \mathbf{Z}^{n} = \mathbf{I} \\ \mathbf{Z}^{n} = \operatorname{arg\,min}_{\mathbf{\Pi}^{n}} \operatorname{Tr} (\mathbf{X}^{n} - \mathbf{\Pi}^{n})^{\top} (\mathbf{X}^{n} - \mathbf{\Pi}^{n}) \end{cases}$$



The Johnson indices [Joh66; Joh00] :

▶ Johnson shows that the solution is to define $P^n \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$ and $Q \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$ thanks to the singular value decomposition of X^n :

$$\mathbf{X}^n = \mathbf{P}^n \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{Q}^\top.$$

and compute the orthogonal matrix Zⁿ and the weight matrix W thanks to the following equations :

$$\mathbf{Z}^n = \mathbf{P}^n \mathbf{Q}^\top$$
 and $\mathbf{W} = \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{\Delta} \mathbf{Q}^\top$.



Johnson indices

The **Johnson index** associated with the input X_j is finally expressed as :



- A first least square regression of yⁿ on Zⁿ gives the vector of the standardized regression coefficient α^{*} of the model Y(Z).
- The d linear combinations between Xⁿ and Zⁿ gives the weights W* allowing to come back to the initial observations Xⁿ.



With a linear relation hypothesis between Y and X:

The Johnson indices are equal to the LMG indices in the case of a two-input model.

$$J_1 = LMG_1 = \frac{b_1^2 + b_1b_2r + \frac{r^2}{2}(b_2^2 - b_1^2)}{b_1^2 + 2b_1b_2r + b_2^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2} \quad J_2 = LMG_2 = \frac{b_2^2 + b_1b_2r + \frac{r^2}{2}(b_1^2 - b_2^2)}{b_2^2 + 2b_1b_2r + b_1^2 + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^2}$$

► They give empirically similar results for a higher-dimensional input data (d ≥ 3).



Assessment of the neutron irradiation contributing to the aging of the reactor vessel [Clo19]



- ▶ The neutron flux is calculated to be compared with the measured flux.
- The calculation gives a prediction of the neutron flux received by the vessel, which is not measured.





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The SRC² indices (blue) of the assemblies A9, B10, B11 are the highest.
 The SRC² indices only explain 75% of the output variance.





The variables with a stronger correlation with A9, B10, B11 have a higher Johnson/Shapley index than the associated SRC² index.





- The power map is based on calculation and measures. Some powers are measured and the value of the other variables are reconstructed thanks to measured assemblies.
- The variables positioned next to a measured and influential power in the model have a higher Johnson/Shapley index than that of SRC².

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Proportional Marginal Effects for Global Sensitivity Analysis*

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Pitch

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However, exogenous inputs can be granted a non-zero contribution. Can we build interpretable indices that circumvent this drawback? Solution : Use a different allocation than the Shapley values.



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Allocation : description of the "cake-cutting" process.









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A choice of $p \implies$ An efficient allocation



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The Shapley values is a random order allocation with the choice :

$$p(\pi) = rac{1}{d!}, \quad orall \pi \in \mathcal{S}_D,$$

and they can be interpreted as

"[...] an a priori assessment of the situation, based on either ignorance or disregard of the social organization of the players." - L. S. Shapley [Sha53]

They are a **uniform prior on the underlying redistribution process**, leading to an **egalitarian allocation principle.**



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However, they do not detect exogenous inputs :

$$G(X) = X_1 + X_2, \quad X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & \rho \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ \rho & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right),$$

Sh₁ = 0.5 - $\rho^2/4$, Sh₂ = 0.5, Sh₃ = $\rho^2/4 > 0$ if $\rho \neq 0$.



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$$p(\pi) = \frac{L(\pi)}{\sum_{\sigma \in \mathcal{S}_D} L(\sigma)}, \quad L(\pi) = \left(\prod_{j \in D} v\left(C_j(\pi)\right)\right)^{-1} = \exp\left(-\sum_{j \in D} \log v\left(C_j(\pi)\right)\right)$$



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This is the unique allocation $\phi((D, v))$ satisfying efficiency and ratio preservation [Ort00] :

$$\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(D), \frac{\phi_i(A, v)}{\phi_i(A \setminus \{j\}, v)} = \frac{\phi_j(A, v)}{\phi_j(A \setminus \{i\}, v)}$$

"...each player gains in equal proportion to that which could be obtained by each alone" [Fel00]

Remark : Shapley's allocation satisfies efficiency and equal contribution property : $\forall A \in \mathcal{P}(D), \phi_i(A, v) - \phi_i(A \setminus \{j\}, v) = \phi_j(A, v) - \phi_j(A \setminus \{i\}, v)$



A linear variance-based importance measure

The proportional marginal variance decomposition

The proportional marginal variance decomposition [Fel05] :

use of sequential sum of squares, but differ from the LMG on the averaging process over the different orderings of inputs :

$$\mathsf{PMVD}_{j} = \sum_{\pi \in \mathcal{S}_{D}} \frac{L(\pi)}{\sum_{\pi} L(\pi)} r_{Y,(X_{j}|\boldsymbol{X}_{\pi})}^{2} ,$$

where :

$$L(\pi) = \prod_{i=1}^{d-1} \left[r_{Y,(\mathbf{X}_{\pi_{i+1},\ldots,\pi_d} | \mathbf{X}_{\pi_1,\ldots,\pi_i})} \right]^{-1}.$$



