

# R-packages for infinitesimal robustness

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# Levels of abstraction in programming

(cf. [Stro:92])

- ▶ procedural programming
  - ▶ one programmer
  - ▶ separation of programming problem to *functions/procedures*
- ▶ modular programming
  - ▶ group of programmers
  - ▶ *module*  $\hat{=}$  set of procedures + data on which they act
- ▶ Data abstraction
  - ▶ user defined types: *abstract data types*
  - ▶ interfacing functions
- ▶ object-orientated programming (OOP)
  - ▶ combine user-defined types with corresp. methods to a new structure *class*
  - ▶ use inheritance

# Some paradigms in OOP

- ▶ Capsulation
- ▶ Inheritance
  - ▶ methods/slots of mother class available for subclass
  - ▶ method overloading
  - ▶ extension by new methods / attributes

## Lingo

- ▶ classes
  - ▶ members, attributes — in S: slots
  - ▶ methods
- ▶ instance, object
- ▶ templates

# Object Orientation in S/R

different paradigm:

- ▶ particular version of object orientation:  
*Function-orientated-FOOP* as opposed to *COOP*
  - ▶ methods *not* part of object but managed by *generic functions*
  - ▶ depending on the arguments different methods are dispatched
  - ▶ example: **plot**
- ▶ for  $R \geq 1.7.0$ : use of S4-class concept, c.f. Chambers[98]

advantages:

- ▶ general interfaces (c.f. **lm**, **glm**, **rlm**, ) possible
- ▶ by dispatching mechanism on run-time: general code using particularized methods
- ▶ code (may / will) be:  
less redundant, better maintainable, better readable,  
better extensible



# Packages for (Infinitesimal) Robust Statistics

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Organization in packages

- ▶ `distr` , `distrEx` ; [and `distrSim` , `distrTEst` ]
- ▶ M. Kohl: `RandVar` , `ROptEst` ;  
[and `RobLox` , `RobRex` , `ROptRegTS` ]

Availability

- ▶ `distr` , `distrEx` , `distrSim` , `distrTEst` , `RandVar` :  
published on CRAN; current version 1.8;  
extensive documentation available (see references)
- ▶ `ROptEst` , `RobLox` , `RobRex` , `ROptRegTS` :  
<http://www.stamats.de/RobASt.htm>

## distr: Motivation I

- ▶ Situation: algorithm / program shall cope with any distribution
- ▶ How to pass a distribution as an argument?
- ▶ Construction up to now:
  - ▶ a lot of distributions implemented to R
    - Gaussian, Poisson, Exponential, Gamma, etc.
  - ▶ for each:
    - ▶ cdf [ $\hat{p}$ ]
    - ▶ density / probability function [ $\hat{d}$ ]
    - ▶ quantile function [ $\hat{q}$ ]
    - ▶ function to simulate r.v.'s [ $\hat{x}$ ]
  - ▶ Naming convention: <prefix><Name>

## distr: Motivation II

- ▶ e.g. to get the median of a general distribution:

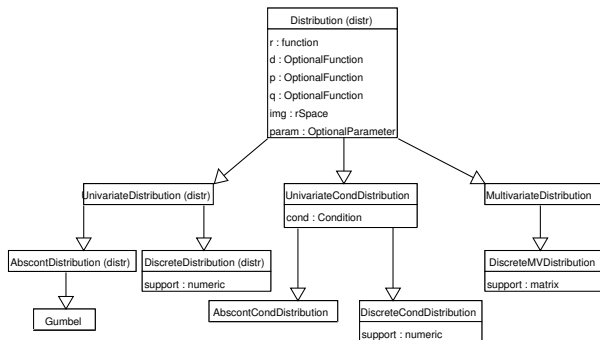
```
mymedian ← function(vtlg, ...)  
{ eval(parse(text =  
  paste("x_=", vtlg,  
        "(1/2, ...) ", sep = " "))  
  return(x)}
```

