Sensitivity analysis for optimization under constraints and with uncertainties Sensitivity analysis on excursion sets

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Black-box model & optimization problem

- \bullet The \times are the deterministic inputs
- The *u* are uncertain inputs : $u = U(\omega)$ with U a random vector of density ρ_U
- \bullet f is the objective function to minimize
- g is the constraint function defining the constraint to respect : $g \leq 0$

Optimization problem

$$
x^* = \arg\min \mathbb{E}_U[f(x, U)]
$$

s.t.
$$
\mathbb{P}_U[g(x, U) \le 0] \ge P_{target}
$$
 (1)

Sensitivity analysis adapted to optimization

Sensitivity analysis $(SA) =$ Studying the impact of each input on the variability of the output.

 \Rightarrow SA + Optimization : Studying the impact of each input on the minimization of the objective function and on the respect of the constraints.

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$$
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$$

$$
\Gamma_u = \{ x \in [-5, 5]^2, g(x, u) \le 0 \}
$$

 u_2 fixé

 $u1 = 2.5$ $u2 = 0$

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Excursion sets

New output :

$$
\Gamma_U = \{ x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x, U) \le 0 \},\tag{2}
$$

which is called a random excursion set.

Influence of the uncertain inputs U on Γ_U ? \Rightarrow SA on excursion sets. Yet most SA techniques have scalar or vectorial outputs. How then can we do sensitivity analysis on (excursion) sets ?

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The natural definition of a random set is as a set-valued random variable X i.e. as a measurable function :

$$
X: \begin{array}{ccc} (\Omega, \mathcal{F}) & \to & (\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{X})))\\ \omega & \longmapsto & X(\omega) \end{array} \tag{3}
$$

The notion of measurability depends on the definition of $\mathcal{B}(\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{X}))$ which depends on the topology we choose for $\mathcal{K}(\mathcal{X})$.

From [Molchanov [2005\]](#page-43-4), a notion of measurability can be written as :

$$
\forall K \in \mathcal{K}(\mathcal{X}), \mathcal{X}^- = \{\omega \in \Omega, X(\omega) \cap K \neq \emptyset\} \in \mathcal{F}.
$$
 (4)

With this definition of measurability, we can show that our sets $\Gamma_U = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x, U) \leq 0\}$ are random compact sets (see [29\)](#page-44-1).

- \bullet We want to characterize the influence of the input U_i on the output $\Gamma_U = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x, U) \leq 0\}$ which is a random set.
- Sobol indices on random sets : We would want to compute $S_i = \frac{\text{Var } \mathbb{E}[\Gamma | U_i]}{\text{Var } \Gamma} \rightarrow$ The difficulty lies in defining the (conditional) expectation and the variance of a random set.

The Vorob'ev expectation of a random set Γ is defined as the Vorob'ev quantile which volume is equal (or closer) to the mean volume of Γ :

$$
\mathbb{E}^V[\Gamma] = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, \mathbb{P}(x \in \Gamma) \ge \alpha^*\} = Q_{\alpha^*},\tag{5}
$$

with α^* defined by :

$$
\mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma)] = \mu(Q_{\alpha^*}). \tag{6}
$$

Or if the previous equation has no solution, from :

$$
\mu(Q_{\alpha}) \leq \mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma)] \leq \mu(Q_{\alpha^*}) \quad \forall \alpha > \alpha^*.
$$
 (7)

Then, the Vorob'ev deviation is defined by

$$
Var^{V}(\Gamma) = \mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma \Delta \mathbb{E}^{V}[\Gamma])], \tag{8}
$$

with the symmetric difference Δ defined by $A\Delta B = (A \cup B) \setminus (A \cap B)$.

Vorob'ev expectation

$$
\mathbb{E}^V[\Gamma] = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, \mathbb{P}(x \in \Gamma) \ge \alpha^*\} = Q_{\alpha^*}
$$

$$
\mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma)] = \mu(Q_{\alpha^*})
$$

Couverture function, mean volume = 0.545

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Vorob'ev expectation

Using the previous definitions, we still need a definition of conditional Vorob'ev expectation. We propose the following :

$$
\mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma|U_1)=\omega\mapsto \mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma|U_1(\omega))\quad \text{ where }\quad \Gamma|U_1(\omega)=\{x\in\mathcal{X}, g(x,U_1(\omega),U_2)\leq 0\}.
$$

With this definition, the first order Vorob'ev index is

$$
S_i^V = \frac{Var^V(\mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma|U_i))}{Var^V(\Gamma)} = \frac{\mathbb{E}[\mu(\mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma|U_i)\Delta\mathbb{E}^V[\mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma|U_i)])]}{\mathbb{E}[\mu(\Gamma\Delta\mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma))]}.
$$

Estimation

• Monte Carlo estimation

Issue : $\mathbb{E}^V[\mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma \vert U_i)] \neq \mathbb{E}^V(\Gamma) \to \mathsf{Coslty}$ estimation

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Results

With $N_x = 20$ and $N_u = 500$

Conclusion on SA through random sets

- The index quantifies an influence of the inputs on the excursion set
- Very costly estimation
- No variance decomposition

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Index introduced in [Gamboa et al. [2021\]](#page-43-2) and [Fort, Klein et Lagnoux [2021\]](#page-43-3) which generalizes many existing indices, and only requires the output space to be a metric space.

