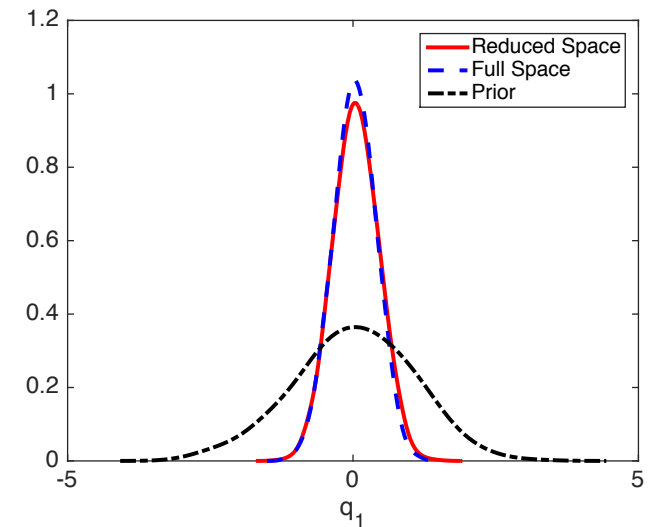
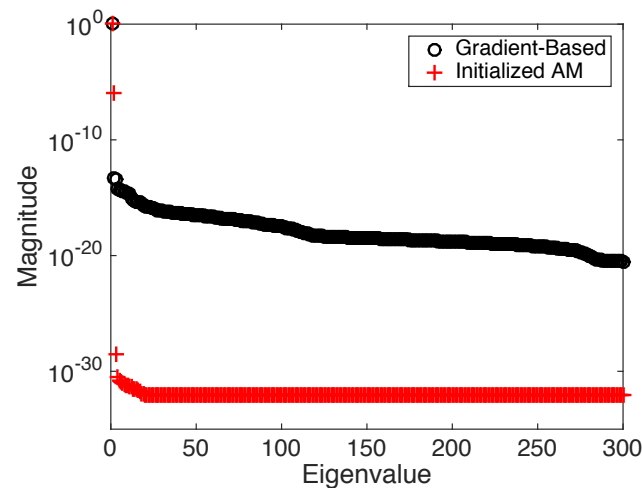
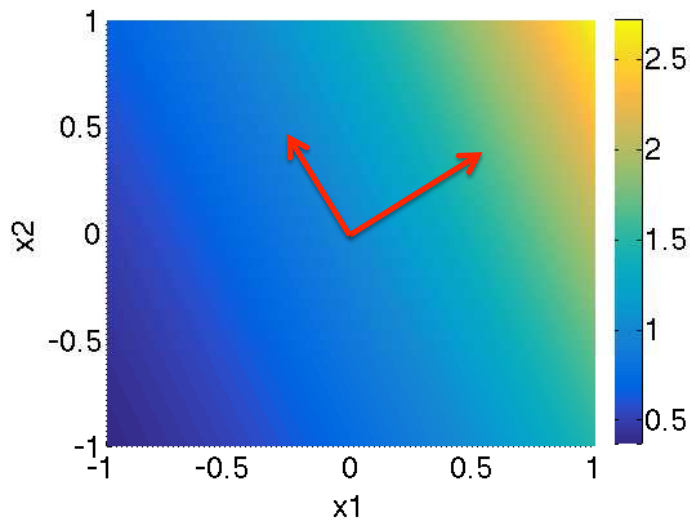


# Ties between Sensitivity Analysis, Active Subspaces, Identifiability Analysis, and Parameter Subset Selection

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# Example 1: SIR Model for Disease Dynamics

## SIR Model: Population N

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \delta N - \delta S - \underline{\gamma k I S} \quad , \quad S(0) = S_0$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \underline{\gamma k I S} - (r + \delta) I \quad , \quad I(0) = I_0$$

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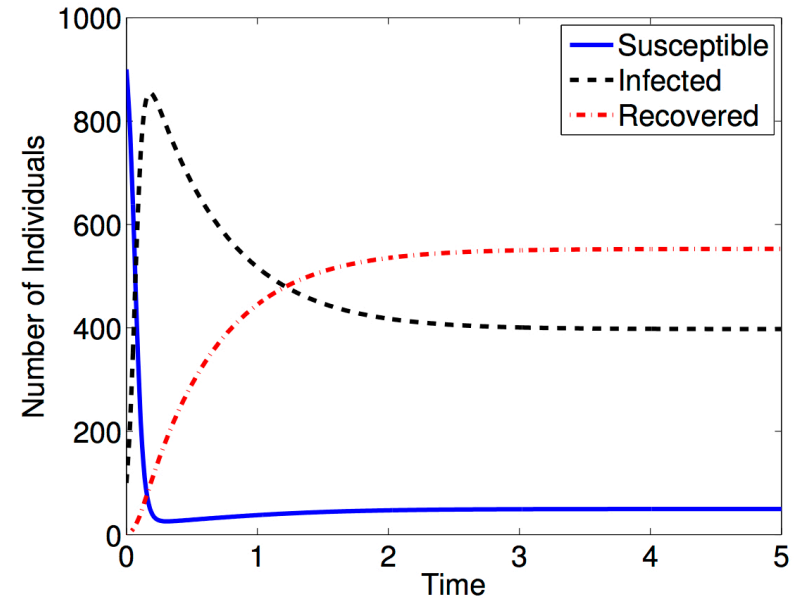
## Parameters:

- $\gamma$ : Infection coefficient
- $k$ : Interaction coefficient
- $r$ : Recovery rate
- $\delta$ : Birth/death rate

**Note:** Parameters  $\theta = [\gamma, k, r, \delta]$  not uniquely determined by data

**Goal:** Use sensitivity analysis to isolate subset of influential or identifiable parameters

## Typical Realization



## Example 2: Bone Model from Pharmacology

**Bone Model:** Employed for quantitative system pharmacology (QSP)

**Subset of Equations:** 8 for simplified model

**Note:**

- Use to study osteoporosis
- L1, L2 are lumped states representing RANK, RANKL (nuclear factor kappa-B ligand)

$$\frac{dL1}{dt} = R_{L1} + k_{OB \rightarrow L1} \cdot (FOB + SOB) + k_{L2 \rightarrow L1} \cdot L2 + k_{CMX \rightarrow L} \cdot CMX - d_{L1} \cdot L1 \quad (21)$$

$$\frac{dL2}{dt} = R_{L2} + k_{OB \rightarrow RANKL} \cdot (FOB + SOB) + k_{CMX \rightarrow L} \cdot CMX - \left( d_{L2} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{(k_{int} - d_{RANKL}) \cdot C}{K_{SS} + C} \right) \cdot L2 \quad (22)$$

$$\frac{dCMX}{dt} = k_{L2 \rightarrow CMX} \cdot L2 - k_{CMX \rightarrow L} \cdot CMX \quad (23)$$

$$\frac{dOC}{dt} = R_{OC} - d_{OC} \cdot \left( \rho_1 + (a_1 - \rho_1) \frac{TGF^{\gamma_1}}{\delta_1^{\gamma_1} + TGF^{\gamma_1}} \right) \cdot \left( a_2 - (a_2 - \rho_2) \frac{(CMX/10)^{\gamma_2}}{\delta_2^{\gamma_2} + (CMX/10)^{\gamma_2}} \right) \cdot OC \quad (24)$$

$$\frac{dTGF}{dt} = k_{OC \rightarrow TGF} \cdot OC - d_{TGF} \cdot TGF \quad (25)$$

$$\frac{dROB}{dt} = R_{ROB} \cdot \left( \rho_3 + (a_3 - \rho_3) \frac{TGF^{\gamma_3}}{\delta_3^{\gamma_3} + TGF^{\gamma_3}} \right) - k_{ROB \rightarrow OB} \cdot ROB \quad (26)$$

