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# Improving anomaly detection in data streams with the Christoffel function

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# **Anomaly detection**



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## This work

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A collaboration between two ANITI chairs:

- Polynomial Optimization for Machine Learning and Data Analysis (Jean-Bernard Lasserre)
- Synergistic Transformations in Model Based and Data Based Diagnosis (Louise Travé-Massuyès)



# Capturing the shape of a cloud of data points



Consider a cloud of data points  $(\mathbf{x}(i))_{i \in \mathbb{N}} \subset \mathbb{R}^{p}$ 

The red curve is the level set:  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma} = \{ \mathbf{x} : \mathbf{Q}_{\mathbf{d}}(\mathbf{x}) \leq \gamma \}, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}_{+}$ 

of a certain polynomial  $Q_d \in \mathbb{R}[x_1, x_2]$  of degree 2d.

Notice that  $\mathcal{L}_{\gamma}$  captures the shape of the cloud.



# **The Christoffel function**

- Let  $\mu$  be a Borel measure on a compact set  $\Omega \subset \mathbb{R}^{\rho}$  with nonempty interior,
- Form the vector  $\mathbf{v}_d(\mathbf{x})$  from a basis of p-variate polynomials of degree at most d:

$$\mathbf{v}_{d}(\mathbf{x}) = (P_{1}(\mathbf{x}), \dots, P_{s(d)}(\mathbf{x}))^{T}$$
 of size  $s(d) = \begin{pmatrix} p+d \\ p \end{pmatrix}$ .

$$\boldsymbol{\mathbb{P}} \quad \boldsymbol{\mathsf{Q}}^{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{d}}}(\mathbf{x}) \ = \ \mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{d}}}(\mathbf{x})^{\mathcal{T}} \underbrace{\mathbf{M}_{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{d}}}(\boldsymbol{\mu})^{-1}}_{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{d}}} \mathbf{v}_{\boldsymbol{\mathsf{d}}}(\mathbf{x}) \ , \quad \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\boldsymbol{\boldsymbol{\rho}}}$$

Moment matrix of  $\mu$ 

The Christoffel function  $\Lambda_d^{\mu} : \mathbb{R}^{\rho} \to \mathbb{R}_+$  is defined by:  $\Lambda_d^{\mu}(\mathbf{x})^{-1} = \mathbf{Q}_d^{\mu}(\mathbf{x})$ 

 $\Lambda_d^{\mu}$  encodes properties of the underlying measure  $\mu$ .

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# **Empirical measure**

In our case

$$\mu_n := \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \delta_{\mathbf{x}(i)}$$

is the EMPIRICAL measure associated with the cloud of data points  $(x(i))_{i \le n}$  sampled from an unknown measure  $\mu$  on  $\Omega$ .

### 🖙 ... and quite remarkably

The level sets of  $\Lambda_d^{\mu_n}(\mathbf{x})^{-1}$  match the density variations of the cloud of points  $(\mathbf{x}(i))_{i \leq n}$ 

 $\to \Lambda^{\mu_n}_{\it d}({\bf x})^{-1}$  is a good scoring function for anomaly detection

In particular, the level set

$$\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{R}^{\boldsymbol{p}} \, : \, \Lambda_{\boldsymbol{d}}^{\boldsymbol{\mu_{\boldsymbol{0}}}}(\mathbf{x})^{-1} \, \leq \, inom{\boldsymbol{p}}{\boldsymbol{p}} \}$$

identifies the support  $\Omega$  of  $\mu$ , even for moderate values of *d*.



### Incremental update of $\Lambda_d^{\mu_n}(\mathbf{x})^{-1}$ with rank-one update of the inverse $\mathbf{M}_d(\mu_n)^{-1}$

When a point  $\xi$  is added to the cloud of *n* points, i.e.,

$$\mu_{\mathbf{n}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{\mathbf{n}+1} \left( \mathbf{n} \, \mu_{\mathbf{n}} + \delta_{\boldsymbol{\xi}} \right)$$

→ a new cloud with n+1 points The Sherman-Morrisson-Woodbury formula allows for a simple RANK-ONE UPDATE of the inverse  $M_d(\mu_n)^{-1}$ 



# **Crucial property: growth rate of the Christoffel function**



### From scoring to binary anomaly prediction

#### The Dynamic Christoffel Growth Method: Dy-CG

 $\mu_n$  : *n* first data points of the data stream.  $\Delta = (d_j)_{1 \le j \le k}$  : sequence of *k* degrees in ascending order.

For every incoming  $x(n + i)_{i \ge 1}$  of the data stream

Identify an anomaly candidate with a reference score:

$$d_{ref} = d_k = sup(\Delta) \longrightarrow \Lambda_{d_k}^{\mu_{n+i-1}}(x(n+i))^{-1}$$

Refute/confirm anomaly from the exponential growth of the scores:

$$\begin{aligned} d_1 &\longrightarrow & \Lambda_{d_1}^{\mu_{n+i-1}}(x(n+i))^{-1} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ d_k &\longrightarrow & \Lambda_{d_k}^{\mu_{n+i-1}}(x(n+i))^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

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#### Isolation Forest, Simple Christoffel, Local Outlier Factor





LocalOutlierFactor (auto)



#### Our method: Dy-CG

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# Experiments on an industrial luggage conveyor data

### Carl Berger-Levrault project - Multi-mode system, highly non linear data

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Data : conveyor speed and motor intensity labelled by modes

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- Dy-CG is a simple and easy-to-use method with little tuning that achieves excellent results compared to other more tricky anomaly detection methods
- The Christoffel-based scoring function is directly issued from the moments of the measure underlying the set of data points
- It leverages gthe rowth rate properties of the Christoffel function
- It nicely deals with data streams thanks to incremental update
- On going work:
  - adding forgetting ability
  - scaling up to high dimensions
  - designing metrics to evaluate non supervised anomaly detection methods



#### The Christoffel-Darboux Kernel for Data Analysis

Jean Bernard Lasserre, Edouard Pauwels and Mihai Putinar



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