

# Robust Axial Data Analysis

Daijin Ko and Ted Chang

University of Texas at San Antonio  
and University of Virginia

# Robustness

- Robustness
- SB Robustness on spheres
- Robustness on Real projective space
- M-estimation of axial location

# Robust Statistics

- The question: are statistical methods, which are good under the model, reasonably good even if the data is contaminated?
- Does contaminated data have a big effect on the studied estimator?
- What effect?

# What effect?

- The bias of a statistic
- Variance of a statistic (efficiency)
- One can control the variance by increasing sample size but cannot control bias

# Bias Control

- The **influence function** of statistical functional  $T$  is defined as

$$IF(x, T, F) = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(T((1 - s)F + s\delta_x) - T(F))}{s}$$

where  $\delta_x$  denotes the point mass at  $x$

- The **gross error sensitivity** of  $T$  at  $F$  is defined by the supremum of the norm of  $IF$  taken over all  $x$

$$GES(T, F) = \sup_x |IF(x, T, F)|$$

# measure of robustness

- The gross error sensitivity can be regarded as an approximate upper bound for the asymptotic bias of an estimator  $T$
- The GES measures the largest influence that a small amount of contamination can have (to the bias)
- If the gross error sensitivity of a functional is finite, then, the “corresponding” estimator is called B-robust (for Bias)

# Spherical mean

- The spherical mean  $T$

$$T(F) = (\int x dF_1, \dots, \int x dF_q) / \left\| (\int x dF_1, \dots, \int x dF_q) \right\|$$

- It is the MLE of the FVML distribution

- $IF(z; T, F) =$

$$(q - 1)(z - (z^t T(F))T(F)) / E g'(t)(1 - t^2)$$

where  $t = \mu^t X$ ,  $X$  is a random unit vector with distribution  $F$  (density  $f$ ) and  $g(s) = \log(f(s))$ .

# The GES measures at FVML

When  $F = FVML(\mu, \kappa)$ ,

$$\|IF(z; T, F)\|^2 = (q-1)^2(1-s^2)/E^2 g'(t)(1-t^2)$$

where  $s = z^t \mu$  and  $E g'(t)(1-t^2) = (q-1) A_q(\kappa)/\kappa$

$GES(T, F) = \sup_z \|IF(z; T, F)\| = 1/A_q(\kappa)$ , *bounded*.

- *Is the mean B-robust?*

*When  $\kappa > 0$ , the spherical mean is robust??*

But of course, on a bounded parameter space, this bias is bounded.



# SGES

- The idea is that on such bounded parameter space, we should rather compute the influence of a contamination in the unit of a scale functional  $S$  of the distribution
- *Standardized influence function*

$$SIF(z; T, S, F) = \frac{1}{S(F)} IF(z; T, F)$$

- The standardized gross error sensitivity at a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of distributions is defined

$$SGES(T, S, \mathcal{F}) = \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} GES(T, F) / S(F)$$

# SB Robustness

- The standardized gross error sensitivity at a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of distributions is defined

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SGES}(T, S, \mathcal{F}) &= \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \text{GES}(T, F) / S(F) \\ &= \sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sup_Z \|IF(z; T, F)\| / S(F) \end{aligned}$$

- It measures the maximum asymptotic bias of  $T$  in the units  $S(F)$  within the family  $\mathcal{F}$
- $T$  is called SB-robust at  $\mathcal{F}$  if  $\text{SGES}(T, S, \mathcal{F})$  is bounded

# SGES

- At  $\mathcal{F}=\{F\}$ , SB-robustness is B-robustness
- When  $\mathcal{F} =\{FVML (\mu, \kappa) \mid \kappa>0\}$ , for  $S^{-2} (F)$  is the Fisher Information for location of F,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SGES} &= \sup_{\kappa>0} (1/A_q(\kappa))\sqrt{\kappa A_q(\kappa)} \\ &= \sup_{\kappa>0} \sqrt{\kappa/A_q(\kappa)} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

- Therefore, the asymptotic bias of T associated with a small contamination could be very large compare to the dispersion.

# Scale

The standardized gross error sensitivity at a family  $\mathcal{F}$  of distributions is defined in general

$$\text{SGES}(T, \mathcal{F}) =$$

$$\sup_{F \in \mathcal{F}} \sup_{\mathbf{x}} (IF(\mathbf{x}, T, F))^t S^{-1}(F) IF(\mathbf{x}, T, F)$$

where  $S^{-1}(F)$  is the Fisher Information for  $T(F)$

# Fisher Information metric

Let  $v$  and  $w$  be tangent vectors to  $S^{k-1}$  at some point  $\theta \in S^{k-1}$

such that  $v = \gamma_1'(0)$  and  $w = \gamma_2'(0)$  for some curves  $\gamma_1$ , and  $\gamma_2$  are curves on  $S^{k-1}$  such that  $\theta = \gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0)$ .