# Example 2: Bone Model from Pharmacology

**Subset of Parameters:** 34 for simplified model

**Note:** Estimated values often obtained “empirically”

**Goal:** Determine parameter identifiability/influence for estimation/inference/UQ

Parameter	Description	Value	
		Before estimation	After estimation (%RSE)
$R_{L1}$	Production rate of $L1$	75.0	
$k_{OB \rightarrow L1}$	Rate constant expressing the effect of OB to the production of $L1$	55.3	
$k_{L2 \rightarrow L1}$	Rate constant from $L2$ to $L1$	160	
$k_{CMX \rightarrow L}$	Rate constant from CMX to lumped state ( $L1$ or $L2$ )	0.112	
$d_{L1}$	Degradation rate constant of $L1$	0.970	
$R_{L2}$	Production rate of $L2$	0.000160	0.00337 (9.1%)
$k_{OB \rightarrow RANKL}$	Rate constant expressing the effect of OB to the production of RANKL	0.234	
$d_{L2}$	Degradation rate constant of $L2$	0.00110	
$d_{RANKL}$	Degradation rate constant of RANKL	0.00290	
$k_{int}$	Elimination rate constant of the denosumab-RANKL complex	0.00795 <sup>a</sup>	
$K_{SS}$	Steady-state constant for denosumab-RANKL binding affinity (ng/ml)	138 <sup>a</sup>	63.4 (63.7%)
$k_{L2 \rightarrow CMX}$	Rate constant from $L2$ to CMX	0.0000190	
$R_{OC}$	Production rate of OC	0.00000298	
$d_{OC}$	Degradation rate constant of OC	0.0292 <sup>b</sup>	0.0898 (5.4%)
$a_1$	Maximum anticipated response of TGF to the degradation of OC	2.18 <sup>b</sup>	
$\rho_1$	Minimum anticipated response of TGF to the degradation of OC	0.200 <sup>b</sup>	
$\delta_1$	Amount of TGF that produces the half-maximal response to the degradation of OC	16.2 <sup>b</sup>	

# Motivation for Sensitivity Analysis

## Motivation:

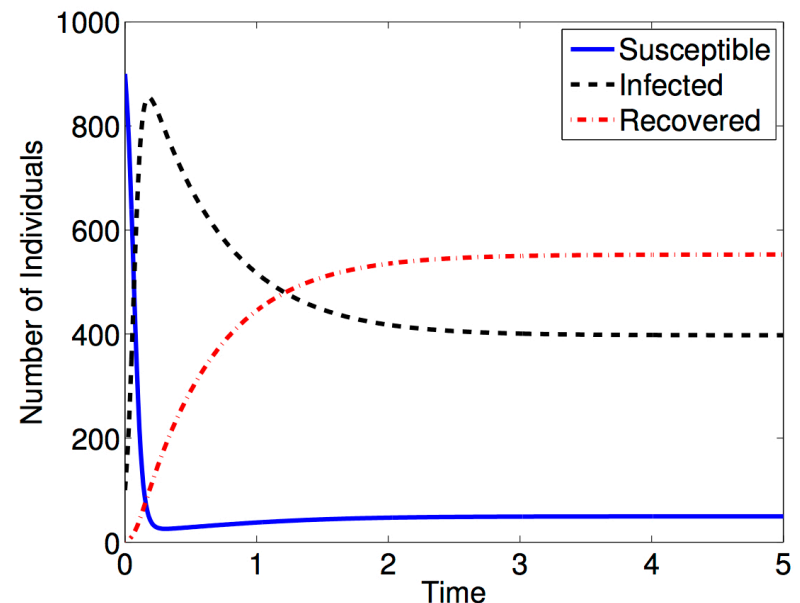
- Ascertain whether the model is robust or overly fragile with regard to certain parameters
- Determine whether the model can be simplified by fixing or freezing insensitive parameters
- Specify regions in the parameter space that optimally impact responses or their uncertainties
- Guide experimental design to determine measurement regimes that have the greatest impact on parameter or response sensitivity

## SIR Model:

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# Local Sensitivity Analysis

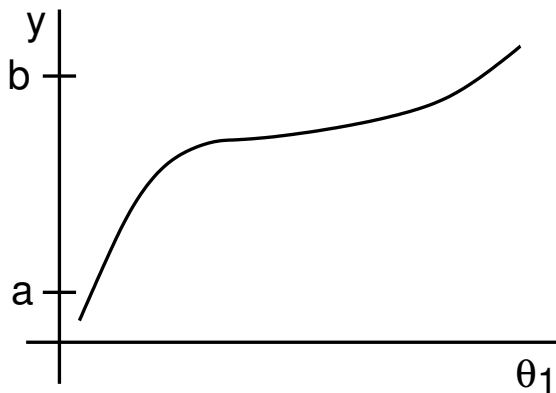
**Strategy:** Compare derivatives of the response with respect to parameters at a **nominal value**; i.e.,  $\frac{\partial y}{\partial \theta_i}(\theta^*)$

## Advantages:

- Often fairly easy to implement using adjoints, sensitivity equations, or complex-step derivative approximations

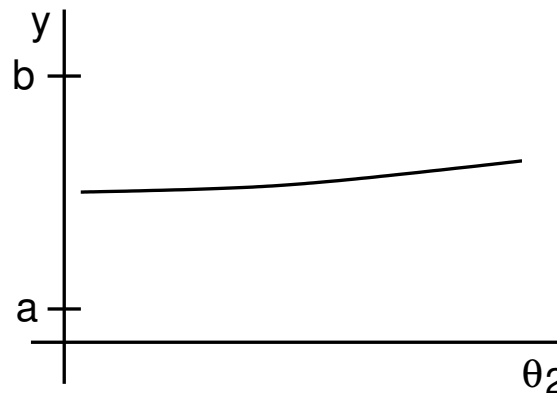
## Disadvantages:

- It is local and can be misleading for determining parameter influence
- It does not account for response and parameter uncertainties



