

# Density-based inverse calibration with functional predictors

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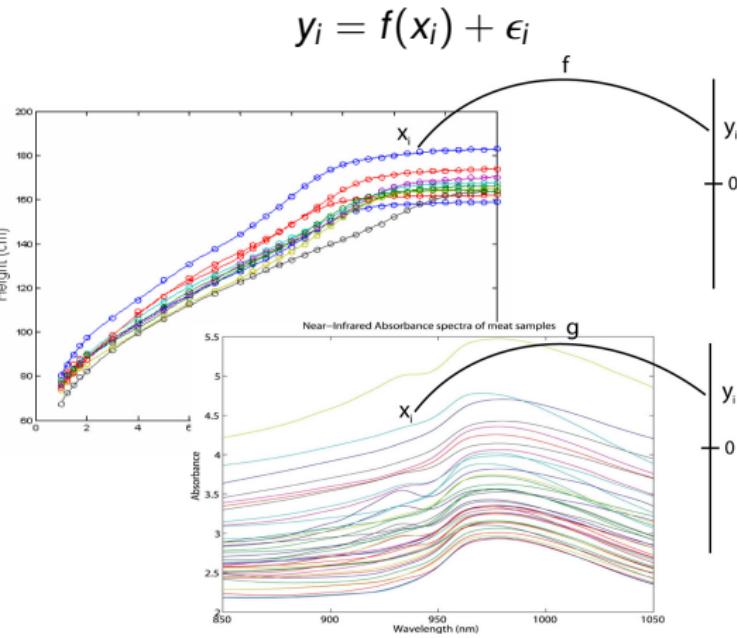
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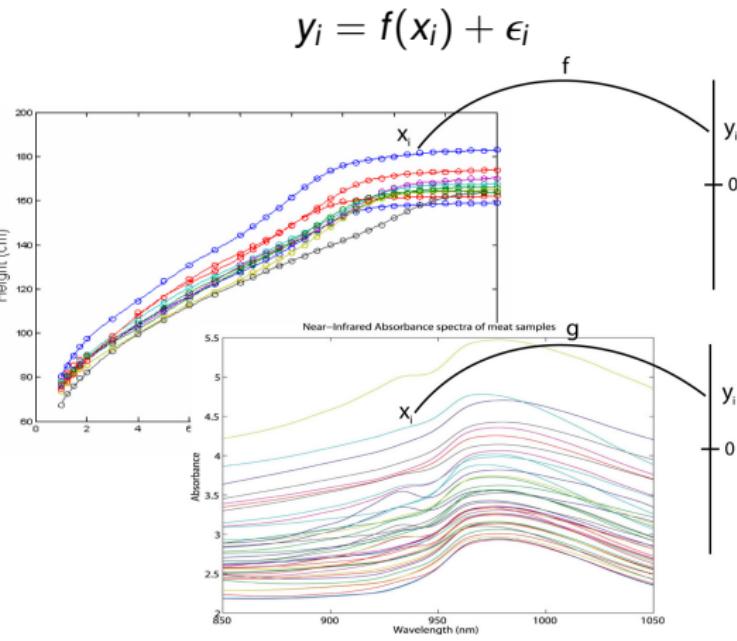
generally represented by  
**high-dimensional vectors**  
whose values at different  
coordinates are **strongly  
correlated**.

## Curse of dimensionality

Usually the dimension of  
such vectors greatly exceeds  
the sample size.

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## ill-posed problem

The direct application of classical multivariate regression methods for this type of data often leads to the inversion of an ill-conditioned (variance) matrix



# Functional Data Analysis

Functional Data Analysis (FDA): statistical techniques that take into account the **functional** nature of the data.

- first developed by **[Ramsay and Silverman, 1997]**
- **Idea:** think about observed data as **one or more continuous real-valued functions**, rather than as finite-dimensional vectors.
- also integrate some **functional processing techniques** (derivation, integration, etc).



# Example of FDA methods: $X \in L_2([0, 1])$ , $Y \in \mathbb{R}$

**Purpose:** approximate the regression function:  $\gamma(x) = \mathbb{E}(Y|X = x)$

a) Functional linear methods

- [Cardot et al., 1999]

b) Functional nonparametric regression methods

- Functional Kernel (NWK) [Ferraty and Vieu, 2006]
- Functional Neural Networks (NN, NN-RBF) [Rossi et al., 2005]
- Functional regression in RKHS (RBF, FSVR)  
[Preda, 2007, Hernández et al., 2007]

c) Functional inverse regression

- Functional sliced inverse regression (FIR)  
[Ferré and Yao, 2003, Ferré and Yao, 2005]



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The “true” physical model is

$$X = F(Y) + \epsilon, \quad F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathcal{X}$$

where  $\epsilon$ : stochastic process with zero mean, independent of  $Y$ .