Let  $f(\theta'x)$  be the density of  $X$ . Define

$$\langle v, w \rangle_{\theta} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \bigg|_{(t,s)=(0,0)} E[\log(f(\gamma_1(s)' X) \log(f(\gamma_2(t)' X)))]$$

Then  $\langle v, w \rangle_{\theta} = c_f v^t w = (E[\varphi_f(\theta' X)(1 - (\theta' X)^2)]) / (k - 1) v^t w$

*i.e.*,  $c_f = (E[\varphi_f(\theta' X)(1 - (\theta' X)^2)]) / (k - 1)$ .

# Fisher Information metric

Since  $\text{IF}(\mathbf{x}, T, F)$  is tangent vector to  $S^{k-1}$  at  $T(F) \in S^{k-1}$

$$SGES = \sup_F \sup_x \langle \text{IF}(\mathbf{x}, T, F), \text{IF}(\mathbf{x}, T, F) \rangle_{T(F)}$$

# Fisher Information metric

For rotationally symmetric case,

$$\text{SGES}(T, F) = \sup_F \sup_x c_f \|IF(x, T, F)\|.$$

The definitions of SGES are equivalent for  $(S(F) = c_f^{-1/2})$ .

# SB robust M-estimator on spheres

- The M-estimators proposed by Ko and Chang (93) are then defined by

$$\hat{\theta} = \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in \Omega_q} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho(X_i, \theta)$$

- This is a constrained maximization problem so using the Lagrange multipliers method we obtain the estimating equation

$$M(s, \phi, F_n) = E_{F_n} \phi(X, s) - |E_{F_n} \phi(X, s)| s = 0$$

where  $\phi(x, \theta) = (\partial / \partial \theta) \rho(x, \theta)$ .



# Influence function of M-estimator

- $M(s, \psi, F) = E_F [\psi(T(F)'X)(X - (X'T(F))T(F))] = 0$

- $$IF(z; T, F) = \frac{(q-1)\psi(\theta^t z)(z - (\theta^t z)\theta)}{E\psi(t)g'(t)(1-t^2)},$$

where  $t = \theta^t X$  and  $X$  is a random unit vector with rotationally symmetric distribution  $F$  around  $\theta$ .

# SGES at VMFL( $\mu, \kappa$ )

- $SIF = \frac{(q-1)\psi(s)\sqrt{1-s^2}}{\kappa E\psi(t)(1-t^2)} \sqrt{\kappa A_q(\kappa)}$
- $SGES = \sup_{-1 \leq s \leq 1} \frac{(q-1)\psi(s)\sqrt{1-s^2}}{\kappa E\psi(t)(1-t^2)} \sqrt{\kappa A_q(\kappa)}$