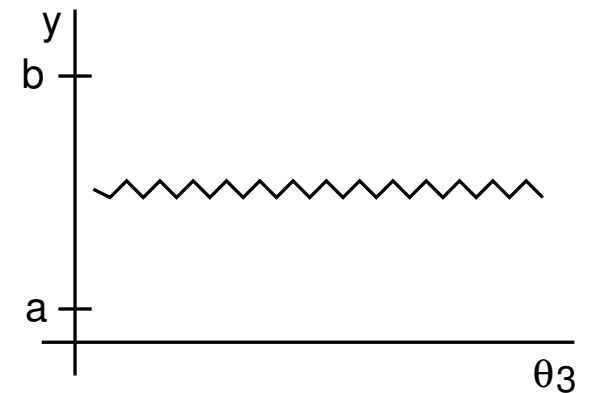
(a)

Identifiable and influential



(b)

Minimally influential



(c)

Minimally influential  
with large derivatives

# Global Sensitivity Analysis

**Example:** Linear constitutive relation

$$\sigma = Ee + c \frac{de}{dt}$$

**Nominal Values:**  $E = 100$ ,  $c = 0.1$

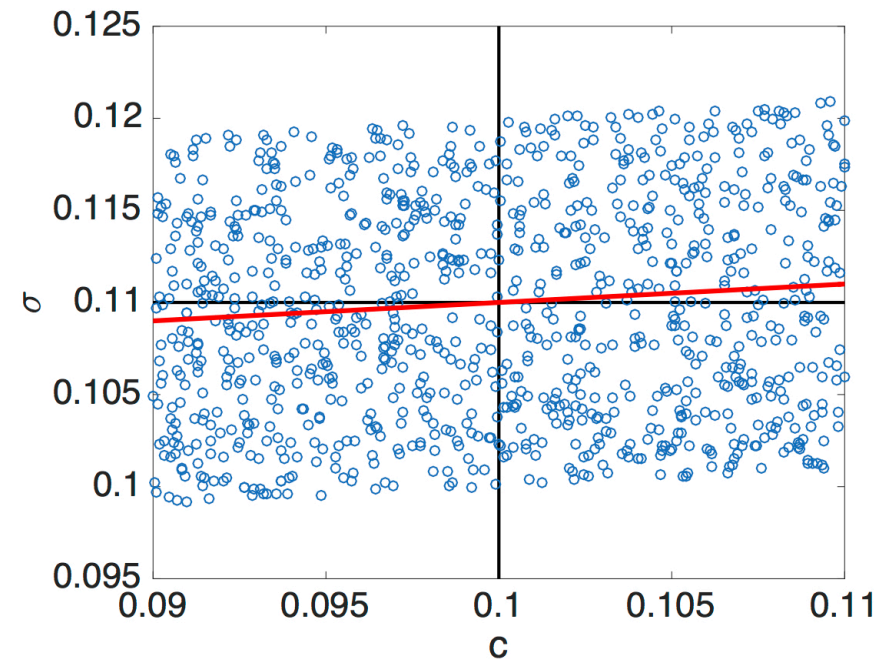
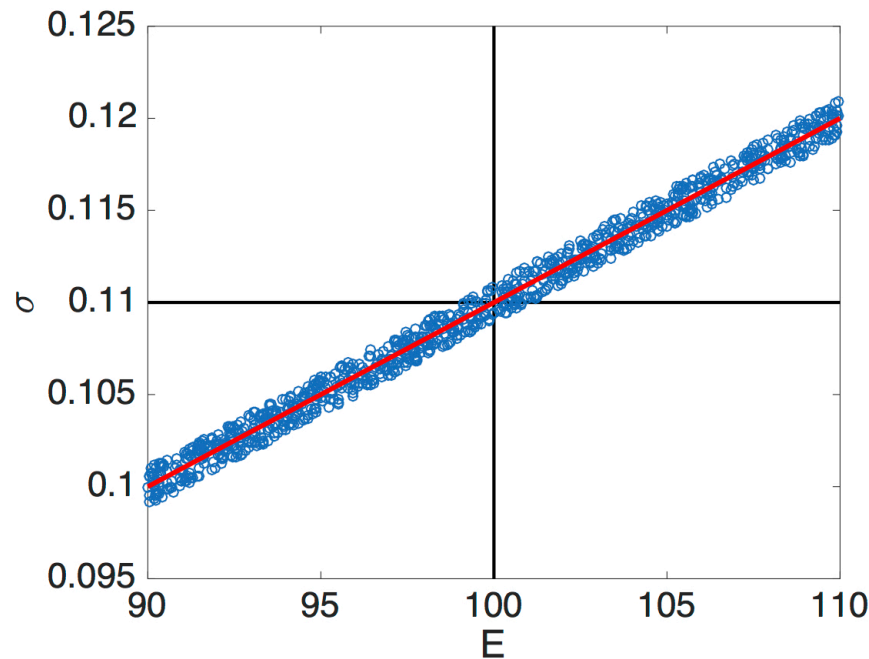
**Uncertainty:** 10% of nominal values

$$E \sim \mathcal{U}(90, 110), \quad c \sim \mathcal{U}(0.09, 0.11)$$

**Local Sensitivities:**

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial E} = e = 0.001$$

$$\frac{\partial \sigma}{\partial c} = \frac{de}{dt} = 0.1$$



**Global Sensitivity:**  $E$  is more influential

# Variance-Based Methods

**Sobol Representation:** For now, take  $q_i \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$  and  $\Gamma = [0, 1]^p$

Take

$$Y = f(q) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p f_i(q_i) + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq p} f_{ij}(q_i, q_j)$$

**Analogy:** Taylor or Fourier series

Here

$$f_0 = \int_{\Gamma} f(q) dq$$

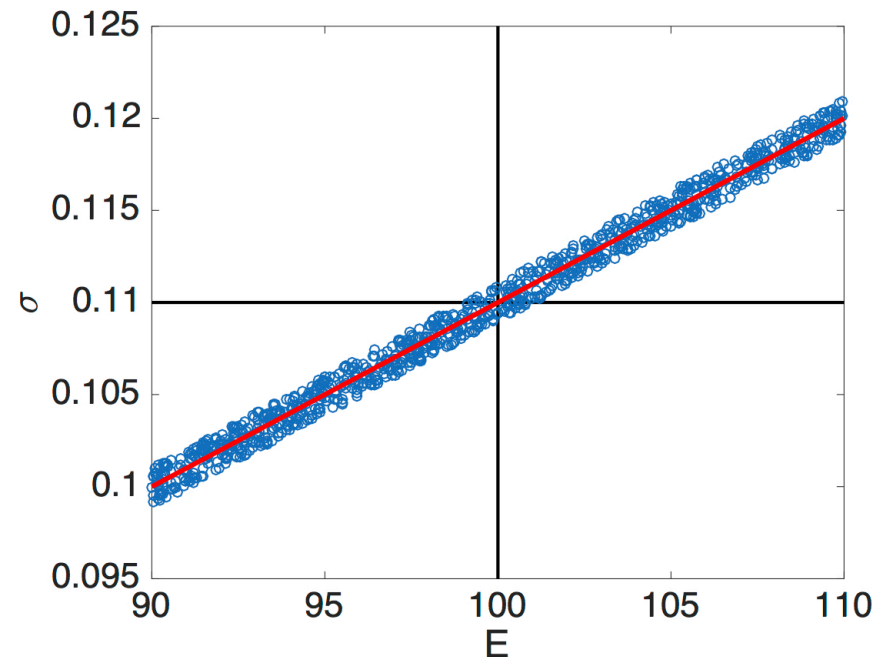
$$f_i(q_i) = \int_{\Gamma^{p-1}} f(q) dq_{\sim i} - f_0$$

