# Computing first-order sensitivity indices with contribution to the sample mean plot

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 against  $(q_1, \ldots, q_n)$  with  $q_i = i/n$ 



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2 research questions

- 1 what relationship between CSM plot and  $S_j$  ?
- **2** is it possible to compute  $S_j$  from a CSM plot ?

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### 2<sup>nd</sup> question

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selecting max order d\* by minimizing AICc information criterion

$$\boldsymbol{d}^{\star} = \underset{\boldsymbol{d} \in \mathbb{N}}{\operatorname{argmin}} \left[ \frac{n}{2} \cdot \log \left( \frac{2\pi}{n} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \epsilon_{i}(\boldsymbol{d})^{2} \right) + \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n \cdot (\boldsymbol{d}+2)}{n-d-3} \right]$$

### • explicit formula for $S_j$ derived from Eqn.(2) using $P_k$ properties

with :

$$\tilde{\alpha}_k = \begin{cases} \alpha_k & \text{if } k > 1, \\ \alpha_k - \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } k = 1 \end{cases}$$

we obtain:

$$\hat{S}_{j} = \frac{2}{\hat{c}_{v}^{2}} \sum_{\substack{k,l=1\\k+l \in 2\mathbb{Z}}}^{d} \tilde{\alpha}_{k} \tilde{\alpha}_{l} \cdot \min(k,l) \left[1 + \min(k,l)\right]$$
(3)

# <sup>3<sup>rd</sup> point</sup> Numerical test cases

### Test cases

# Ishigami function $X_1 \text{ to } X_3 \text{ i.i.d} \sim U[-\pi, \pi]$ $Y = \sin(X_1) + a \cdot \sin(X_2)^2 + b \cdot X_3^4 \cdot \sin(X_1)$

### 2 G-Sobol function

- $X_1$  to  $X_8$  i.i.d  $\sim U[0,1]$
- fixed parameter vector *a* = (0, 1, 4.5, 9, 99, 99, 99, 99):

$$Y = \prod_{j=1}^8 rac{|4X_j - 2| + a_j}{1 + a_j}$$

# Scatterplots and CSM plots

sample size n = 300 (simple random sample)



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# Polynomial fit for input $X_1$

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### – Limits

- minimum sample size  $n\sim 1000$
- **\hat{S}\_j does not compare well** with other estimators based on given data such as EASI (Plischke, 2010)
- why ? because it requires approximating derivatives

### $\rightarrow$ Further research

- Total-order effects ?
  - Contribution to the Sample Variance (CSV plot)
  - first attempts were unsuccessful but...



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# Appendix

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# G-Sobol test case (n = 300)

Scatterplots and CSM plots



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Convergence of  $\hat{S}_1$  and  $\hat{S}_4$  for increasing sample size n



# Estimation of the coefficient of variation

Set of CSM points  $(q_i, c_i)_{i=1...n}$ Coefficient of variation  $c_v = \sigma(Y)/E(Y)$ Using  $c_i - c_{i-1} = y_{\pi(i)}/(n\hat{\mu})$  we get:

$$\hat{c}_{v} = n \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} (c_{i+1} - c_{i} - \frac{1}{n})^{2}}$$
 (4)

# Shifted Legendre polynomials

Shifted Legendre polynomial  $P_k$  are defined by  $P_k(q) = P_k^{(s)}(2q - 1)$ with  $P_k^{(s)}$  the standardized Legendre polynomials, which are given by the Rodrigue's formula [2, p.785, Eqn. 22.11.5] :

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Let assume that  $k \leq n$ . Using an integration by parts we have :

$$I_{k,l} = \left[P'_{k}(q)P_{l}(q)\right]_{0}^{1} - \int_{0}^{1} P''_{k}(q)P_{l}(q)dq$$
(7)

 $P_k''$  is a polynom of degree k-2: it can be decomposed on the finite orthogonal basis  $(P_i)_{i=1,\ldots,k-2}$ . As k-2 < l, using the orthogonality of shifted Legendre polynomials  $(P_k)_{k\in\mathbb{N}}$  on [0, 1], we find that the integral  $\int_0^1 P_k''(q)P_l(q)dq$  is equal to 0. Hence :

$$I_{k,l} = P'_k(1)P_l(1) - P'_k(0)P_l(0)$$
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# Contribution to the Sample Variance

Contribution to the sample variance for input parameter  $X_j$  at quantile q is given by:

$$D_{j}(q) = \frac{1}{\mathbf{V}(Y)} \int_{-\infty}^{F_{j}^{-1}(q)} \mathbf{E} \left[ (Y - \mathbf{E}(Y))^{2} \mid X_{j} = x_{j} \right] p(x_{j}) dx_{j}$$
(12)

# Contribution to the Sample Variance Slope of the CSV plot

The slope of the CSV plot between the two points  $(q_1, D(q_1))$  and  $(q_2, D(q_2))$  is given by:

$$\frac{D(q_2) - D(q_1)}{q_2 - q_1} = \frac{\mathbf{V}(Y^{\star[z_1, z_2]})}{\mathbf{V}(Y)}$$
(13)

with variance  $\mathbf{V}(Y^{\star[z_1,z_2]})$ , defined as the variance of the model output when the range of the parameter  $X_j$  is reduced to  $[z_1, z_2]$ , but with respect to constant mean  $\mathbf{E}(Y)$  over the full range of all parameters:

$$\mathbf{V}(Y^{\star \{z\}}) = \mathbf{E}\left[(Y - \mathbf{E}(Y))^2 \mid X_j = z\right]$$

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Total order sensitivity indices:

$$ST_{j} = 1 - rac{\mathsf{E}_{X_{j}}\left[\mathsf{Var}_{X_{\sim j}}\left(Y \mid X_{j}
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Let denote by  $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{Y}^{\circ\{x_j\}})$  the quantity  $\mathbf{E}_{X_{\sim j}} \left[ (\mathbf{Y} - \mathbf{E} [\mathbf{Y} | X_j])^2 | X_j = x_j \right]$ . It is the variance of model output when model input  $X_j$  is fixed to the value  $x_j$ , but with respect to the conditional mean  $\mathbf{E} [\mathbf{Y} | X_j = x_j]$ . We then have:

$$ST_{j} = \int_{0}^{1} \left[ 1 - \frac{\mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{Y}^{\circ}\left\{F_{j}^{-1}(q)\right\})}{\mathbf{V}(\boldsymbol{Y})} \right] dq$$
(14)

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Trouble is that the two variances  $V(Y^{\circ \{z\}})$  and  $V(Y^{\star \{z\}})$  are not equal, as they are not computed with respect to the same mean value.

- constant mean  $\mathbf{E}(Y)$  for  $\mathbf{V}(Y^{\star \{z\}})$
- conditionnal mean  $\mathbf{E}[Y \mid X_j = z]$  for  $\mathbf{V}(Y^{\circ \{z\}})$