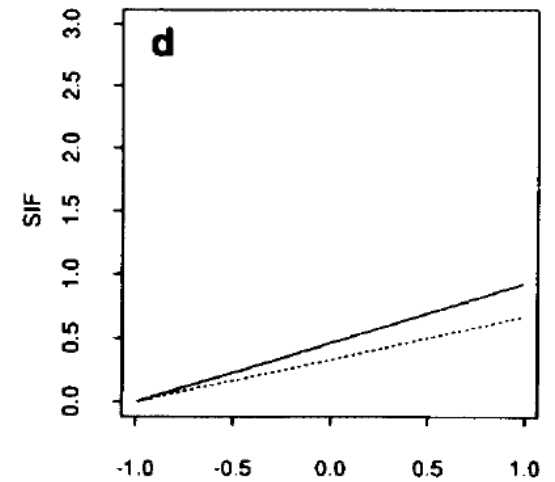
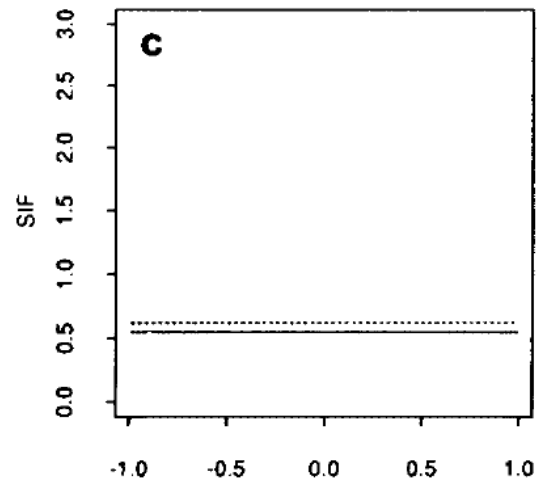
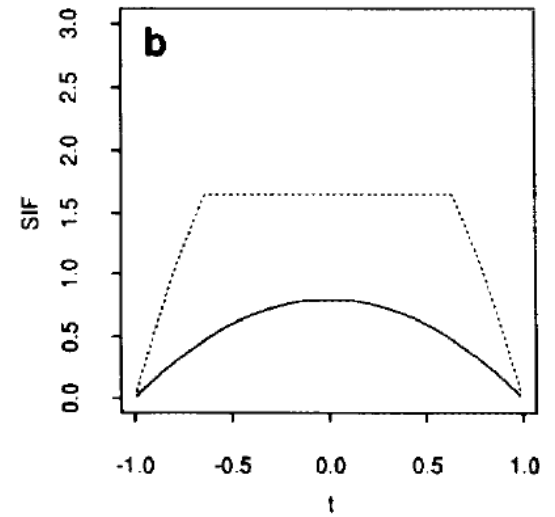
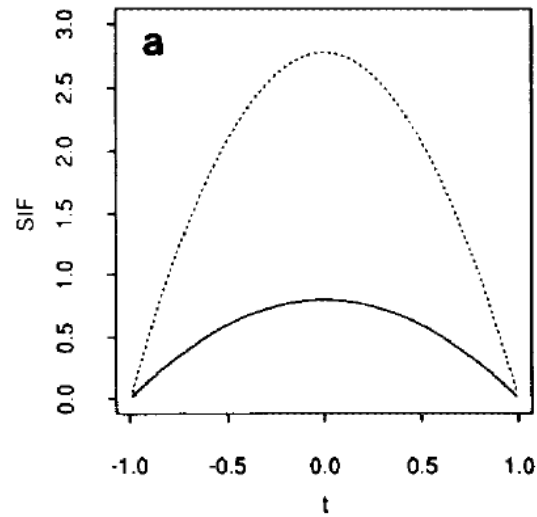
SIF for  $\kappa=1$  (dotted)  
and  $\kappa=10$  (solid)

a) Spherical Mean

b) Optimal M-  
estimator with  
90% efficiency

c) Spherical Median

d) Normalize spatial  
median



# SB-robustness of M estimators

**Spherical Mean: Not SB-robust**

**Optimal M-estimator: SB-robust if  $b=O(\kappa^{-1/2})$ .**

**Spherical Median: SB-robust**

**Normalize spatial median: SB-robust**

# Asymptotic Distribution

$\hat{\mu}_n$ : an M-estimator, the solution of the M Equation  
$$\sum_{i=1}^n \psi(\hat{t}_i)(X_i - \hat{t}_i \mu) = 0$$

- Under regularity conditions, M-estimators are consistent and asymptotically normal.

- $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\mu}_n - \mu) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, c_1^{-2} \Sigma)$  where

$$\Sigma = E(\psi(t)^2 (1 - t^2))(I - \mu \mu^t)/(q-1) \text{ and}$$

$$c_1 = E[\psi(t)g'(t)(1 - t^2)]/(q-1).$$

# Asymptotic Distribution

$$n(\hat{\mu}_n - \mu)^2 \xrightarrow{d} \frac{E(\psi(t)^2(1-t^2))}{E[\psi(t)g'(t)(1-t^2)]^2} \chi^2_{q-1}$$

One can construct the  $(1-\alpha)$ -confidence cone for the true parameter  $\mu$ .

# Axial Data

$\mathbf{RP}^{p-1}$ : real projective  $p-1$  dim space

$$[x] = \{x, -x\} \in \mathbf{RP}^{p-1} = S^{p-1} / x \sim -x$$

$\mathbf{RP}^{p-1}$  is  $S^{p-1}$  with  $x$  identified with  $-x$  using the the “quotient topology”.

$\phi: S^{p-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{RP}^{p-1}$ , natural projection

$$\phi(x) = [x] = \{x, -x\}$$

# Axial Data

$\phi: S^{p-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$ , natural projection

$$\phi(x) = [x] = \{x, -x\}$$

$\phi$ : double covering

i.e., there is a 1-1 correspondence between continuous, respectively differentiable, maps  $f$  on  $S^{p-1}$  that satisfy the condition  $f(x) = f(-x)$  and continuous, respectively differentiable, maps  $\tilde{f}$  on  $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  so that  $f = \tilde{f} \phi$ .