**Variances:**

$$D_i = \int_0^1 f_i^2(q_i) dq_i$$

$$D = \text{var}(Y)$$

**Sobol Indices:**  $S_i = \frac{D_i}{D}$



**Statistical Interpretation:**

$$D_i = \text{var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)] \Rightarrow S_i = \frac{\text{var}[\mathbb{E}(Y|q_i)]}{\text{var}(Y)}$$



# Global Sensitivity Analysis: Analysis of Variance

**Sobol' Representation:**  $Y = f(q)$

$$f(q) = f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p f_i(q_i) + \sum_{i \leq i < j \leq p} f_{ij}(q_i, q_j) + \dots + f_{12\dots p}(q_1, \dots, q_p)$$

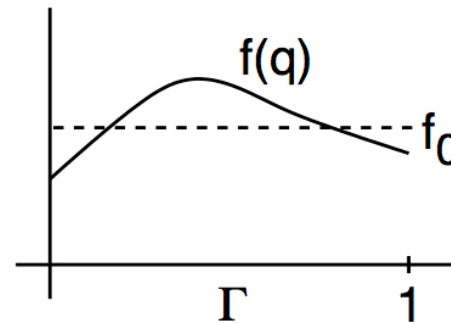
$$= f_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{|u|=i} f_u(q_u)$$

where

$$f_0 = \int_{\Gamma} f(q) \rho(q) dq = \mathbb{E}[f(q)]$$

$$f_i(q_i) = \mathbb{E}[f(q)|q_i] - f_0$$

$$f_{ij}(q_i, q_j) = \mathbb{E}[f(q)|q_i, q_j] - f_i(q_i) - f_j(q_j) - f_0$$



**Typical Assumption:**  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_p$  independent. Then

$$\int_{\Gamma} f_u(q_u) f_v(q_v) \rho(q) dq = 0 \quad \text{for } u \neq v$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{var}[f(q)] = \sum_{i=1}^p \sum_{|u|=i} \text{var}[f_u(q_u)]$$

**Sobol' Indices:**

$$S_u = \frac{\text{var}[f_u(q_u)]}{\text{var}[f(q)]}, \quad T_u = \sum_{v \subseteq u} S_v$$

**Note:** Magnitude of  $S_i, T_i$  quantify contributions of  $q_i$  to  $\text{var}[f(q)]$

# Global Sensitivity Analysis

**Example:** Continuum energy

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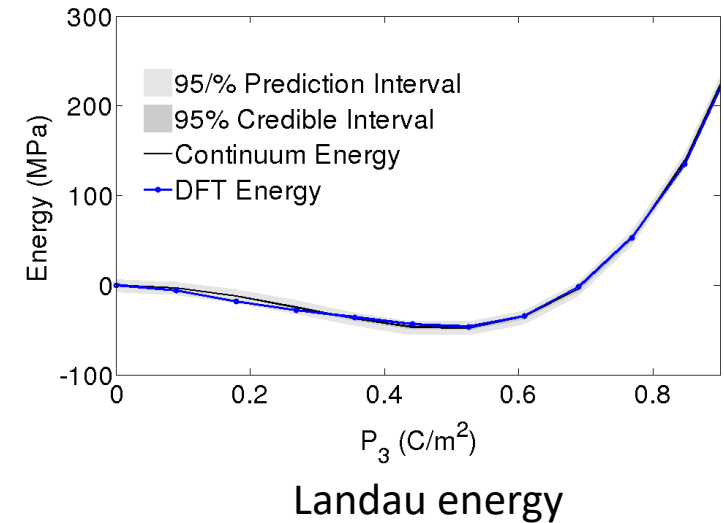
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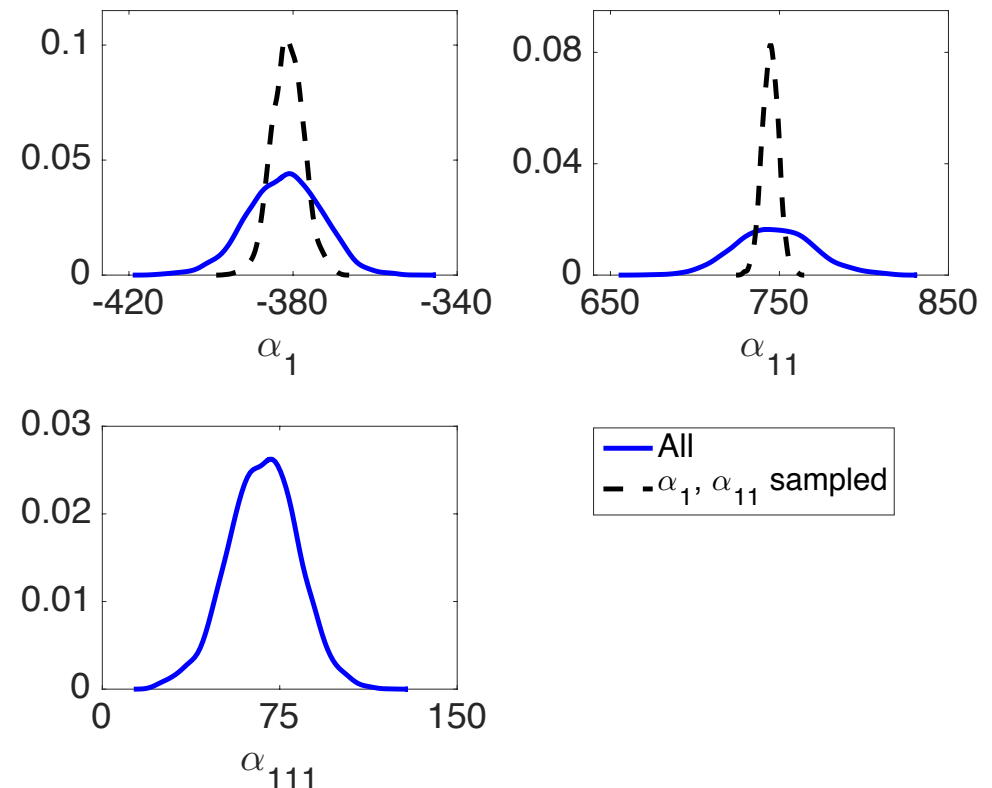
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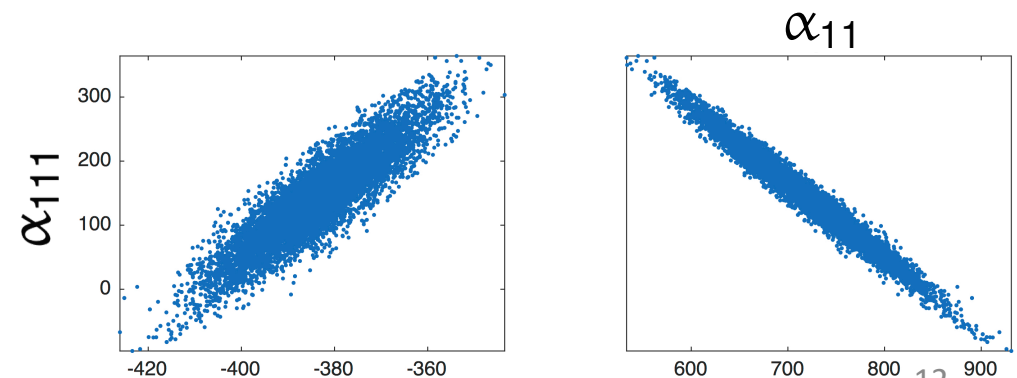
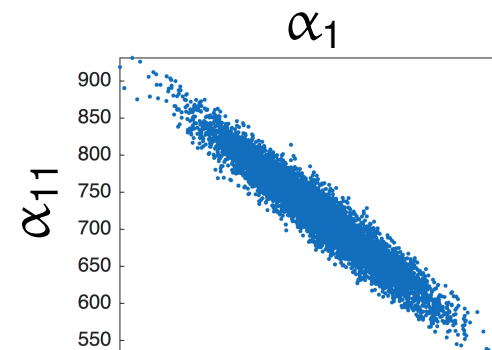
**Note:**

