

Equivariant Topology
and
Regression Depth

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Outline

1. What is Equivariant Topology?

2. Survey of Applications
in Computational Geometry

[For Combinatorics, see Björner
or Lovász]

3. Regression Depth



[Živaljević User's Guide to Equivariant
Methods in Combinatorics]

[Matoušek Topological Methods in
Combinatorics and Geometry]

1. What is Equivariant Topology?

Topological Spaces X, Y

Group G acting on X, Y

$g \in G$ $\phi_g: X \rightarrow X$ homeomorphism

ϕ_1 - identity

$\phi_{g \cdot h} = \phi_g \circ \phi_h$

Notation: $\phi_g(x) = g \cdot x$

Does there exist a cont.

$f: X \rightarrow Y$ that is G -equivariant?

$f(g \cdot x) = g \cdot f(x) \quad \forall g \in G \quad \forall x \in X$

Example: Borsuk-Ulam Theorem

Cont. $f: S^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$

$\exists x$ s.t. $f(x) = f(-x)$



Equivariant Version

$G = \mathbb{Z}_2 = \{1, -1\}$ $X = S^d$ $Y = S^{d-1}$

G -equivariant \equiv Antipodal

$\forall x \quad f(x) = -f(-x)$

\nexists cont. G -equivariant
 $f: S^d \rightarrow S^{d-1}$

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\neg Equiv. Version \Rightarrow \neg Borsuk-Ulam

Assume cont., antipodal $f: S^d \rightarrow S^{d-1}$

Then $f: S^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ is cont., antipodal
and nowhere 0. $\forall x \ f(x) = -f(-x)$

But then $\exists x$ s.t. $f(x) = f(-x)$

\neg Borsuk-Ulam \Rightarrow \neg Equiv. Version

Assume cont. $f: S^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ s.t. $\forall x \ f(x) \neq f(-x)$

Then let $g(x) = f(x) - f(-x)$

g is cont., antipodal, \neq nowhere 0.

Let $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{\|g(x)\|}$

$h: S^d \rightarrow S^{d-1}$ cont., antipodal

- Changing orientations of planes
- Dir's of oriented planes
- ?

Vector of ^{excess} measures $(M_1^{-\frac{1}{8}}, \dots, M_8^{-\frac{1}{8}}) \in \mathbb{R}^8$

To show $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^8$ hits 0,
show non-existence of $f: X \rightarrow S^7$

Example: Equipartition in \mathbb{R}^3

[F. Yao - Dobkin - Edelsbrunner]

Any measurable set in \mathbb{R}^3
can be split into 8 equal
sets by 3 planes.



Equivariant Version

$$G = \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$$

$$X = S^2 \times S^2 \times S^2$$

$$Y = S^7$$

\nexists cont. G -equiv $f: X \rightarrow Y$

Why the Equivariant Versions?

More general results!

[Dold] X, Y simplicial complexes

Group action is free on X, Y

X is k -connected and $\dim(Y) \leq k$. $g \cdot x = x \Rightarrow g = 1$

$\Rightarrow \nexists G$ -equiv $f: X \rightarrow Y$

[Fadell-Husseini]

[Sarkaria] Index Theory measures
"G-complexity" of X, Y

Caveats

- 90% of Geometric applications seem to use Borsuk-Ulam
- General results may not resolve the question.

Open: Can any measurable set in \mathbb{R}^4 be equipartitioned into 16 by 4 hyperplanes?

$$G = (\mathbb{Z}_2)^4 \quad X = (S^2)^4 \quad Y = S^{15}$$

$$\exists G\text{-equiv } f: X \rightarrow Y ?$$

2. Survey of ATMCG

• Data Structures using Equipartitions

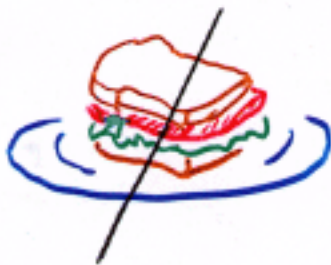


[Willard 82]

Half-space counting query:
How many pts in h ?