# Tangent Spaces

$$T_{\theta_0} S^{p-1} = \{x \in R^{p-1} \mid x^t \theta_0 = 0\}$$

: the tangent space to  $S^{p-1}$  at  $\theta_0 \in S^{p-1}$  .

$T_{\theta_0, -\theta_0} \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  , the tangent space to  $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  at  $\{\theta_0, -\theta_0\} \in \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$

The map  $\phi$  defines a vector space isomorphism

$$\phi_* : T_{\theta_0} S^{p-1} \rightarrow T_{\theta_0, -\theta_0} \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$$

# Riemannian metric on $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$

For  $\tilde{v}, \tilde{w} \in T_{\theta_0, -\theta_0} \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$ , let  $v, w \in T_{\theta_0} S^{p-1}$  be such that  $\phi_*(v) = \tilde{v}$  and  $\phi_*(w) = \tilde{w}$ .

Define a Riemannian metric  $\langle, \rangle_0$  on  $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  by  $\langle \tilde{v}, \tilde{w} \rangle_0 = v^t w$ .

Riemannian metric is a positive definite inner product on each tangent space subject to a differentiability constraint.

# Riemannian metric on $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$

Using this definition, each  $\phi_*: T_{\theta_0}S^{p-1} \rightarrow T_{\theta_0, -\theta_0}\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  is an isometry.

Riemannian metrics define a volume element, and under this choice of Riemannian metric for  $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$ , the (surface) volume of each  $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  is half that of  $S^{p-1}$ .

In particular, the surface volume of  $\mathbf{R}P^2$  is  $2\pi$  and that of  $S^2$  is  $4\pi$ .

More generally, let  $S_+^{p-1} = \{x = [x_1, x_2, \dots, x_p] \in S^{p-1} \mid x_1 \geq 0\}$ . Except on the ‘equatorial  $S^{p-2}$ ’,  $\phi$  is 1-1 onto  $RP^{p-1}$ . It follows from the change of variables theorem, that if  $\tilde{f} : RP^{p-1} \rightarrow R^1$  then

$$\int_{RP^{p-1}} \tilde{f} = \int_{S_+^{p-1}} \tilde{f} \phi = \frac{1}{2} \int_{S^{p-1}} \tilde{f} \phi \quad (1)$$

# Riemannian metric on $\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$

The relevant group is  $G=SO(p)$  with action  $A \cdot \{\theta, -\theta\} = \{A\theta, -A\theta\}$  where  $\theta$  represent generic element of  $S^{p-1}$ . For specific A, let  $f:S^{p-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  be the map  $f(x)=\{Ax, -Ax\}$ .

This induced a map  $\tilde{f} : \mathbf{R}P^{p-1} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  such that  $f = \tilde{f} \phi$  and G-action  $A \cdot \{\theta, -\theta\} = \{A\theta, -A\theta\}$  is well defined.

Let  $\theta_0 \in S^{p-1}$  be  $\theta_0 = [1, 0, \dots, 0]$  and  $\tilde{\theta}_0 \in \mathbf{RP}^{p-1}$  be  $\tilde{\theta}_0 = \phi(\theta_0) = \{\theta_0, -\theta_0\}$ .

If  $A \cdot \tilde{\theta}_0 = \tilde{\theta}_0$ , then either  $A\theta_0 = \theta_0$  or  $A\theta_0 = -\theta_0$ .

In the former case A has the form

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (2) \quad \text{where } A_1 \in SO(p-1) \text{ and}$$

in the latter case,

$$\begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & A_1 \end{bmatrix} \quad (3) \quad \text{where } A_1 \in SO_-(p-1).$$

where  $SO_-(p-1) = \{A_1 = (p-1) \times (p-1) \text{ matrix} \mid A_1^t A_1 = I \ \& \ \det(A) = -1\}$

- Thus the isotropy group H is the subgroup of all matrices of the forms (2) or (3).

$\phi_*$  is an isomorphism  $T_{\theta_0}S^{p-1} \rightarrow T_{\tilde{\theta}_0}\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  and  
 $T_{-\theta_0}S^{p-1} \rightarrow T_{\tilde{\theta}_0}\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$

We represent  $T_{\tilde{\theta}_0}\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  as  $T_{\theta_0}S^{p-1} = R^{p-1} = \{[0, e_1] \mid e_1 \in R^{p-1}\}$   
using  $\phi_*$ .

Then  $A \in H$ ,  $A \cdot [0, e_1] = [0, A_1 e_1]$  if  $A$  has form (2) and  $A \cdot [0, e_1] = [0, -A_1 e_1]$  if  $A$  has form (3).