- Global sensitivity methods generally require parameter distribution, which is typically not known *a priori*.

**Alternative:** Active subspaces

**Problem:**

- Parameters correlated
- Cannot fix  $\alpha_{111}$



# Active Subspaces

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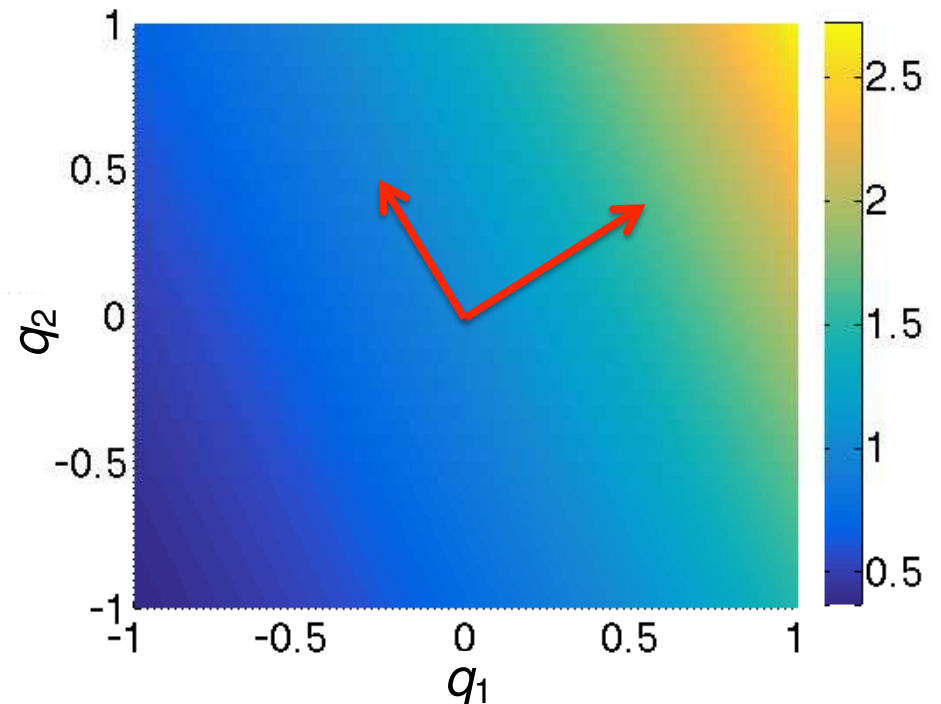
- Functions may vary significantly in only a few directions
- “Active” directions may be linear combination of inputs

**Example:**  $y = \exp(0.7q_1 + 0.3q_2)$

- Varies most in  $[0.7, 0.3]$  direction
- No variation in orthogonal direction

## A Bit of History:

- Often attributed to Russi (2010).
- Global version of *identifiable subspaces* from systems and control; e.g., Reid (1977).
- For linearly parameterized problems, active subspace given by SVD or QR; Beltrami (1873), Jordan (1874), Sylvester (1889), Schmidt (1907), Weyl (1912). See 1993 *SIAM Review* paper by Stewart.



# Gradient-Based Active Subspace Construction

**Active Subspace:** Consider

$$f = f(\mathbf{q}) , \mathbf{q} \in \mathcal{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^p$$

and

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} f(\mathbf{q}) = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial q_p} \right]^T$$

- E.g., see [Constantine, SIAM, 2015; Stoyanov & Webster, *IJUQ*, 2015]

Construct outer product

$$\mathbf{C} = \int (\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} f)(\nabla_{\mathbf{q}} f)^T \rho d\mathbf{q}$$

$\rho(\mathbf{q})$ : Distribution of input parameters  $\mathbf{q}$

**Question:** Can we avoid dependence on an unknown parameter density??

Partition eigenvalues:  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{W}^T$

$$\mathbf{\Lambda} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{\Lambda}_1 & \\ & \mathbf{\Lambda}_2 \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{W} = [\mathbf{W}_1 \quad \mathbf{W}_2]$$

Rotated Coordinates:

$$\mathbf{y} = \mathbf{W}_1^T \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^n \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{W}_2^T \mathbf{q} \in \mathbb{R}^{p-n}$$

Active Variables

Active Subspace: Range of eigenvectors in  $\mathbf{W}_1$

# Back to Local Sensitivity

## Statistical Observation Model:

$$y_i = f(t_i, \theta^*) + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

## Strategy:

- Generate  $y_i$  using nominal parameter value  $\theta^*$
- Goal: Investigate structure of the model for various values of  $\theta^*$

## Gradient and Sensitivity Matrix:

$$\nabla_{\theta} f(t_i, \theta^*) = \left[ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_i, \theta^*), \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_i, \theta^*) \right]^T$$
$$\mathbf{X}(\theta^*) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_1, \theta^*) & \dots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_1, \theta^*) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_n, \theta^*) & \dots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_n, \theta^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Parameter Subset Selection