$$O(3^{\log_4 n}) = O(n^{\log_4 3})$$



Ham Sandwich
Thm

Equipartitions themselves

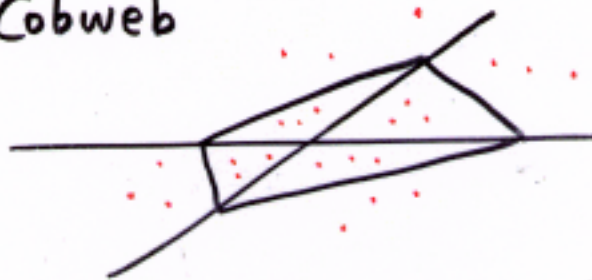
[Ramos 96]

\mathbb{R}^d - Divide j sets by k hyperplanes

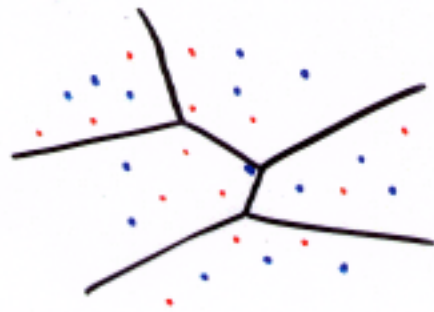
$(9, 3, 3)$ ✓ $(9, 5, 2)$ ✓ $(5, 1, 4)$ ✓

$(4, 1, 4)$?

[Schulman 93] Cobweb

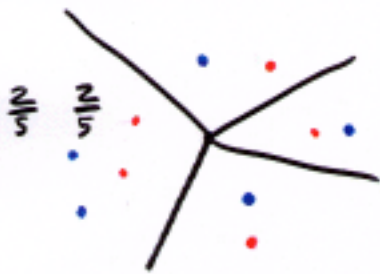


More Equipartitions



[Bespamyatnikh et al 98]
Sakai 98

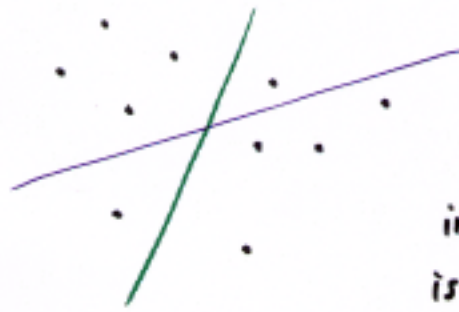
Red-Blue
Equitable Partition



[Bárány-Matoušek 99]

Equipartitions
by K-Fans

Halving Hyperplanes



[Vrećica-Živaljević]

diff't ways to
divide n pts in \mathbb{R}^d
into equal halves
is $O(n^d - \delta_d)$.

Weak ϵ -Nets



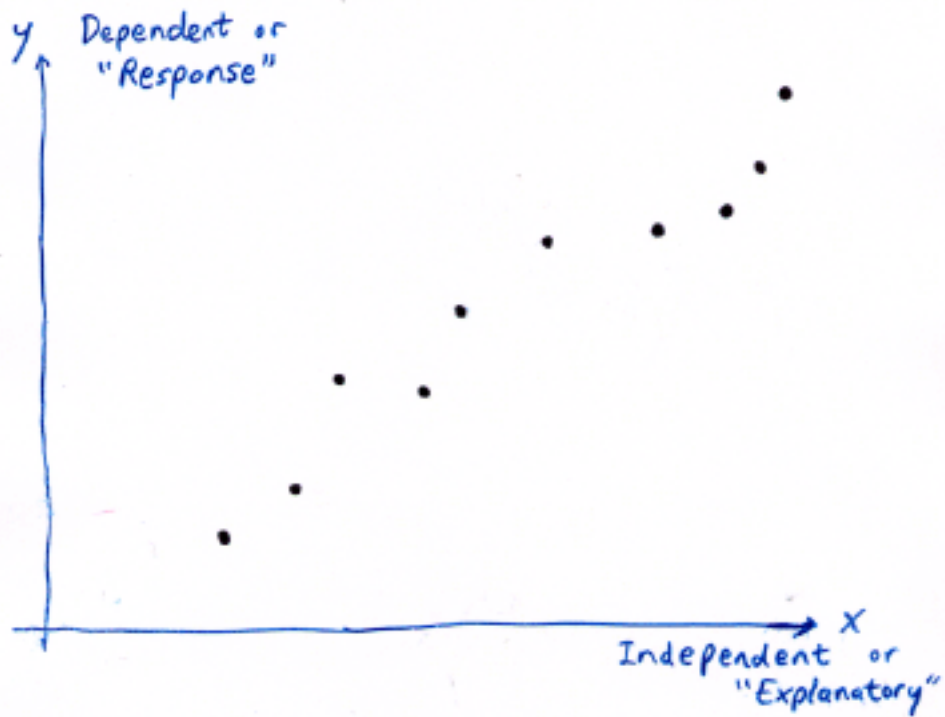
Any convex set
containing $\epsilon \cdot n$ pts of X
contains a pt of W