# Assumptions for DBIR

- ① There exists a probability measure  $P_0$  on  $\mathcal{X}$  (not depending on  $Y$ ) such that  $P(.|y)$  is absolutely continuous with respect to  $P_0$  ( $P \ll P_0$ ).

 $\Downarrow$ 

$\exists f(.|y) = \frac{dP(A|y)}{dP_0}$  such that  $P(A|y) = \int_A f(.|y) dP_0, \forall A \subset \mathcal{X}$  measurable.

- ②  $Y$  is a continuous random variable.

 $\Downarrow$ 

$\exists f_Y(y)$



# Proposal

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gamma(x) &= \mathbb{E}(Y|X=x) \\
 &= \int_{\mathbb{R}} y f(y|x) dy \\
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## General estimator

$$\hat{\gamma}(x) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}(x|y_i) y_i}{\sum_{i=1}^n \hat{f}(x|y_i)}$$

# Gaussian case

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## Consequences

for  $(\varphi_j, \lambda_j)_j$  eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of  $\Gamma$ :

- $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_j^2(y)}{\lambda_j} < \infty, \quad \mu_j(y) = \langle \mu(y), \varphi_j \rangle$
- $f(x|y) = \exp \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_j(y)}{\lambda_j} \left( x_j - \frac{\mu_j(y)}{2} \right) \right\}, \quad x_j = \langle x, \varphi_j \rangle, \forall j \geq 1$

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$$\hat{\mu}(y, t) = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n x_i(t) K\left(\frac{y_i - y}{h}\right)}{\sum_{i=1}^n K\left(\frac{y_i - y}{h}\right)}$$



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- Obtain estimates  $(\hat{\lambda}_i, \hat{\varphi}_i)_i$  of  $(\lambda_i, \varphi_i)_i$  on the basis of the empirical covariance of the residuals

## Functional PCA

$$\hat{\epsilon}_i = x_i - \hat{\mu}(y_i), \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

$$\hat{\Gamma} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (\hat{\epsilon}_i - \bar{\epsilon}) \otimes (\hat{\epsilon}_i - \bar{\epsilon}), \quad \bar{\epsilon} = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \epsilon_i$$

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DBIR estimator

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# Consistency DBIR

## Theorem [Hernández et al., 2014]

Under assumptions (A1)-(A12), we have, for all  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  such that  $f_X(x) > 0$ ,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \hat{\gamma}(x) =^{\mathbb{P}} \gamma(x).$$



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# Simulations

- $(X, Y)$ : random pair taking values in  $\mathcal{X} = L_2([0, 1]) \times \mathbb{R}$
- $(v_j)_{j \geq 1}$ : the trigonometric basis of  $\mathcal{X}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} v_{2k-1} &= \sqrt{2} \cos(2\pi k) \\ v_{2k} &= \sqrt{2} \sin(2\pi k) \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots \end{aligned}$$

- $X = \mu(Y) + \epsilon$  with  $\epsilon$ : Gaussian process (independent of  $Y$ ) with zero mean and covariance operator

$$\Gamma_\epsilon = \sum_{j \geq 1} \frac{1}{j} v_j \otimes v_j$$



# Simulated models

M2

$$X = Yv_1 + 2Yv_2 + 3Yv_{10} + \epsilon$$

M2

$$X = \sin(Y)v_1 + \log(Y+1)v_5 + \epsilon$$

M3

$$X = Yq_1 + 5Yq_2 + \epsilon$$

where  $q_1 = 2t^3$  and  $q_2 = t^4$

M4

$$X = \sin(Y)q_1 + 20\log(Y+1)q_2 + \epsilon$$



# Computational aspects of the simulations

- $n_L = 300$  (number of samples in the training)
- $n_T = 200$  (number of samples in the test)
- $t \in \tau$ , where  $\tau$  equally spaced into  $[0, 1]$
- $Y \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 10)$ ;
- $\epsilon$  was simulated by using a truncation of  $\Gamma_\epsilon$ :

$$\Gamma_\epsilon(s, t) \simeq \sum_{j=1}^{N_j} \frac{1}{j} v_j(t) v_j(s)$$

with  $N_j = 500$ .