**Taylor Expansion:** Consider

$$f(t_i, \theta^* + \Delta\theta) \approx f(t_i, \theta^*) + \nabla_{\theta} f(t_i, \theta^*) \cdot \Delta\theta$$

about nominal value  $\theta^*$  which minimize

$$J(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - f(t_i, \theta)]^2$$
$$\mathbf{X}(\theta^*) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_1, \theta^*) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_1, \theta^*) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_n, \theta^*) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_n, \theta^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

Since  $y_i \approx f(t_i, \theta^*)$ ,

$$J(\theta^* + \Delta\theta) \approx \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n [\nabla_{\theta} f(t_i, \theta^*) \cdot \Delta\theta]^2$$
$$= \frac{1}{n} \Delta\theta^T \mathbf{X}^T(\theta^*) \mathbf{X}(\theta^*) \Delta\theta$$

**Strategy:** Take  $\Delta\theta$  to be eigenvector of  $\mathbf{X}^T(\theta^*) \mathbf{X}(\theta^*)$  **Information Matrix**

$$\Rightarrow \mathbf{X}^T(\theta^*) \mathbf{X}(\theta^*) \Delta\theta = \lambda \Delta\theta$$

**Note:**

$$\Rightarrow J(\theta^* + \Delta\theta) \approx \frac{\lambda}{n} \|\Delta\theta\|_2^2$$

$$\lambda \approx 0 \Rightarrow \text{Perturbations } J(\theta^* + \Delta\theta) \approx 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  Nonidentifiable



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## Algorithm:

1. Set threshold  $\eta$ , set  $j = p$ , and specify nominal input vector  $\theta^*$ .
2. Construct  $\mathcal{X}(\theta^*)$ .
3. Compute ordered eigenvalues  $\lambda_1 \leq \lambda_2 \leq \dots \leq \lambda_j$  of  $F(\theta^*) = \mathcal{X}^T(\theta^*)\mathcal{X}(\theta^*)$ .
4. If  $\lambda_1 > \eta$ , stop. All remaining inputs are identifiable. Elseif  $\lambda_1 < \eta$ , at least one parameter is not identifiable.
  - a. For computed eigenvector  $v_1$  associated with  $\lambda_1$ , identify component having the largest magnitude. This corresponds to the least identifiable parameter.
  - b. Remove the corresponding column in  $\mathcal{X}(\theta^*)$ , set  $j = j - 1$ , and repeat 3.

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**Note:** Covariance matrix estimator [Seber and Wild, 2003]

$$V(\theta^*) = s^2[\mathcal{X}^T(\theta^*)\mathcal{X}(\theta^*)]^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \text{var}(\hat{\theta}_1) & \text{cov}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_2) & \dots & \text{cov}(\hat{\theta}_1, \hat{\theta}_n) \\ \text{cov}(\hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_1) & \text{var}(\hat{\theta}_2) & \text{cov}(\hat{\theta}_2, \hat{\theta}_3) & \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \\ \text{cov}(\hat{\theta}_n, \hat{\theta}_1) & \dots & \dots & \text{var}(\hat{\theta}_n) \end{bmatrix}$$

# Relation to Sensitivity and Statistical Identifiability

## Statistical Observation Model:

$$y_i = f(t_i, \theta^*) + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n \quad \varepsilon_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} \mathcal{N}(0, \sigma^2)$$

## Sensitivity Matrix:

$$\mathcal{X}(\theta^*) = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_1, \theta^*) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_1, \theta^*) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_1}(t_n, \theta^*) & \cdots & \frac{\partial f}{\partial \theta_p}(t_n, \theta^*) \end{bmatrix}$$

**Definition:** Parameters  $\theta$  sensitivity identifiable at  $\theta^*$  if and only if  $\mathcal{X}(\theta^*)$  is one-to-one  
Unidentifiable Subspace (Reid 1977):  $\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{X}(\theta^*)) = \mathcal{N}(\mathcal{X}^T(\theta^*)\mathcal{X}(\theta^*))$

**Definition:** For  $y = [y_1, \dots, y_n]$ , parameters are statistically unidentifiable if  $\theta$  and  $\theta^*$  yield same likelihood

$$L(\theta|y) = L(\theta^*|y) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{n/2}} e^{-\sum_{i=1}^n [y_i - f(t_i, \theta)]^2 / 2\sigma^2}$$

**Result:** If  $F(\theta) = \mathcal{X}^T(\theta)\mathcal{X}(\theta)$  is sufficiently regular in neighborhood of  $\theta$ , then  $\theta$  is locally statistically identifiable if and only if  $F(\theta)$  is nonsingular.

**Question:** Can we make this quasi-global?

# Thought: Borrow Ideas from Active Subspaces

## Statistical Model:

$$y_i = f(t_i, \theta^*) + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

## Gradient and Sensitivity Matrix:

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## Observations:

- **Parameter Subset Selection:** Negligible eigenvalues of  $F(\theta^*) = \mathbf{x}^T(\theta^*)\mathbf{x}(\theta^*)$
- **Active subspace:** Consider

$$\mathbf{C} = \int_{\Gamma} (\nabla_{\theta} f)(\nabla_{\theta} f)^T \rho(\theta) d\theta \quad \text{Note: } n = 1$$

- **Potential Strategy:** Average the Information matrix!

$$F_{glob} = \int_{\Gamma} \mathbf{x}^T(\theta)\mathbf{x}(\theta)\rho(\theta) d\theta \approx \frac{1}{M} \sum_{k=1}^M \mathbf{x}^T(\theta^k)\mathbf{x}(\theta^k)$$