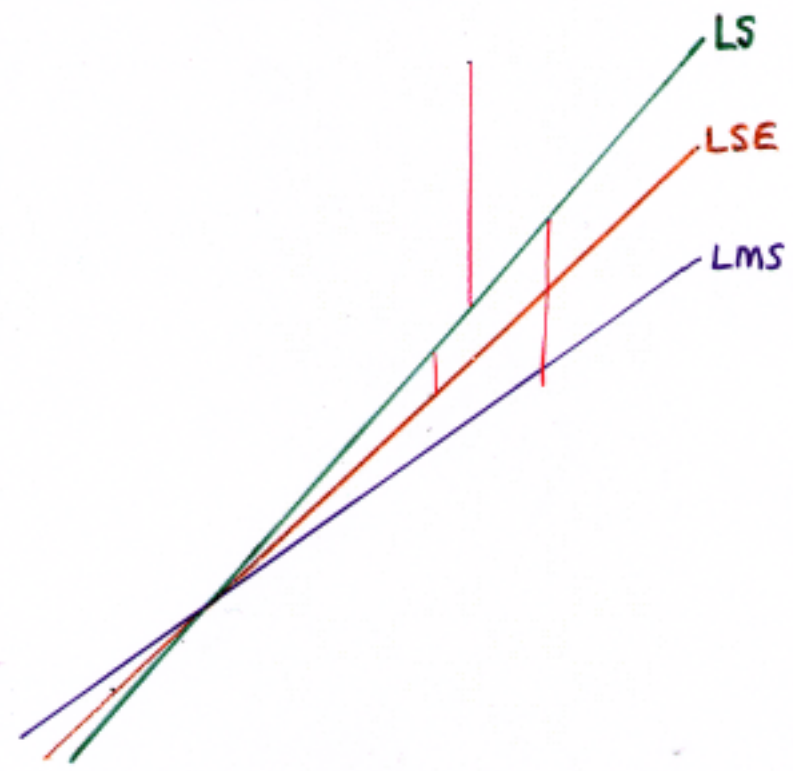
[Alon et al]

$\exists W$ of size $O\left(\left(\frac{1}{\epsilon}\right)^{d+1} - \delta'_d\right)$