Since the representation of  $SO(p-1)$  on  $R^{p-1}$  is irreducible the  
representation of  $H$  on  $T_{\tilde{\theta}_0}\mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$  is *a fortiori* irreducible

- Thus in Propositions 1 and 2 of Chang and Rivest (2001), there is only one irreducible subspace and it only remains to identify the constants  $c = c_1$  and  $d = d_1$  of Chang-Rivest equation (16).



# Axial Data

Consider the distribution  $f$  on  $S^{p-1}$  with density of the form  $f(x; \theta) = f_0[(x^t \theta)^2]$  for  $x, \theta \in S^{p-1}$ .

Using (1), if  $\tilde{f}$  is defined by

$$\tilde{f}(\phi(x); \phi(\theta)) = 2f_0[(x^t \theta)^2], \tilde{f} \text{ is a density on } \mathbf{RP}^{p-1}.$$

Consider objective functions

$$\tilde{\rho}(\phi(x); \phi(\theta)) = \rho_0[(x^t \theta)^2]$$

# M-estimator

For objective functions  $\tilde{\rho}(\phi(x); \phi(\theta)) = \rho_0[(x^t \theta)^2]$ ,

The M-estimators are then defined by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\theta} &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in S^{p-1}} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \tilde{\rho}(\phi(x_i); \phi(\theta)) \\ &= \operatorname{argmin}_{\theta \in S^{p-1}} n^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^n \rho_0[(x_i^t \theta)^2]\end{aligned}$$

# SB robust M-estimator

- This is a constrained maximization problem so using the Lagrange multipliers method we obtain the estimating equation

$$M(s, \phi, F_n) = E_{F_n} \phi(X, s) - |E_{F_n} \phi(X, s)|_{s=0}$$

where  $\phi(x, \theta) = (\partial / \partial \theta) \rho(x, \theta)$ .

When  $\rho(x, \theta) = \rho(x^t \theta) = \tilde{\rho} [(x^t \theta)^2]$ ,

$$\psi(t) = -\rho'(t) = \tilde{\rho}'(t^2) * 2t$$

# Influence function of M-estimator

- $M(s, \psi, F) = E_F [\psi(T(F)'X)(X - (X'T(F))T(F))] = 0$

- $IF(z; T, F) = \frac{(q-1)\psi(\theta^t z)(z - (\theta^t z)\theta)}{E\psi(t)g'(t)(1-t^2)},$

as before.

# Robustness of M-estimator

- For MLE of Scheidegger-Watson distribution  $F$  and  $X \sim F$ , and  $\psi(t) = 2t$

$$IF(z; T, F) = (q-1)(q\lambda_1-1)^{-1} t \sqrt{1-t^2}$$

where  $\lambda_1$  is the largest eigenvalue of  $EXX^t$ .

AT SW =  $\{f(\theta, \kappa) = (w_q b_q(\kappa))^{-1} \exp\{\kappa (\theta^t x)^2\} \mid \kappa > 0\}$ ,  
SGES(T, SW) =  $\sup_{\kappa > 0} \sup_t |IF(z; T, F)| / O(\kappa^{-1/2}) = \infty$  and  
MLE is not SB-robust.

# SB Robustness of M-estimators

Can show that at SW =  
 $\{f(\theta, \kappa) = (w_q b_q(\kappa))^{-1} \exp\{\kappa (\theta^t x)^2\} \mid \kappa > 0\}$ , spherical  
median axis, normalized spatial median, and optimal M-  
estimator with  $\psi$  bounded by  $O(k^{-1/2})$  are SB-robust.

# Asymptotic Distribution of M estimators (Brown 85)

$X$  : *sample space*

$\Theta$  : *parameter space* =  $R^q$

$f(x, \theta)$  : *family of densities*

$\rho(x, \theta)$  : *objective function*

$X = (X_1, \dots, X_n)$  *sample from*  $f(x, \theta_0)$

$$\hat{\theta} = \arg \min_{\theta} \sum_i \rho(X_i, \theta)$$

$$S(X, \theta) = \sum_i \partial \rho(X_i, \theta) / \partial \theta = 0 : \textit{estimating equation}$$

$$v_{\theta_0}(\theta) = E_{\theta} S(X, \theta_0)$$

$$v'_{\theta_0}(\theta_0) = \frac{\partial}{\partial \theta} \Big|_{\theta=\theta_0} v_{\theta_0}(\theta)$$

# Asymptotic Distribution of M estimators (Brown 85)

*Under regularity conditions,*

$$n^{1/2}(\hat{\theta} - \theta_0) \xrightarrow{d} N(0, B^{-1} A (B^{-1})^t)$$

*where  $A = \lim_n \text{Cov}_{\theta_0}(S(X, \theta_0)) / n$  and*

$$B = \lim_n v'_{\theta_0}(\theta_0) / n$$



# Asymptotic Distribution of M estimators on Manifolds

*Chang and Tsai ('99)* Reformulate A and B in a coordinate-free manner for a differentiable manifold  $\Theta$ .