# Averaged Parameter Subset Selection

**Example:** Consider

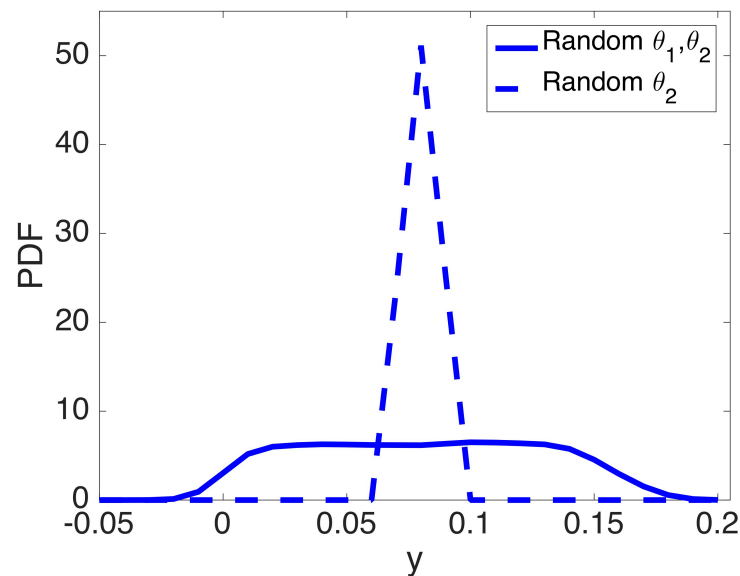
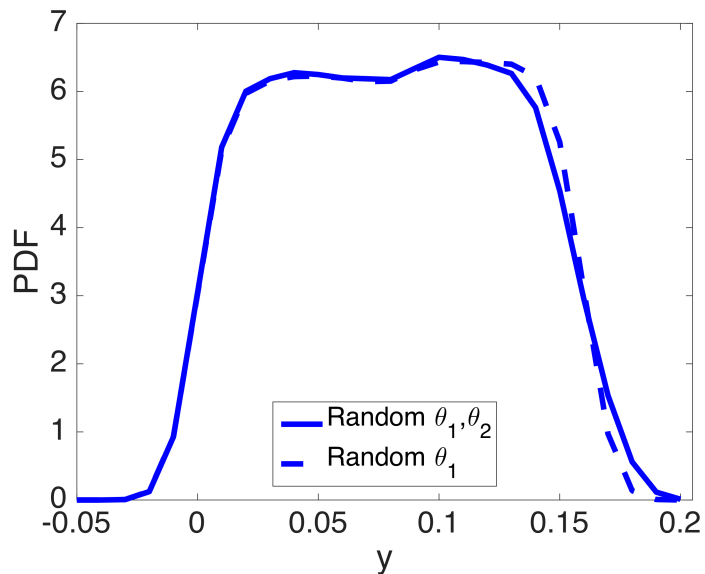
$$y_i = \theta_1 \theta_2 t_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

with nominal values  $\theta_1 = 0.1, \theta_2 = 0.8$ . Here  $F = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2 A$  where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \theta_2^2 & \theta_1 \theta_2 \\ \theta_2 \theta_1 & \theta_1^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.64 & 0.08 \\ 0.08 & 0.01 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.6500 \end{bmatrix}, \quad V = \begin{bmatrix} 0.1240 & -0.9923 \\ -0.9923 & -0.1240 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Conclusion:** Fix  $\theta_2$  at nominal value for subsequent analysis.



# Averaged Parameter Subset Selection

**Example:** Consider

$$y_i = \theta_1 \theta_2 t_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

**Global:** Take  $\theta_1, \theta_2 \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$ , which yields  $F_{glob} = \sum_{i=1}^n t_i^2 A_{glob}$  with

$$A_{glob} = \begin{bmatrix} 1/3 & 1/4 \\ 1/4 & 1/3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow D_{glob} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.0833 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.5833 \end{bmatrix}, \quad V_{glob} = \begin{bmatrix} -0.7071 & 0.7071 \\ 0.7071 & 0.7071 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Results:**

- This yields incorrect conclusion that parameters are identifiable!
- Furthermore,  $\theta_1$  is noninfluential for nominal values

$$\theta_1 = 0.8, \theta_2 = 0.1$$

**Conclusions:**

- PSS provides different information from active subspace analysis;
- Subset of identifiable parameters can vary through parameter space.

# Quasi-Global Parameter Subset Selection

## Strategy:

1. Randomly sample  $q^m \sim \mathcal{U}(\Gamma)$ ;
2. Determine identifiable parameter set  $\theta_{id}^m$ ;
3. Take quasi-global set to be  $\theta_{id} = \cap_m \theta_{id}^m$ .

**Example:** Consider  $\theta = [\theta_1, \theta_2, \theta_3] \in \Gamma = [0, 1]^3$  and

$$y_i = \theta_1 \theta_2 t_i + \theta_3, \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

Result:  $\theta_{id} = [\theta_3]$

## Strategy:

- Determine quasi-global identifiable parameter set by considering intersection of local results;
- Map regions where unidentifiable parameter sets may be identifiable.
- Fix unidentifiable parameters for subsequent optimization, Bayesian or frequentist inference, and uncertainty propagation.

# Quasi-Global Parameter Subset Selection

**Example:** SIR with population N

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = \delta N - \delta S - \underline{\gamma k I S} \quad , \quad S(0) = S_0$$

$$\frac{dI}{dt} = \underline{\gamma k I S} - (r + \delta) I \quad , \quad I(0) = I_0$$

$$\frac{dR}{dt} = r I - \delta R \quad , \quad R(0) = R_0$$

**Parameters:**

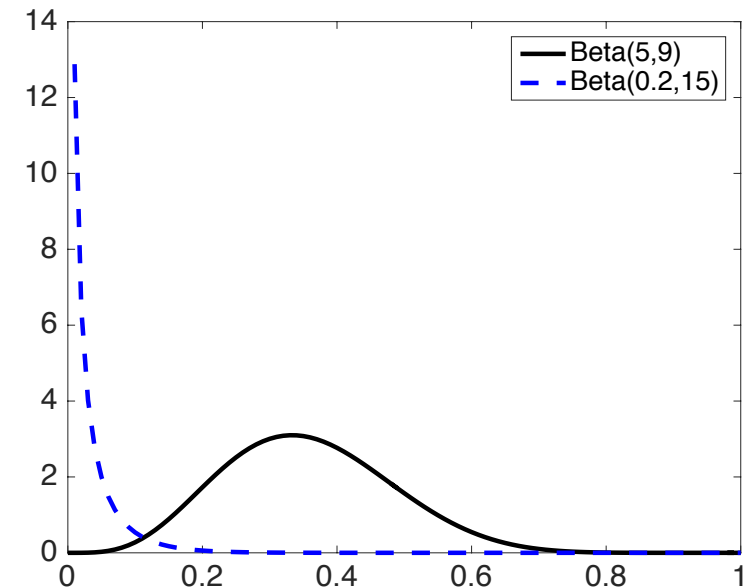
- $\gamma$ : Infection coefficient
- $k$ : Interaction coefficient
- $r$ : Recovery rate
- $\delta$ : Birth/death rate

**Parameter Distributions:**

$$\gamma \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 0.1) \quad , \quad k \sim \text{Beta}(\alpha, \beta) \quad , \quad r \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 1.2) \quad , \quad \delta \sim \mathcal{U}(0, 0.5)$$