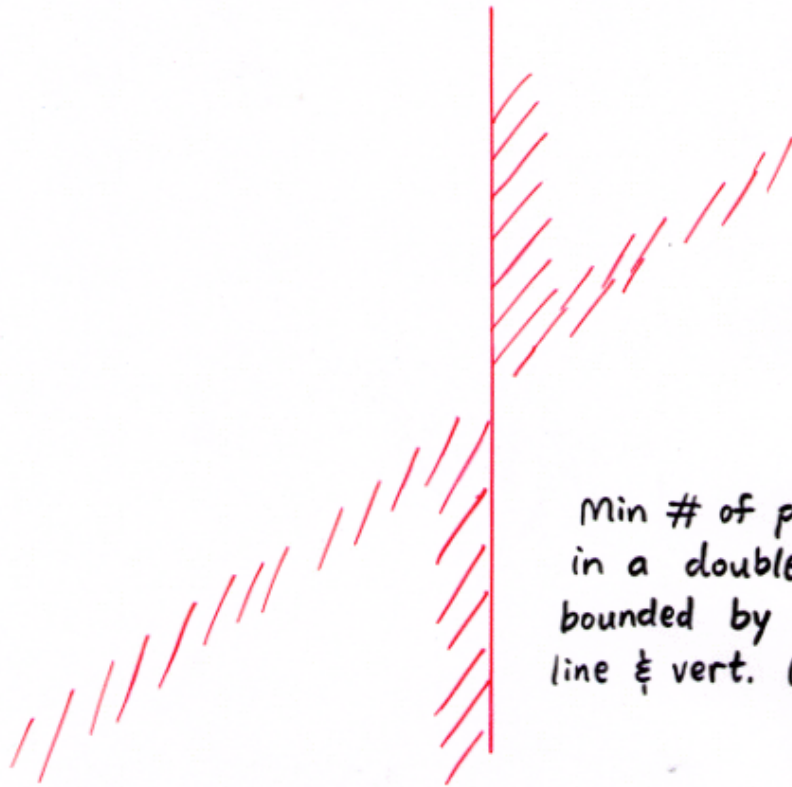
3. Regression Depth

Linear Regression





Least Squares $\sum (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2$
Least Sum of Errors $\sum |y_i - \hat{y}_i|$
Least Median of Squares $\text{med} \{ (y_i - \hat{y}_i)^2 \}$
[Rousseeuw 84]



Min # of pts
in a double wedge
bounded by reg.
line & vert. line

Deepest Line Regression

- Affine Invariant, Non-metric, No counter-intuitive behavior

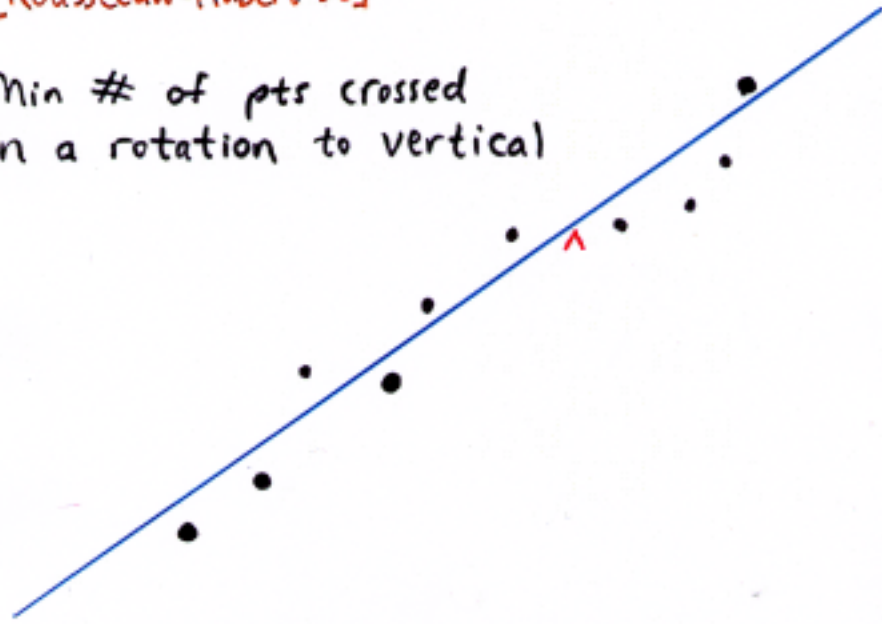
Reg. Depth as a Checker

- "Breakdown Point" of a regression line

Regression Depth

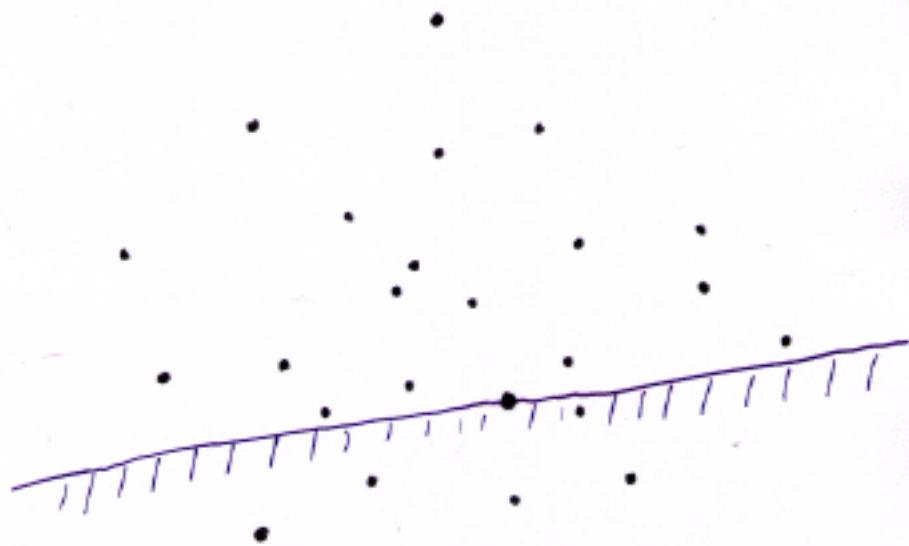
[Rousseeuw-Hubert 98]

