

# R Code for Hausdorff and Simplex Dispersion Orderings in the 2D Case

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**Abstract.** This paper proposes a software implementation using R of the Hausdorff and simplex dispersion orderings. A copy can be downloaded from <http://www.uv.es/~ayala/software/fun-disp.R>. The paper provides some examples using the functions *exactHausdorff* for the Hausdorff dispersion ordering and the function *simplex* for the simplex dispersion orderings. Some auxiliary functions are commented too.

## 1 The Introduction

The Hausdorff and simplex dispersion orderings have proposed in [6] and [1] respectively. Although the definitions are considered for  $d$ -dimensional random vectors we will assume in this paper 2-dimensional random vectors.

First, let us give basic notation used later. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$  and  $r \in [0, \infty)$  then  $B(x, r)$  is the ball centered at  $x$  with radius  $r$ . If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  then  $co(A)$  will denote the convex hull of the set  $A$ . For  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}^d$  then the Hausdorff distance between them will be denoted as  $d_H(A, B)$  and  $A + B$  the Minkowski addition. The usual stochastic ordering will be denoted as  $\preceq_{st}$ .

Let us begin by remembering those definitions. If  $X$  and  $Y$  are two random vectors and  $r \in [0, \infty)$  then  $X$  is less dispersive than  $Y$  in the *Hausdorff dispersion ordering* for the index  $r$ , denoted as  $X \preceq_H^r Y$ , if

$$d_H(co(\{X\} \cup B_r(EX)), co(\{X'\} \cup B_r(EX))) \quad (1)$$

$$\leq_{st} d_H(co(\{Y\} \cup B_r(EY)), co(\{Y'\} \cup B_r(EY))),$$

with  $X$  and  $X'$  i.i.d. (respectively  $Y$  and  $Y'$  i.i.d.).

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Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random vectors then  $X$  is less dispersive than  $Y$  in the *simplex dispersion ordering*, denoted as  $X \preceq_{sx} Y$ , if

$$d_H(\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{X}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{X}'}) \leq d_H(\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{Y}}, \mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{Y}'}) \quad (2)$$

where  $\mathbf{X} = (X_1, X_2, X_3)$  and  $\mathbf{Y} = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)$  are two random samples of  $X$  and  $Y$  and  $\mathcal{S}_{\mathbf{X}}$  is the convex hull of  $\mathbf{X}$ .

I have developed a collection of R functions in order to evaluate both dispersion orderings. This collection of R functions can be download from <http://www.uv.es/~ayala/software/fun-disp.R>. In this paper, we explain how they can be used. Note that the analyses included in this paper can be reproduced by a simple copy-paste of the code.

## 2 Data

First, we declare our functions and load the packages needed later. In particular, we will need the R packages *geometry*, *mvtnorm* and *Hmics* [4],[3], [5]. We will give later details about their use.

```
> source("fun-disp.R"); library(geometry); library(mvtnorm)
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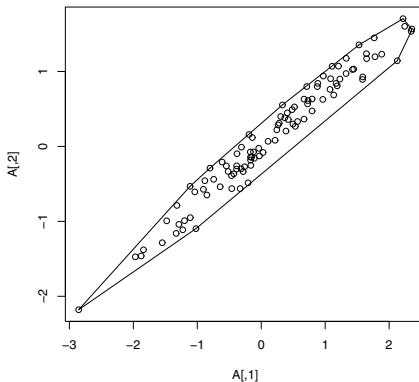
We will use multivariate normal distribution data generated using the package *mvtnorm* [3]. Let us consider the  $\mathbb{R}^d$ -valued random vectors  $X$  and  $Y$  with normal distributions,  $X \sim_{st} N(\mu_X, \Sigma_X)$  and  $Y \sim_{st} N(\mu_Y, \Sigma_Y)$ , where  $\Sigma_X = AA'$ ,  $A \in M_{d \times d}$  being a matrix whose values are randomly chosen with uniform distribution in the interval  $(0, 1)$ , the super index  $'$  denoting the transpose matrix, and  $\Sigma_Y = \Sigma_X + \lambda I_d$ , with  $\lambda \geq 0$ . It is well-known that the eigenvalues of  $\Sigma_Y$  are those of  $\Sigma_X$  plus the value  $\lambda$ . It holds that  $X \preceq_{sx} Y$  [1]. Roughly speaking, larger values of  $\lambda$  will produce larger dispersion for the random vector  $Y$ .

Let us generate two point sets from the model just considered.