**Response:**

$$f(t_i, \theta) = R(t_i, \theta)$$



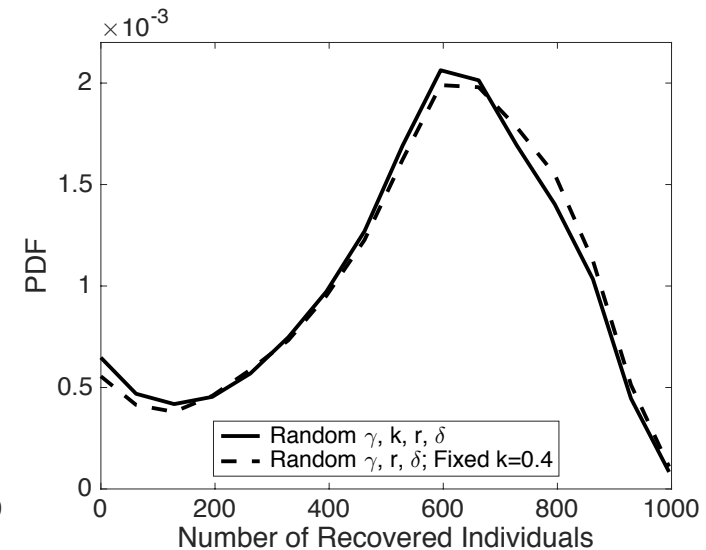
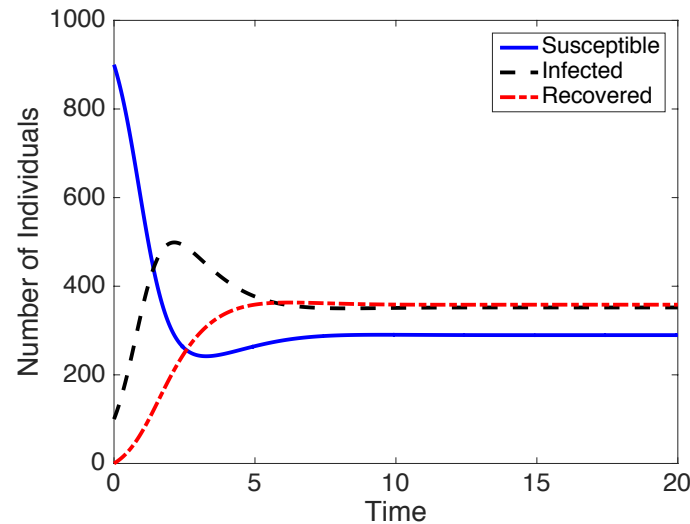
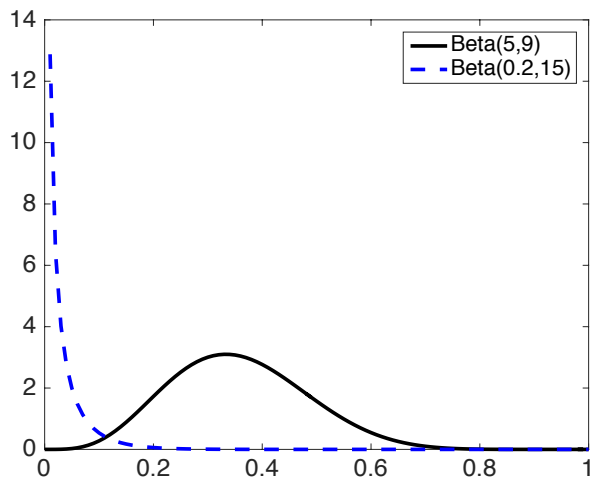


# Quasi-Global Parameter Subset Selection

**Case i:**  $k \sim \text{Beta}(5, 9)$

- Significant interactions
- $\theta_{id} = [\gamma, r, \delta]$
- Consistent with GSA

	$\gamma$	$k$	$r$	$\delta$
$S_i$	0.2207	0.0106	0.5104	0.2415
$S_{T_i}$	0.2744	0.0297	0.5365	0.2460
$\mu_i^* (\times 10^4)$	5.6325	0.4919	0.9112	1.4347
$\sigma_i (\times 10^5)$	1.2175	0.0830	0.1399	0.0986
$\nu_i (\times 10^8)$	1360.2	0.7710	4.1408	4.4926



# Quasi-Global Parameter Subset Selection

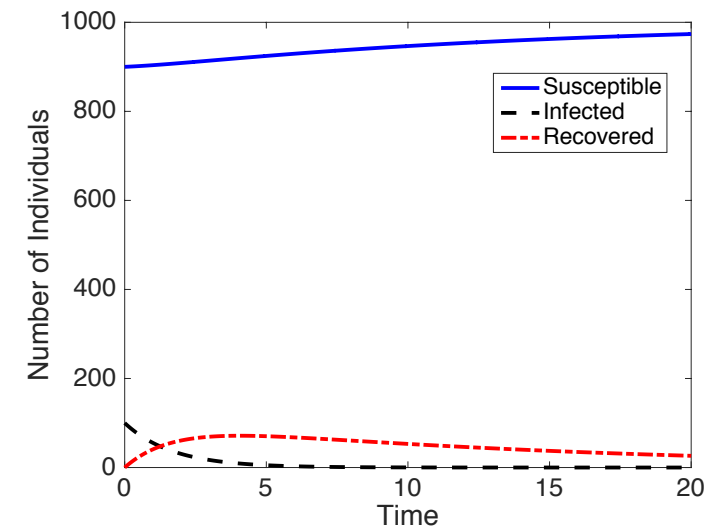
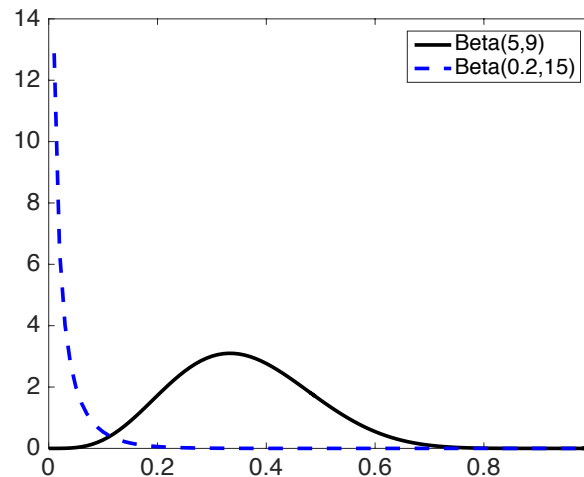
**Case ii:**  $k \sim \text{Beta}(0.2, 15)$

- Limited interactions
- $\theta_{id} = [r, \delta]$
- NOT consistent with GSA

	$\gamma$	$k$	$r$	$\delta$
$S_i$	0.0424	0.5873	0.0231	0.0571
$S_{T_i}$	0.2216	0.8686	0.0936	0.1568
$\mu_i^* (\times 10^5)$	0.1988	1.3001	0.0161	0.0622
$\sigma_i (\times 10^5)$	0.4452	1.3819	0.0449	0.0954
$\nu_i (\times 10^8)$	42.0180	210.2049	0.7099	1.8157

## Note:

- Relative influence of  $k, \gamma$  depends on which has larger nominal value



## Remark:

- Parameter subset selection addresses parameter identifiability
- GSA addresses statistical/functional parameter influence

# Concluding Remarks

## Notes:

- Parameter selection can isolate identifiable and influential parameters. It incorporates parameter correlation structure.
- Objectives complement but are different from active subspace analysis.
- Complex-step often provides robust derivative approximations.
- Quasi-global algorithm needs to be tested on much larger-scale models.
- Parameter Subset Selection: Addresses parameter identifiability.
- Global Sensitivity Analysis: Quantifies relative statistical or functional parameter influence.
- *Prediction is very difficult, especially if it's about the future, Niels Bohr.*