$\gamma = (\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_q) : R^1 \rightarrow R^q$  a curve

$f : R^q \rightarrow R^1$

$$(f \circ \gamma)'(0) = \sum_i \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_i}(\gamma(0)) \cdot \gamma_i'(0)$$

depends only upon a base point  $\gamma(0)$  and a tangent vector  $\gamma'(0)$ .

# Asymptotic Distribution of M estimators on Manifolds

tangent vector to  $\Theta$  at  $\theta_0 \in \Theta$  is an equivalence class of curves satisfying  $\gamma(0) = \theta_0$ , where two curves  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are equivalent (defines the same tangent vector at  $\theta$ ) if  $(f \circ \gamma_1)'(0) = (f \circ \gamma_2)'(0)$  for any

$$f : \Theta \rightarrow R^1.$$

$T_{\theta_0} \Theta = \{\text{tangent vectors at } \theta_0\}$  is a vector space

# Reformulation of A and B

Chang and Tsai ('99) reformulated A as a family of inner products, one inner product on each  $T_\theta\Theta$  as follows.

$$\langle \gamma_1'(0), \gamma_2'(0) \rangle_A = \text{Cov}_\theta \left[ \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \rho(X, \gamma_1(t)) \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \rho(X, \gamma_2(s)) \right) \right]$$

where  $\gamma_1$  and  $\gamma_2$  are curves with  $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0) = \theta$ .

A is a Riemannian metric on  $\Theta$ .

# Reformulation of A and B

B is reformulated as a family of bilinear form,  
one on each  $T_\theta\Theta$  by

$$\langle \gamma_1'(0), \gamma_2'(0) \rangle_B = E_\theta \left[ \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \rho(X, \gamma_2(t)) \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \log(f(X, \gamma_2(s))) \right) \right].$$

under some conditions,

$$\langle \gamma_1'(0), \gamma_2'(0) \rangle_B = -E_\theta \left[ \left( \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial s} \Big|_{\substack{s=0 \\ t=0}} \rho(X, \gamma(s, t)) \right) \right]$$

where  $\gamma : R^2 \rightarrow \Theta$  satisfies  $\gamma(0,0) = \theta$ ,  $\gamma_1(s) = \gamma(s,0)$ ,  
and  $\gamma_2(t) = \gamma(0,t)$ .

# Chang and Rivest Theorem (2001)

PROPOSITION 1. *Suppose the compact Lie group  $\mathcal{H}$  is represented on the real vector space  $\mathcal{V}$ . Write  $\mathcal{V} = \bigoplus \mathcal{V}_i$  as a direct sum of minimally invariant subspaces. Suppose  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0$  is an  $\mathcal{H}$ -invariant positive definite inner product and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  an  $\mathcal{H}$ -invariant symmetric bilinear form on  $\mathcal{V}$ . Then:*

- (a) *There exist constants  $c_i$  such that  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle = c_i \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0$  on  $\mathcal{V}_i$ .*
- (b) *If  $\mathcal{V}_i$  and  $\mathcal{V}_j$  are inequivalent as representations of  $\mathcal{H}$ , they are orthogonal under  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle$  (and  $\langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_0$ ).*

Thus, write  $T_{\theta_0}\Theta = \oplus \mathcal{V}_i$  as a direct sum of minimally invariant subspaces and suppose the  $\mathcal{V}_i$  are all inequivalent. Then there are constants  $c_i$  and  $d_i$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \delta, \delta \rangle_A &= \sum_i c_i \langle \delta_i, \delta_i \rangle_0 \\
 \langle \delta, \delta \rangle_B &= \sum_i d_i \langle \delta_i, \delta_i \rangle_0 \\
 \delta &= \sum_i \delta_i, \quad \delta_i \in \mathcal{V}_i.
 \end{aligned}
 \tag{16}$$

This process constructs an asymptotic distribution in  $T_{\theta_0}\Theta$ , but  $\hat{\theta} \in \Theta$ . Let  $\Phi_{\theta_0}: T_{\theta_0}\Theta \rightarrow \Theta$  be any map such that  $\Phi_{\theta_0}(\mathbf{0}) = \theta_0$  and such that the derivative of  $\Phi_{\theta_0}$  at  $\mathbf{0}$  is the identity map. This latter condition means that if  $\mathbf{v} \in T_{\theta_0}\Theta$ , then  $\frac{d}{dt}\big|_{t=0} \Phi_{\theta_0}(t\mathbf{v}) = \mathbf{v}$ . Brown's theorem becomes the following.