Min # of pts crossed
in a rotation to vertical

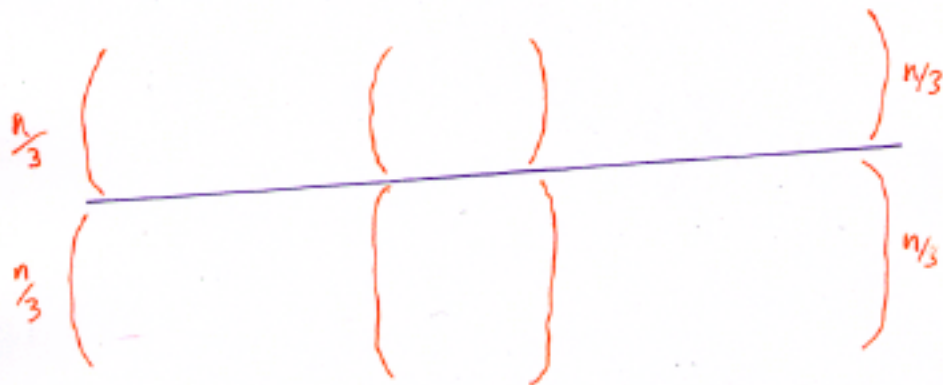


Cf. Data Depth [Tukey, Singh, etc.]

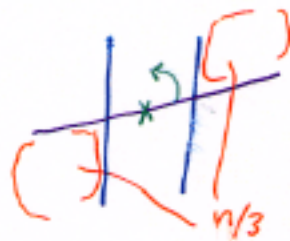
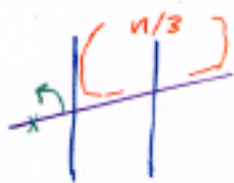
Min # pts in any half-space



(Rado) \exists pt of data depth $\lfloor \frac{n}{d+1} \rfloor$
"Center point"



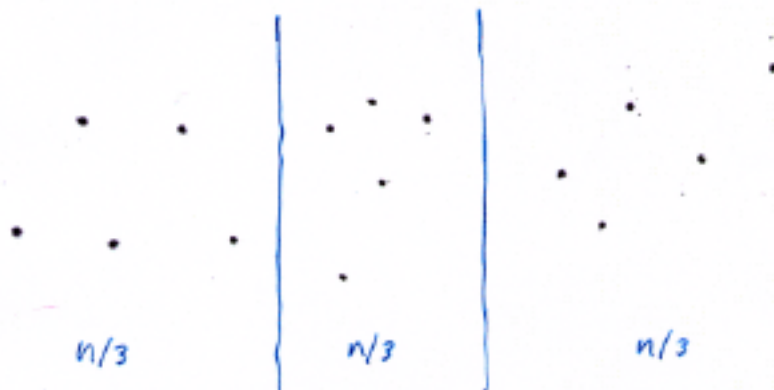
Catline bisects left $\frac{2n}{3}$ and right $\frac{2n}{3}$ simultaneously. ("Ham sandwich cut")