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$$\mathsf{PMVD}_{1} = \frac{b_{1}^{2} + b_{1}b_{2}r + \frac{r^{2}}{2}(b_{2}^{2} - b_{1}^{2})}{b_{1}^{2} + 2b_{1}b_{2}r + b_{2}^{2} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}} \qquad = \frac{\mathbf{a}[1 + \mathbf{b}/(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{c})]}{\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{c} + \sigma_{\varepsilon}^{2}}$$



Criterion fulfilled. (C_1 -Proper decomposition), (C_2 -Non-negativity), (C_3 -Exclusion), (C_4 -Inclusion) **Criterion not fulfilled**. (C_5 -Grouping)



Proportional marginal effects

We extended the proportional values to nonnegative value functions [Hér+24].

The **proportional marginal effects (PME)** are the (extended) proportional values of the game (D, S^T) .

Proposition (Exogeneity detection [Hér+24]). Let $E \in \mathcal{P}(D)$. If X_E is the largest set of exogenous inputs, then : $\forall i \in E, \quad PME_i = 0, \quad \forall j \in \overline{E}, \quad PME_j > 0.$

They are **efficient** and **nonnegative** : **interpretation as shares of the output variance.**



Proportional marginal effects Estimation

Estimating the PME/Shapley effects \iff Estimating S_A^T for every $A \in \mathcal{P}(D)$.

It can be achieved :

Via **Monte Carlo sampling** [SNS16] : no bias but requires O(d!(d-1)) model evaluations and the simulation of any inputs' combinations conditionally to any other inputs' combinations !

Given-data (i.i.d. input-output sample) via :

- a nearest-neighbor procedure [BBD20] : no new model evaluation but provides bias and requires 2^d estimates.
- SHAFF : no bias but no error estimates at this stage.

These methods are time-consuming and do not scale with the number of inputs, but the estimates can be recycled to compute Shapley and PME at once.



Ishigami Model - Exogeneity detection

The (modified) Ishigami model is given by

$$G(X) = \sin(X_1) + 7\sin^2(X_2) + 0.1X_3^4 \sin(X_1)$$

where

$$X = \begin{pmatrix} X_1 \\ X_2 \\ X_3 \\ X_4 \end{pmatrix} \sim \mathcal{N} \left(\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ \vdots \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} (\pi/3)^2 & 0 & 0 & \rho \\ 0 & (\pi/3)^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & (\pi/3)^2 & 0 \\ \rho & 0 & 0 & (\pi/3)^2 \end{pmatrix} \right).$$

where X_4 is exogenous.

Estimation using Monte Carlo sampling, 200 repetitions.



Proportional marginal effects Ishigami Model - Exogeneity detection



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Application to an optical filter model Feature selection

Quantification of the **transmittance performance** of an **optical filter** composed of 13 consecutive layers [Vas+10].

The inputs I_1, \ldots, I_{13} represent the **refractive index error** of each filter ($\mathcal{U}([-0.05, 0.05]))$

These errors are (highly) correlated due to the manufacturing process (Gaussian copula, $\rho = 0.95$).

The black-box model computes the **transmittance error w.r.t. the "perfect filter"** over several wavelengths.



Optical Filter

We only have access to an i.i.d. input-output sample (n = 1000).

The indices are computed using the nearest-neighbors approach (6 neighbors).



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Remark : Due to the estimation bias, PME cannot be pushed to zero (as would be physically expected)



Application to an optical filter model

Feature selection

Scenario : We want to build a surrogate model (Gaussian process*) of this numerical model.

Using the whole dataset : $Q^2 = 99.48\%$.

Feature selection :

- First threshold : 2.5% importance.
 - Shapley effects : No features removed.
 - **PME** : I_1 and I_3 are removed, $Q^2 = 99.14\%$.

Second threshold : 5% importance.

- Shapley effects : No features removed.
- **PME** : 7 inputs are removed, $Q^2 = 98.79\%$.

<u>Conclusion</u> : Useless inputs have been correctly identified (the strong reduction dimension only reduces to a negligible loss in Q^2)

* 5/2 Matérn covariance kernel, constant trend.



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Cooperative game theory for GSA of non-linear models :

- **Random order allocations :** reduce the allocation problem to a choice of *p*.
- Shapley : Equalize importance & Shapley's joke/correlation distortion [VW23]
 PME : Discriminative power & exogenous input detection

<u>Software</u> : R package sensitivity : LMG/Johnson/PMVD, Shapley/PME.

Perspectives :

- SHAFF-type estimation for solving the estimation cost issues
- ► High-dimensional linear model : Johnson-type approximation for PMVD

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Extension of Johnson indices to nonlinear models [IC23]

Merci de votre attention !



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