PROPOSITION 2. Suppose  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n)$  is a sample from  $f(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\theta}_0)$  and that  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}$  minimizes  $\sum_i \rho(\mathbf{X}_i, \boldsymbol{\theta})$ . Let  $\hat{\boldsymbol{\theta}} = \Phi_{\boldsymbol{\theta}_0}(\hat{\mathbf{h}})$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{h}} = \sum_{i=1}^r \hat{\mathbf{h}}_i$  where  $\hat{\mathbf{h}}_i \in \mathcal{V}_i$ . Then the asymptotic distribution of  $n^{1/2}\hat{\mathbf{h}}$  is multivariate normal with density proportional to

$$\exp\left(-\frac{n}{2} \sum_i \frac{d_i^2}{c_i} \langle \mathbf{h}_i, \mathbf{h}_i \rangle_0\right), \quad \mathbf{h}_i \in \mathcal{V}_i, i = 1, \dots, r.$$

In particular,

$$n \sum_i \frac{d_i^2}{c_i} \langle \hat{\mathbf{h}}_i, \hat{\mathbf{h}}_i \rangle_0$$

is asymptotically  $\chi^2(\dim \boldsymbol{\Theta})$ .

# calculate c and d

To calculate c and d it suffices to look only at  $T_{\tilde{\theta}_0} \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$ .

Let  $\tilde{h} = \phi_*([0, h])$ ,  $\tilde{k} = \phi_*([0, k]) \in T_{\tilde{\theta}_0} \mathbf{R}P^{p-1}$

where  $h, k \in R^{p-1}$ . Let  $\gamma_1(t)$  and  $\gamma_2(s)$  be curves in  $S^{p-1}$  such that  $\gamma_1(0) = \gamma_2(0) = \theta_0$ ,  $\gamma_1' = [0, h]$ , and  $\gamma_2' = [0, k]$ . Then if  $\tilde{\gamma}_1(t) = \phi(\gamma_1(t))$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}_2(s) = \phi(\gamma_2(s))$ , we have  $\tilde{\gamma}_1'(0) = \phi_*([0, h]) = \tilde{h}$  and similarly  $\tilde{\gamma}_2'(0) = \tilde{k}$ .



By definition

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{k} \rangle_A &= \text{Cov}_{\tilde{\theta}_0} \left[ \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_1(t)) \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_2(s)) \right) \right] \\
&= \int_{R^{p-1}} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_1(t)) \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_2(s)) \right) \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\theta}_0) \\
&= 2 \int_{S_+^{p-1}} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \rho_0[(x^t \gamma_1(t))^2] \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \rho_0[(x^t \gamma_2(s))^2] \right) f_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] \\
&= 4 \int_{S^{p-1}} \left( \rho'_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2][0, h] x \right) \left( \rho'_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] x^t [0, k]^t \right) f(x; \theta_0) \\
&= 4 [0, h] \text{E}_{\theta_0} \left[ \left( \rho'_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] \right)^2 x x^t \right] [0, k]^t. \tag{4}
\end{aligned}$$

Here we have used (see Lemma 1 of Chang-Rivest)

$$\text{E}_{\tilde{\theta}_0} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_1(t)) \right) = 0. \tag{5}$$

Let  $u = x^t \theta_0$  and write  $E_{\theta_0}(xx^t | u) = u^2(\theta_0 \theta_0^t) + \frac{1-u^2}{p-1} (I - \theta_0 \theta_0^t)$ . Thus (4) yields

$$\langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{k} \rangle_A = \frac{4}{p-1} \int_{S^{p-1}} \left[ \left( \rho_0'(u^2) \right)^2 (1-u^2) f_0(u^2) \right] h^t k$$

and hence

$$c = \frac{4}{p-1} \int_{S^{p-1}} \left[ \left( \rho_0'(u^2) \right)^2 (1-u^2) f_0(u^2) \right]. \quad (6)$$

Similarly, using again (5) and letting  $g_0 = \log f_0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{k} \rangle_B &= E_{\tilde{\theta}_0} \left[ \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} \log \tilde{f}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_1(t)) \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}_2(s)) \right) \right] \\
&= 2 \int_{S_+^{p-1}} \left( \frac{d}{dt} \Big|_{t=0} g_0[(x^t \gamma_1(t))^2] \right) \left( \frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} \rho_0[(x^t \gamma_2(s))^2] \right) f_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] \\
&= 4 [0, h] E_{\theta_0} \left[ g'_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] \rho'_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] x x^t \right] [0, k]^t.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence

$$d = \frac{4}{p-1} \int_{S^{p-1}} \left[ g'_0(u^2) \rho'_0(u^2) (1-u^2) f_0(u^2) \right].$$

