

Bounding the dependence measures for spatial uncertainties

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- \rightarrow Needed at *input* side of an analysis:
 - E.g., material properties, loads Framework to capture the available information?
 - (Spatial variation of) Bounds on parameter
 - Dependency between local values of parameter: limit the possible realisations in between the bounds.

ightarrow Needed at *output* side of an analysis:

E.g., displacement field, temperature field How to accurately represent deterministic realisation? How to represent uncertainty without conservatism?

- Predicting correct bounds on local values
- Avoid impossible realisations





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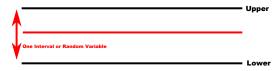
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Representation of spatial uncertainty in numerical modelling

• Assuming uniformity or homogeneity, total dependence:



- This representation is not sufficient.
- Assuming total independence:



This representation is not necessary and infeasible.

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Representation of spatial uncertainty in numerical modelling

What is needed?

- Dependence measure
- Realisations
- Uncertainty propagation
 - Types:
 - $\bullet \ \ \text{scalar} \to \text{field}$
 - field \rightarrow scalar
 - $\bullet \ \ \text{field} \to \text{field}$
 - Optimisation problem: what to optimise?

Representation of output

- $\bullet~$ Bounds with dependence measure \rightarrow realisations
- Analytical formulation



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"We must be clearer about the abused word *dependence* and its relatives." [Drouet Mari and Kotz, 2001]

- 'Perfect' dependence: $x = a \rightarrow y = b$
- 'Flexible' dependence: $x \in x^s \subset x^s \rightarrow y \in y^s \subset y^s$

"... an essential part of uncertainty analysis is the analysis of dependence." [Kurowicka and Cooke, 2006]

"..., the only means to establish a relationship between variables was to deduce a causative connection. There was no way to discuss - let alone measure - the association between variables that lack a cause-effect relationship." [Rodgers and Nicewander, 1988]



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Probabilistic dependence measures:

- Scalar aggregate (global) measure:
 - Product moment correlation
 - Rank correlation
 - Kendall's tau
 - Relative entropy
- Thorough (local) measure:
 - Copula

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Product moment correlation

$$p(X,Y) \equiv \frac{E(XY) - E(X)E(Y)}{\sigma_X \sigma_Y}$$

• Depends on marginal distributions

• $-1 \le \rho(X, Y) \le 1$

- min & max (not necessarily -1 and 1) when countermonotonic or comonotonic
- Invariant under linear strictly increasing transformations
- X and Y are independent $\rightarrow \rho(X, Y) = 0$



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Rank correlation

$$\rho_r(X, Y) \equiv \rho(F_X(X), F_Y(Y))$$

Independent of marginal distributions

$$-1 \le \rho_r(X, Y) \le 1$$

- min & max when countermonotonic or comonotonic
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- X and Y are independent $\rightarrow \rho_r(X, Y) = 0$

Elucidation

$$\pi_{\frac{1}{2}}(X,Y) \equiv P\left(F_X(X) > \frac{1}{2}|F_Y(Y) > \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

•
$$\pi_{\frac{1}{2}}(X, Y) = 0 \rightarrow \rho_r(X, Y) = -1$$

• $\pi_{\frac{1}{2}}(X, Y) = 1/2 \rightarrow \rho_r(X, Y) = 0$
• $\pi_{\frac{1}{2}}(X, Y) = 1 \rightarrow \rho_r(X, Y) = 1$



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Kendall's tau

 $\tau(X,Y) \equiv P[(X_1 - X_2)(Y_1 - Y_2) \ge 0] - P[(X_1 - X_2)(Y_1 - Y_2) < 0]$

Independent of marginal distributions

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Relative entropy

$$\delta_{X,Y} \equiv \int \int f(x,y) \log\left(\frac{f(x,y)}{f_1(x)f_2(y)}\right) dxdy$$

- Entropy of *f*(*x*, *y*) is compared with maximum attainable entropy when *X* and *Y* are independent
- *X* and *Y* are independent $\rightarrow \delta_{X,Y} = 0$
- *X* and *Y* are perfect dependent $\rightarrow \delta_{X,Y}$ tends to ∞



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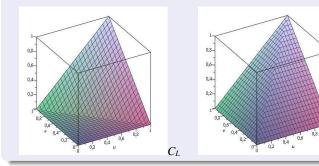
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Copula

$$F_{XY}(x, y) = C(F_X(x), F_Y(y))$$

- Seperates effect of dependence and marginal distributions
- Cumulative distribution function with uniform marginals on [0,1]
- $C_L = max(u + v 1, 0) \le C(u, v) \le C_U = min(u, v)$ with $(u, v) \in [0, 1]^2$



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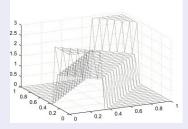
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Most promising two copulae

Diagonal band copula



- Minimum information copula: unique bivariate joint distribution with
 - marginal distribution uniform on $I = \left| -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right|$
 - rank correlation $\rho_r \in \lfloor -1, 1 \rfloor$
 - minimal information relative to uniform distribution among all distributions with rank correlation *ρ_r*
 - no closed functional form



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Non-probabilistic dependence measures:

• Independence and noninteraction dominate

Hartley measure of uncertainty

$$H(r_E) = \log_2 |E|, \quad r_E(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x \in E \\ 0 & \text{when } x \notin E \end{cases}$$

Information transmission

 $T_H(X, Y) = H(X) + H(Y) - H(X \times Y)$

- Noninteractive $\rightarrow T_H(X, Y) = 0$
- $H(X|Y) = H(Y|X) = 0 \rightarrow \text{maximum of } T_H(X,Y)$



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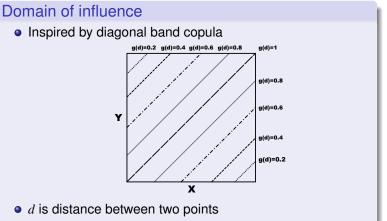
- A dependence description as a function of the distance between points
 - Prob: Covariance structure of Random Field
 - Well developed discretisation methods
 - Criteria to assess the discretisation
 - Non-prob: Domain of influence



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- $g(d) \rightarrow \text{set } R \subseteq X \times Y \text{ of possible values}$
- Other shapes for R possible



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Domain of influence: g(d)

- $g(d): d \to \lfloor -\infty, 1 \rceil$
- $g(d) \leq 0$ then $R = X \times Y$
- g(d) = 1 then *R* reduces to the single line X = Y.
- Conditions on g(d): $\begin{cases} g(0) = 1 \\ g(d_1) > g(d_2) & \text{for } d_1 < d_2 \end{cases}$
- Example: $g(d) = 1 \frac{d}{a}$ a > 0, a parameter specifying the domain of influence.
 - d < a then $R \subset X \times Y$
 - d > a then $R = X \times Y$



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Input:

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- uncertain flexibility, 2 point discretisation
- interval on correlation length
- interval on domain of influence a
- Output: displacement difference $\Delta W(x_1, x_2)$
 - Prob: reliability
 - Non-prob: upper bound

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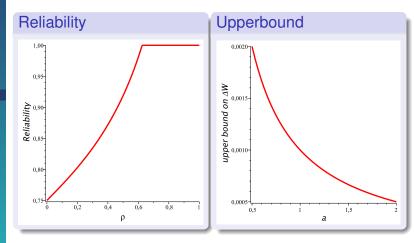


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What was given:

- Overview of dependence measures
- Link between set definition and spatial uncertainty What is still needed:
 - Non-probabilistic dependence measures needed
 - \bullet Dependence measure \rightarrow realisations:
 - criteria for realisations

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