```
> n = 100; mu1 = rep(0,2); mu2 = mu1; lambda = 0.5; n1 = n2 = n = 100
> sigma1 = matrix(runif(4), nrow = 2, ncol = 2)
> sigma1 = t(sigma1) %*% sigma1
> sigma2 = sigma1 + lambda * diag(1, 2)
> A = rmvnorm(n1, mean = mu1, sigma = sigma1)
> B = rmvnorm(n2, mean = mu2, sigma = sigma2)
```

Figure 1 shows the original point set  $A$  and the corresponding convex hull obtained by using the package *geometry* [4] that contains an interface to *qhull* (<http://www.qhull.org/>).

```
> plot(A); chA = convhulln(A); lines(A[chA[1, ], ])
> for (i in 2:nrow(chA)) lines(A[chA[i, ], ])
```



**Fig. 1** A data set and the corresponding convex hull

### 3 Hausdorff Dispersion Ordering

The basic reference is [6]. We need to calculate the Hausdorff distance between  $x_1 + B(y, r)$  and  $x_2 + B(y, r)$  where  $x_1, x_2, y \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $B(m, r)$  is the disc centered at  $m$  with radius  $r$ . Our first approach will be to discretize  $co(x + \partial B(y, r))$ . The number of points used in the discretization is  $NOP$ . Then the continuous set  $x + B(y, r)$  is replaced by the corresponding discrete set. Finally we calculate the Hausdorff distance between the corresponding convex hulls of the discrete sets composed by 100 points. The function *cone2* calculates this distance. Let us see how to calculate this Hausdorff distance.

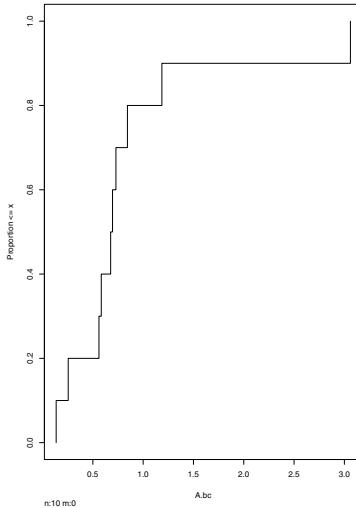
```
> x1 = c(3, 5); x2 = c(7, 9); center = c(4, 4); radius = 1;
> NOP = 100
> cone2(x1, x2, center, radius, NOP)
[1] 5.656854
```

Given a random vector  $X$  and a random sample  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ , The function *bootcone* provides us a bootstrap sample of  $d_H(co(X_1^* + B(y, r)), co(X_2^* + B(y, r)))$  where  $X_1^*, X_2^*$  is a random sample without replacement from  $\{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ . Let us generate a sample and see the empirical distribution function in Figure 2.

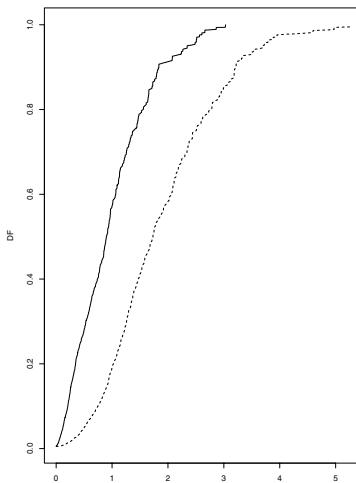
```
> A.bc = bootcone(A, radius = 0.2, NOP = 100, nresamples = 10)
> Ecdf(A.bc)
```

If we have two samples  $x$  and  $y$  from  $X$  and  $Y$  then it can be tested if  $X$  is less dispersive than  $Y$  in the Hausdorff dispersion ordering using the following code. Note that the function *uso.test* tests the usual stochastic ordering using the Wilcoxon and Kolmogorov-Smirnov tests.

```
> AB.bc = bootcone2(A, B, radius, NOP = 100, nresamples = 10)
> uso.test(AB.bc$dhx, AB.bc$dhy)
```



**Fig. 2** Empirical distribution function of the Hausdorff distances  $d_H(co(X_1^* + B(y, r)), co(X_2^* + B(y, r)))$ .



**Fig. 3** Empirical distribution functions of the Hausdorff distances  $d_H(co(X_1^* + B(y, r)), co(X_2^* + B(y, r)))$ .

In the 2-dimensional case, an exact algorithm to calculate the distance  $d_H(co(X_1^* + B(y, r)), co(X_2^* + B(y, r)))$  has been proposed [2]. It has been implemented in the function *exactHausdorff*. The following code calculates these distance from the two data sets and displays the empirical distribution functions. See Figure 3.

```
> r = 0.1; n= 100; prob = rep(1/n, n)
> HA = exactHausdorff(A, prob, r); HB = exactHausdorff(B, prob, r)
> plot(HA$distance, cumsum(HA$probability), type = "l", xlab = "",
+      ylab = "DF", xlim = range(c(HA,HB)))
> lines(HB$distance, cumsum(HB$probability), lty = 2)
```

Finally, the test if performed using the following code. The Kolmogorov-Smirnov test is used to test the usual stochastic ordering.