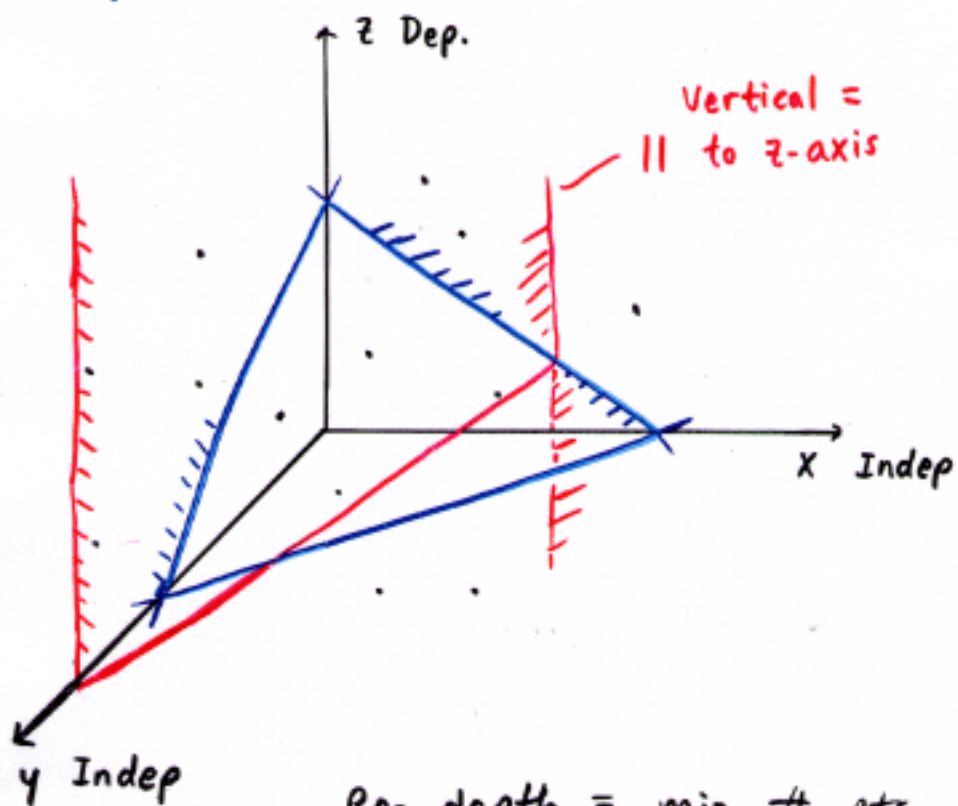
Cat line



For any set of pts in \mathbb{R}^2 , \exists a line of regression depth $\lceil \frac{n}{3} \rceil$. [Rousseeuw-Hubert]



Higher Dimensions



Reg. depth = min # pts
crossed in a rotation
to vertical

Regression Depth Results

[Rousseeuw-Hubert 98] For n pts in \mathbb{R}^d
 [Amenta-B-Eppstein-Teng 98] \exists hyperplane of depth $\lceil \frac{n}{d+1} \rceil$
 [Mizera 98]

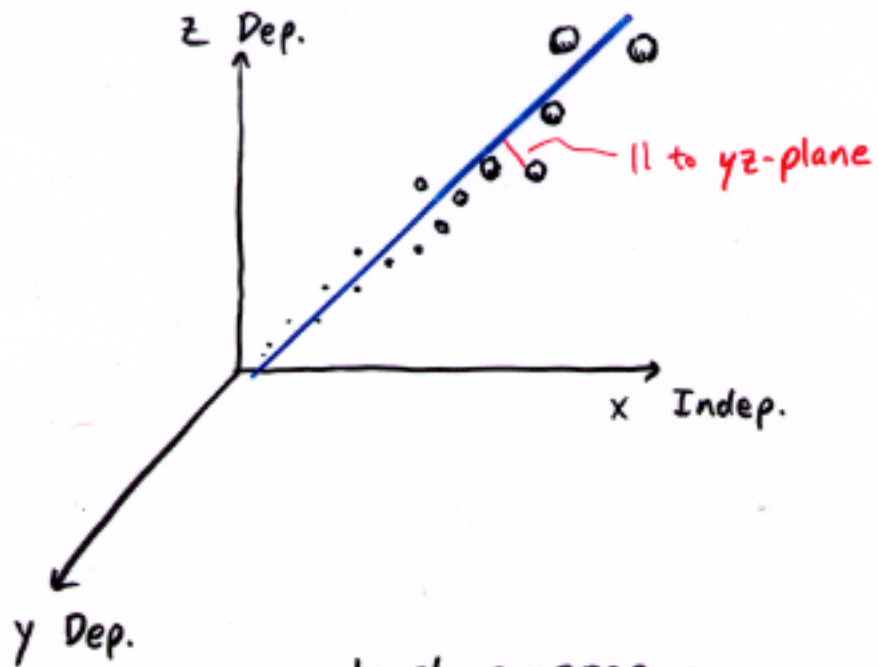
[Van Kreveld et al. 99]
 [Langerman-Steiger 00] Fast alg's for $d=2$
 $O(n \log n)$