# Estimating constants c and d

According to equation (6)

$$c = \frac{4}{p-1} E_{S^{p-1}} \left[ \left( \rho'_0((\mathbf{X}^t \theta)^2) \right)^2 (1 - (\mathbf{X}^t \theta)^2) \right].$$

It follows that if  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_n \in RP^{p-1}$  is a sample from a density  $\tilde{f}$  of the form  $\tilde{f}(\phi(x); \phi(\theta)) = 2f_0[(x^t \theta)^2]$ , then

$$\hat{c} = \frac{4}{n(p-1)} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \left( \rho'_0((\mathbf{X}_i^t \hat{\theta})^2) \right)^2 (1 - (\mathbf{X}_i^t \hat{\theta})^2) \right] \quad (7)$$

is a consistent estimator of  $c$ . Here  $\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_n \in \mathbf{S}_+^{p-1}$  satisfy  $\phi(\mathbf{X}_i) = \tilde{\mathbf{X}}_i$  and  $\phi(\hat{\theta})$ , with  $\hat{\theta} \in S_+^{p-1}$ , is the M-estimate defined by  $\tilde{\rho}$ .

To develop a sample estimate for  $d$ , we use equation (12) of Chang-Rivest.

$$\begin{aligned}
\langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{k} \rangle_B &= -E_{\tilde{\theta}_0} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial s} \Big|_{(t,s)=(0,0)} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}(t, s)) \right] \\
&= -2 \int_{S_+^{p-1}} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial s} \Big|_{(t,s)=(0,0)} \tilde{\rho}(\tilde{x}, \tilde{\gamma}(t, s)) \right] f_0[(x^t \theta_0)^2] \\
&= -E_{\theta_0} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial s} \Big|_{(t,s)=(0,0)} \rho(x, \gamma(t, s)) \right] \\
&= -E_{\theta_0} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial s} \Big|_{(t,s)=(0,0)} \rho_0[(x^t \gamma(t, s))^2] \right]
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\tilde{\gamma}(t, s)$  satisfies  $\tilde{\gamma}(t, 0) = \tilde{\gamma}_1(t)$  and  $\tilde{\gamma}(0, s) = \tilde{\gamma}_2(s)$ .

Assume  $h$  has unit length, and let  $\gamma_1(t) = \cos(t)\theta_0 + \sin(t)h$  and  $\gamma(t, s) = \gamma_1(t + s)$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 \langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{h} \rangle_B &= -E_{\theta_0} \left[ \frac{\partial^2}{\partial t \partial s} \Big|_{(t,s)=(0,0)} \rho_0[(x^t(\cos(t+s)\theta_0 + \sin(t+s)h))^2] \right] \\
 &= -E_{\theta_0} \left[ 4h^t \rho_0''(u^2) x x^t h - 2\rho_0'(u^2) u \right] \\
 &= -E_{\theta_0} h^t \left[ 4\rho_0''(u^2) x x^t - 2\rho_0'(u^2) u \right] h,
 \end{aligned}$$

where we have used  $h^t h = 1$ . Thus, using  $E_{\theta_0}(x x^t | u) = u^2(\theta_0 \theta_0^t) + \frac{1-u^2}{p-1} (I - \theta_0 \theta_0^t)$

$$\langle \tilde{h}, \tilde{h} \rangle_B = -E_{\theta_0} h^t \left[ 4\rho_0''(u^2) \frac{1-u^2}{p-1} - 2\rho_0'(u^2) u \right] h.$$

It follows

$$d = -\mathbb{E}_{\theta_0} \left[ \frac{4}{p-1} \rho_0''(u^2)(1-u^2) - 2\rho_0'(u^2)u \right]$$

and hence a consistent estimator for  $d$  is

$$\hat{d} = -\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left[ \frac{4}{p-1} \rho_0''((\mathbf{X}_i^t \hat{\theta})^2)(1 - (\mathbf{X}_i^t \hat{\theta})^2) - 2\rho_0'((\mathbf{X}_i^t \hat{\theta})^2)(\mathbf{X}_i^t \hat{\theta}) \right]. \quad (8)$$

Note that the estimates (7) and (8) do not require knowledge of the underlying density  $f_0$ .