With $Z=f(U_1,...,U_p)\in\mathcal{Z}$, the universal sensitivity index with respect to U_i is defined as

$$
S_{2, \text{ Univ}}^{i} (T, \mathbb{Q}) := \frac{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Var} (\mathbb{E} [T_a(Z) | U_i]) d\mathbb{Q}(a)}{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Var} (T_a(Z)) d\mathbb{Q}(a)}, \qquad (9)
$$

where (T_a) are tests functions defined by

$$
\begin{array}{rcl}\n\mathcal{A} \times \mathcal{Z} & \rightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\
(a, z) & \mapsto & T_a(z),\n\end{array} \tag{10}
$$

and A is some measurable space endowed with a probability measure $\mathbb Q$. Generalization of existing indices :

- Sobol index : $\mathcal{S}^i = \mathcal{S}_{2, \,\, \sf Univ}^i \,$ (Id,\mathbb{Q}) with Id beeing the indicator function : $T_a(z) = z$.
- Cramér-von Mises index $T_a(z) = \mathbb{1}_{x \le a}$, $\mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{P}$ with $\mathcal{A} = \mathcal{X}$.

Interpretation of the universal index on random sets

With $Z = \Gamma_{U}$, the index is

$$
S_{2, \text{ Univ}}^{i} (T, \mathbb{Q}) := \frac{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Var}(\mathbb{E}[T_a(\Gamma_U) | U_i]) d\mathbb{Q}(a)}{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Var}(T_a(\Gamma_U)) d\mathbb{Q}(a)},
$$

Interpretation :

- Let $a \in A$, it defines a random variable $T_a(\Gamma_U)$ which contains a part of information on Γ_U for instance $T_a(\Gamma_u) = a\mu(\Gamma_U)$.
- $\mathsf{Var}(\, \mathcal{T}_{a}(\mathsf{\Gamma}_U)) = \mathsf{Var}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\, \mathcal{T}_{a}(\mathsf{\Gamma}_U) \mid U_i\right]\right) + \mathbb{E}\left(\mathsf{Var}\left[\, \mathcal{T}_{a}(\mathsf{\Gamma}_U) \mid U_i\right]\right).$
- $\int_{\mathcal{A}} \mathsf{Var}(\, \mathcal{T}_{a}(\Gamma_{U})) = \int_{\mathcal{A}} \mathsf{Var}\left(\mathbb{E}\left[\, \mathcal{T}_{a}(\Gamma_{U}) \mid U_{i}\right]\right) + \int_{\mathcal{A}} \mathbb{E}\left(\mathsf{Var}\left[\, \mathcal{T}_{a}(\Gamma_{U}) \mid U_{i}\right]\right).$

Influence of T_a and $\mathbb Q$

What are the impact of the choices of T_a and Q, how to choose them?

Adaptation of the universal index on random sets

$$
S_{2, \text{ Univ}}^{i} \left(T_{a}, \mathbb{Q} \right) := \frac{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Var}(\mathbb{E} \left[T_{a}(\Gamma_{U}) \mid U_{i} \right]) d\mathbb{Q}(a)}{\int_{\mathcal{A}} \text{Var} \left(T_{a}(\Gamma_{U}) \right) d\mathbb{Q}(a)}
$$

We use $T_a(\Gamma)$ defined by :

$$
T_a(\Gamma) = \mu(\gamma_a \Delta \Gamma), \tag{11}
$$

with :

- the symmetric difference Δ defined by $A\Delta B = A \cup B A \cap B$.
- The volume μ defined by $\mu(\Gamma) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \Gamma} dx$.
- \bullet $\mathbb O$ is taken uniform on $\mathcal A$.
- the γ _a, called test sets, defined through the scalar (or real valued vector) $\bm{s} \in \mathbb{R}^m$: For instance concentric disks of radius a or concentric squares of side a.

Symmetric difference

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Estimation

Pick and freeze method U' independent copy of U ,

$$
U = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & \cdots & U_i & \cdots & U_p \end{pmatrix}, \quad \tilde{U} = \begin{pmatrix} U_1 & \cdots & U'_i & \cdots & U_p \end{pmatrix}
$$

We have then : $\mathsf{Var}(\mathbb{E}[T_a(\Gamma_U) | U_i]) = \mathsf{Cov}(T_a(\Gamma_U), T_a(\Gamma_{\tilde{U}})).$

Estimation $\mu(\mathcal{X})=1$

Using $T_a(\Gamma_U) = \mu(\Gamma_U \Delta_{\gamma_a}) = \mathbb{E}_X(\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma \Delta_{\gamma_a}})$ with X uniform on $\mathcal X$, we have then

$$
Cov_{U,\tilde{U}(T_a(\Gamma_U), T_a(\Gamma_{\tilde{U}}))} = \mathbb{E}_{U,\tilde{U}}[\mathbb{E}_X(\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a}) \mathbb{E}_X(\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma_{\tilde{U}} \Delta \gamma_a})]
$$