[B-Eppstein 00] General'n of reg. depth
 [Mizera 00] to fitting a k -flat to pts in \mathbb{R}^d

$$\text{Depth } \left\lceil \frac{n}{(d-k)(k+1)+1} \right\rceil$$

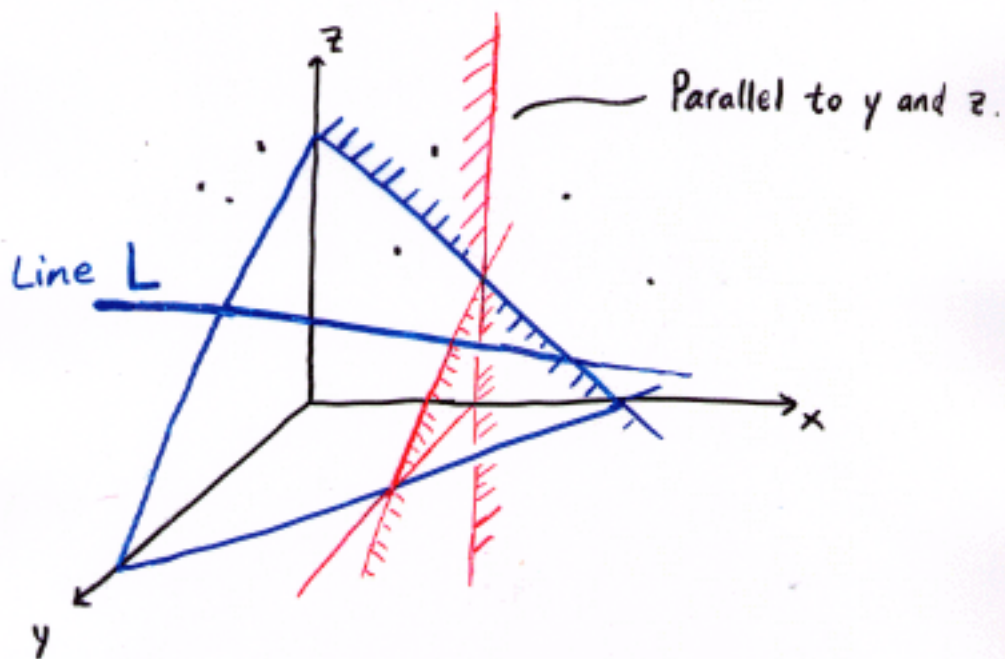
Multivariate Regression

More than one dep't variable.



Least squares -
Do y and z separately

Double Wedge Definition



Min # pts in a double wedge s.t.
One bounding hyperplane contains L , &
other " " is vertical
(\parallel to all dep. axes).

Why?



Crossing Distance

between flats F and G w.r.t points X

(Primal) Min # pts of X in double wedge
w. one boundary containing F , and
other " " G .

(Dual) Min # hyperplanes of $D(X)$
crossed by a line segment connecting
 $D(F)$ and $D(G)$.

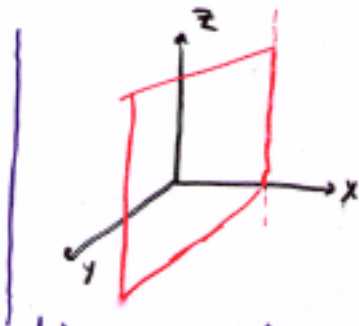
Unification

$k=0$ Data Depth

Crossing dist. of pt p
from hyperplane at ∞

$0 \leq k \leq d-1$ Multivariate
Reg. Depth

Crossing dist. of
 k -flat F from $(d-k-1)$ -flat
at vertical ∞ .



Line contained in all yz -parallel planes

$k=d-1$

Hyperplane
Reg. Depth

Crossing dist. of
hyperplane H from
point at vertical ∞ .



Pt contained in all z -parallel planes

Proof that Deep k -flats Exist

Nontransversal Coll'n of Sets

cannot all be cut by a hyperplane



[Cor. to Alon-Kalai] $\exists C_k$ s.t. for any n pts in \mathbb{R}^k ,
 \exists nontransversal coll'n of $k+1$ subsets, each
with $\geq n/C_k$ pts.