```
> y = rbind(A, B); x = c(rep(1, nrow(A)), rep(2, nrow(B)))
> z = testHDO(y, x, r = 0.2)
```

## 4 Simplex Dispersion Ordering

A detailed explanation of this algorithm can be found in [2].

If  $A = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{n_1}\}$  and  $B = \{\mathbf{y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_{n_2}\}$ , let  $\{i_1, \dots, i_{d+1}, i_{d+2}, \dots, i_{2(d+1)}\}$  be a sample without replacement from  $\{1, \dots, n_1\}$ , and  $U = d_H(\text{co}(\mathbf{x}_{i_1}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i_{d+1}}), \text{co}(\mathbf{x}_{i_{d+2}}, \dots, \mathbf{x}_{i_{2(d+1)}}))$ . Therefore,  $s_1$  independent extractions from the set  $\{1, \dots, n_1\}$  will produce a random sample of the corresponding bootstrap distribution  $u_1, \dots, u_{s_1}$ . Replacing  $\mathbf{x}$  by  $\mathbf{y}$ , we obtain  $v_1, \dots, v_{s_2}$ , a random sample of the bootstrap distribution associated to the vector  $\mathbf{y}$ . Now, these values can be used for the proposed tests.

First, we describe some auxiliary functions. The function *rotatePHA* provides the angle to rotate a point  $w$  to the positive x-axis.

```
> w = c(-1, 5)
```

The angle is given by

```
> (tau = rotatePHA(w))
[1] 1.768192
```

and the rotated point can be found using

```
> AA = rbind(c(cos(tau), sin(tau)), c(-sin(tau), cos(tau)))
> w.rotated = t(AA %*% t(t(w)))
```

Given three points (corresponding with the rows of  $pp$ ), we need to know if the convex hull of these points is a triangle, a segment or just they are the same point. This is given by the function *whichShape*.

```
> pp = matrix(data = c(0, -1, 0, -3, -3, 0), ncol = 2, byrow = T)
> whichShape(pp)
[1] "triangle"
```

In order to calculate the Hausdorff distance between the point  $z$  and the convex hull of the points corresponding to the rows of  $pp$ , we have to move all points.

```
> z = c(-9, 1)
> pp = matrix(data = c(0, -1, 0, -3, -3, 0), ncol = 2, byrow = T)
> zpp = moveShapeAndPoint(z, pp, dib = T)
```

The different steps are illustrated in figure 4.

The function *distShape* calculates the Hausdorff distance by taking into account if the convex hull is a triangle, a segment or just a point. A detailed explanation of the calculations can be found in [2].

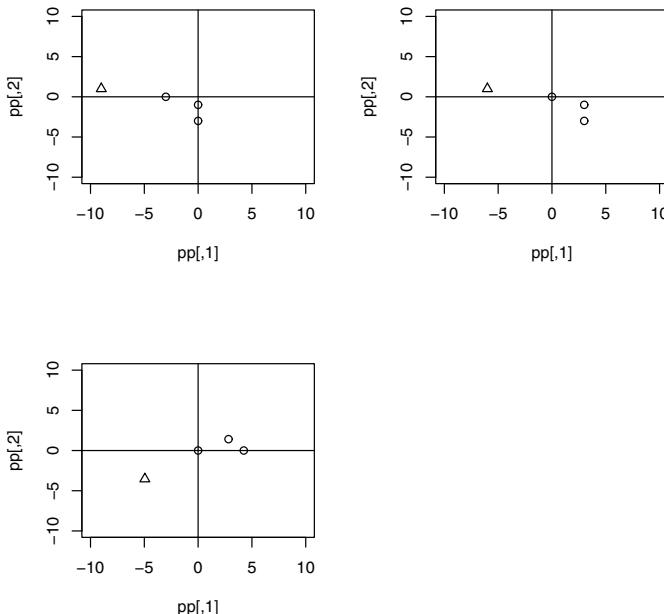
```
> z = c(-9, 1)
> pp = matrix(data = c(0, -1, 0, -3, -3, 0), ncol = 2, byrow = T)
> distShape(z, pp)
1
2 6.082763
```

The function *simplex* provides us a sample of  $u$ 's.

```
> d1 = simplex(A, withBootstrap = TRUE, nresamples = 100)
```

If we consider two different samples we can test the simplex dispersion ordering using

```
> d1 = simplex2(A, B, withBootstrap = TRUE, nresamples = 10)
> uso.test(d1$dhx, d1$dhy)
```



**Fig. 4** Moving a triangle.

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