\n
$$
- \mathbb{E}_U[\mathbb{E}_X(\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a}) \mathbb{E}_{\tilde{U}}[\mathbb{E}_X(\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma_{\tilde{U}} \Delta \gamma_a})]
$$

\n
$$
= \mathbb{E}_{X, X', U, \tilde{U}}[\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a} \mathbb{1}_{X' \in \Gamma_{\tilde{U}} \Delta \gamma_a}]
$$

\n
$$
- \mathbb{E}_{X, U}[\mathbb{1}_{X \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a}] \mathbb{E}_{X', \tilde{U}}[\mathbb{1}_{X' \in \Gamma_{\tilde{U}} \Delta \gamma_a}]
$$

\n
$$
= \frac{1}{N_{xU}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{xU}} [\mathbb{1}_{X^j \in \Gamma_{U^j} \Delta \gamma_a} \mathbb{1}_{X^j \in \Gamma_{\tilde{U}^j} \Delta \gamma_a}]
$$

\n
$$
- \frac{1}{N_{xU}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{xU}} [\mathbb{1}_{X^j \in \Gamma_{U^j} \Delta \gamma_a}] \frac{1}{N_{xU}} \sum_{j=1}^{N_{xU}} [\mathbb{1}_{X'^j \in \Gamma_{\tilde{U}^j} \Delta \gamma_a}].
$$

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Results

With $N_{x} = 10^6$ and $N_a = 1000$

Comments on the results

Toy function

$$
\forall (x, u) \in [-5, 5]^4 \ g(x, u) = -x_1^2 + 5x_2 - u_1 + u_2^2 - 1
$$

$$
\Gamma_U = \{x \in [-5, 5]^2, -x_1^2 + 5x_2 \le u_1 - u_2^2 + 1\}
$$

 S^1 and S^2 don't sum to 1 because there are interactions between u_1 and u_2 in $Γ_U$: Indead, two admissible sets are equals if $u_1 - u_2^2 + 1$ is constant which links u_1 and u_2 .

 \bullet Use of the universal index and the choice of T_a as the symmetric difference gives an index which seems to quantify the influence of the input as observed initially.

Conclusion on the universal index on sets

Choices of T_a and Q?

Choice of T_a

 T_a should be chosen so that the $(T_a(\Gamma_U)_{a\in\mathcal{A}})$ characterizes the most Γ_U .

- \bullet Choice of τ scould be on other distance between sets or a function of a distance.
- Choice of the test sets : We want that the test sets cover the whole space of sets. For instance taking $a \in \mathbb{R}^2$ to defined rectangles could be better than squares.
- \bullet The best choice of the test sets could depend on the function g .

Choice of Q

uniform to cover the whole space of sets.

Vorob'ev index

- Sensitivity indices with sets output : Sobol indices with the Vorob'ev expectation and deviation
- Very costly to estimate and no variance decomposition

\Rightarrow Meta-models adapted to the index

Universal sensitivity indices on sets

- Sensitivity indices with sets outputs : Variance of the transformation of the set output explained by an input averaged on a family of test functions
- \bullet Choices of the test function, the probability $\mathbb Q$ and their influence on the index

For K compact, $h(U) = X = \{x \in \mathcal{X}, g(x, U) \leq 0\}$

$$
\{K \cap X \neq \emptyset\} =^c \{\omega, K \cap X(\omega) = \emptyset\}
$$

=^c \{\omega, \forall x \in K g(x, U(\omega)) > 0\}
=^c \{\omega, \inf_{x \in K} g(x, U(\omega)) > 0\} as K compact and g continuous in x
=^c U^{-1}(\inf_{x \in K} g(x, \cdot)^{-1}(]0, +\infty[)) \in \mathcal{F}

Universal index on random sets

Expectation of $T_a(\Gamma_U)$

As the randomness of Γ_U only depend on U , we have

$$
\mathbb{E}[T_a(\Gamma_U)] = \int_{\mathcal{U}} T_a(\Gamma_U) du.
$$
 (12)

Theorem (Robbins' theorem Molchanov [2005\)](#page-43-4)

Let Γ be a random closed set in a Polish space X. If μ is a locally finite measure on Borel sets, then $\mu(\Gamma)$ is a random variable and :

$$
\mathbb{E}(\mu(\Gamma)) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{P}(\mathbf{x} \in \Gamma) \mu(d\mathbf{x}). \tag{13}
$$

$$
\mathbb{E}(T_a(\Gamma_U)) = \mathbb{E}(\mu(\Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a)) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{P}(x \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a) \mu(dx) = \int_{\mathcal{X}} \mathbb{P}_U(x \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a) \mu(dx)
$$

=
$$
\int_{\mathcal{X}} \int_{\mathcal{U}} \mathbb{1}_{x \in \Gamma_U \Delta \gamma_a} \mu(dx)
$$

=
$$
\int_{\mathcal{U}} T_a(\Gamma_u) du.
$$