[Živaljević-Vrećica, "Center Transversal Thm"]

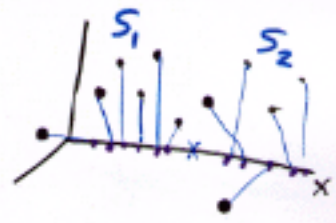
Given $k+1$ \leq^d pt sets in \mathbb{R}^d , each w. $\geq m$ pts
 \exists k -flat F s.t. any half-space contain'g F
contains $\geq \lceil \frac{m}{d-k+1} \rceil$ pts of each set.

$k=0$ Center Point

$k=d-1$ Ham Sandwich

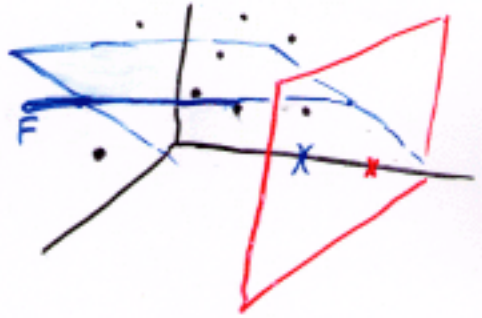
Proof, cont.

- 1. Find sets S_1, \dots, S_{k+1} that give a nontransversal coll'n when projected onto span of indep. axes.

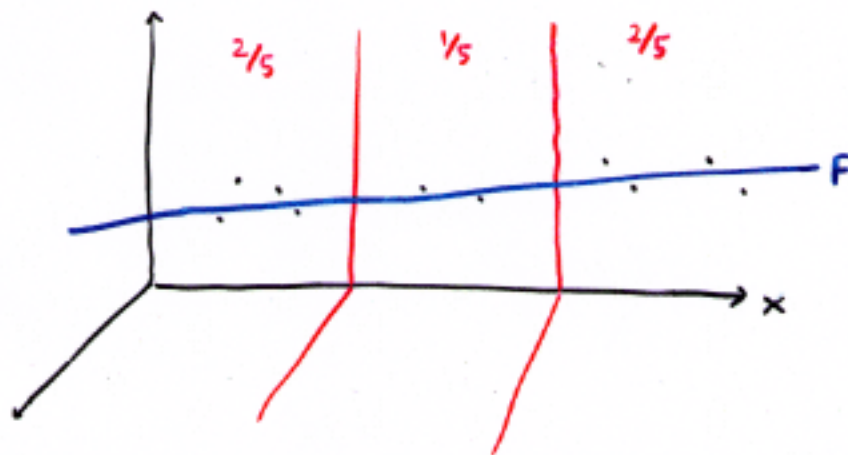


- 2. Use Center Transversal Thm to find F through S_1, \dots, S_{k+1} .

Vert. Bndry of double wedge misses some S_i .
 In this S_i , double wedge = half-space through F



Catline Generalizes



Center Transversal Thm [Doľnikov 90
Živaljevič-Vrećica]

Can cut $k+1$ sets in \mathbb{R}^d w. a k -flat F s.t.
any half-space contain'g F has $\geq \frac{1}{d-k+1}$ of each
set.

$k=1$ $d=3 \implies$ Line of depth $\lceil \frac{n}{5} \rceil$

Mizera's Improvement

[Mizera 00] For n pts in gen'l pos'n in \mathbb{R}^d

\exists k -flat of depth $\lceil \frac{n}{p+1} \rceil$

$$p = (d-k)(k+1) + 1$$

k -flats \equiv Pts in p -dim'l space Θ

Pts \equiv Fcns $R_i : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Residuals

$$\text{grad } R_i : \Theta \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p$$

$$\text{Depth of } F \in \Theta \equiv \min_{v \in S^{d-1}} \#\{i \mid v \cdot \text{grad } R_i(F) > 0\}$$

Now use Borsuk-Ulam!

Future?

1. Bounds on C_k
2. "Tverberg version" of reg. depth
 n pts in $\mathbb{R}^d \quad \exists$ hyperplane H with
 nonzero depth in each of $\lfloor \frac{n}{d+1} \rfloor$ disj. subsets.
3. (4,1,4) Equipartition
4. General Equipart'n Results