# Performances compared to standard nonparametric estimate

Model	DBIR	NWK	DBIR (linear est. of the mean)
<i>M1</i>	0.23	0.28	0.22
<i>M2</i>	1.71	1.91	X
<i>M3</i>	0.07	0.19	0.02
<i>M4</i>	0.35	0.47	X



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# Conclusion and Remarks

- DBIR based on **estimation of the “inverse” regression model**  $f(x|y)$  but (contrary to FSIR) no need to choose the effective dimension  $d$  and only 1-dimensional regression (instead of  $d$ );
- **computationally simple** and performs well on the simulated data;
- $P(.|y)$  assumed Gaussian but no assumption on the distribution of  $X$  or  $Y$  or  $Y$  given  $X$ .



# Thank you for your attention...

...any question?

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# Consistency of the DBIR estimator (notations)

- $m$  st  $\mu(.|y) = \frac{m(y)}{f_Y(y)}$ ;
- $(\eta_n)_n \subset \mathbb{R}^{+*}$ ,  $\eta_n \searrow 0$ ;
- $r : y \rightarrow \mu(.|y)$ ,  $r_{\eta_n}(y) = \frac{m(y)}{f_{Y,\eta_n}(y)}$  with  $f_{Y,\eta_n}(y) = \max(f_Y(y), \eta_n)$ ;
- $\hat{m}(y) = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i K\left(\frac{y_i - y}{h}\right)$ ;
- $\hat{r}_{\eta_n} : y \rightarrow \hat{\mu}(.|y)$ ,  $\hat{r}_{\eta_n}(y) = \frac{\hat{m}(y)}{\hat{f}_{Y,\eta_n}(y)}$ ,  $\hat{f}_{Y,\eta_n}(y) = \max(\hat{f}_Y(y), \eta_n)$ ;
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# Consistency of the DBIR estimator (part 1)

- (A1)  $f_Y$  has support  $\Omega_Y \subset \mathbb{R}$ , and  $f_Y$  and  $r$  are  $C^k$ , for a  $k \geq 2$ , on  $\Omega_Y$ ;
- (A2)  $K$  is an order  $k$  kernel with compact support;
- (A3) there exists  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  such that  $\sup_{y \in \Omega_Y} |f_Y^{(k)}(y)| < d_1$  and  
 $\sup_{y \in \Omega_Y} \|r^{(k)}(y)\| < d_2$ ;
- (A4)  $h = O(n^{-c_1})$ , where  $\frac{1}{4+2k} < c_1 < \frac{1}{4}$ ;
- (A5) there exists  $b_1 > 0$  such that  $\inf_{y \in \Omega_Y} f_Y(y) \geq b_1$ ;
- (A6) there exists  $b_2 > 0$  such that  $\sup_{y \in \Omega_Y} \|r(y)\| \leq b_2$ .

## Proposition 1

Under assumptions (A1)-(A6) we have:

$$\sup_{y \in \Omega_Y} \|\hat{r}(y) - r(y)\| = O_P\left(n^{-c_1 k} + \left(\frac{\log n}{n^{1-2c_1}}\right)^{1/2}\right).$$

# Consistency of the DBIR estimator (part 2)

(A7)  $\mathbb{E}(\|\epsilon\|^4) < +\infty$ ;

## Proposition 2

Under assumptions (A1)-(A7) we have:

$$\|\Gamma - \hat{\Gamma}\| = O_P\left(\frac{1}{n^{1/2-2c_1}}\right).$$



# Consistency of the DBIR estimator (part 3)

$$(A8) \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \sup_{y \in \Omega_Y} \frac{|r_j(y)|}{\sqrt{\lambda_j}} < \infty;$$

(A9) The  $(\lambda_j)_j$  are all distinct;

(A10)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} p = +\infty$ ;

$$(A11) \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sum_{j=1}^p a_j}{\lambda_p n^{1/2-2c_1}} = 0;$$

$$(A12) \frac{p}{\lambda_p^2} = O(n^q) \text{ for some } 0 < q < \min(c_1 k, \frac{1}{2} - c_1).$$

## Proposition 3

Under Assumptions (A1)-(A12), for any  $x \in \mathcal{X}$  we have:

$$\sup_{y \in \Omega_Y} |\hat{f}(x|y) - f(x|y)| = o_P(1).$$