- ▶ better idea: having a “variable type” *distribution* and functions  $p$ ,  $d$ ,  $q$ ,  $r$  defined for this type
- ▶ then:  $q(x)$  returns the quantile function  $\rightsquigarrow$

```
median ← function(X){q(X)(0.5)}
```

⇒ Development of this concept in package `distr`

# Concept of R-Packages distr



- ▶ `AbscontDistribution` → `Beta`, `Cauchy`, `Chisq`, `Exp`, `Fd`, `Gammad`, `Logis`, `Lnorm`, `Norm`, `Td`, `Unif`, `Weibull`
- ▶ `DiscreteDistribution` → `Binom`, `Dirac`, `Geom`, `Hyper`, `Nbinom`, `Pois` (...all from stats package)

## Methods

- ▶ overloaded: operators "+", "-", "\*", "/"  
e.g.  $Y \leftarrow (3 * X + 5) / 4$  (determined analytically.)
- ▶ group `math` of unary mathematical operations is available for objects of class `Distribution` e.g. `exp(sin(3*X+5)/4)`
- ▶ `RtoDPQ` : default method for filling slots `d`, `p`, `q` on basis of simulations
- ▶ a default convolution method for two independent r.v.'s by means of FFT; c.f. K., R., & Stabla[04]
- ▶ particular methods for `plot`, `summary`, ...
- ▶ **Caveat**: arithmetics operates on underlying random variables, *not* on distributions

## Example: arithmetics for distribution objects

```
> require("distr")
Loading required package: distr
[1] TRUE
> N <- Norm(mean = 2, sd = 1.3)
> P <- Pois(lambda = 1.2)
> Z <- 2 * N + 3 + P # exact transformation
Distribution Object of Class: AbscontDistribution
> plot(Z)
> p(Z)(0.4)
[1] 0.002415384
> q(Z)(0.3)
[1] 6.70507
> r(Z)(10)
[1] 11.072931 7.519611 10.567212 ....
[9] 9.358270 10.689527
> Znew <- sin(abs(Z)) # by simulations
> plot(Znew)
> p(Znew)(0.2)
```

## Contents of `distrEx`

Package `distrEx` extends `distr` and includes

- ▶ a general expectation operator to a given distribution  $F$
- ▶ several functionals on distributions like median, var, sd, MAD and IQR
- ▶ several distances between distributions (e.g. Kolmogoroff-, Total-Variation-, Hellinger-distance)
- ▶ (factorized) conditional distributions
- ▶ (factorized) conditional expectations

## Example: expectation operator

- ▶ for a normal variable  $D_1$  try to realize  $E D_1$ ,  $E D_1^2$ , and for some  $m_1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E(D_1 - m_1)^2$

```
require("distrEx")  
D1 ← Norm(mean=2)  
m1 ← E(D1) # = 2  
E(D1, function(x){ x^2 }) # E(D1^2)
```

- ▶ now —without changing the code— the same for a Poisson variable; this gives the same calls but different dispatched methods

```
D1 ← Pois(lambda=3)  
m1 ← E(D1) # = 3  
E(D1, function(x){ x^2 })
```



## Illustration 1: CLT —under arbitrary distribution

- ▶ we want to illustrate the Lindeberg-Lévy theorem
- ▶ input should be any univariate distribution `Distr`
- ▶ notation:  $X_i \stackrel{\text{i.i.d.}}{\sim} F$ ,  $S_n = \sum_{i=1}^n X_i$ ,  $T_n = (S_n - E S_n) / \sqrt{\text{Var } S_n}$
- ▶ output: sequence of length `len` of plots of  $\mathcal{L}(T_n)$
- ▶ realized in `illustrateCLT (Distr, len)`
- ▶ essential code
  - ▶ a function for standardizing and centering

```
make01 ← function (x) (x - E(x)) / sd(x)
```

- ▶ update in a loop starting with `Sn ← 0`

```
Sn ← Sn + Distr  
Tn ← make01(Sn)  
## here: Distr is absolutely continuous  
dTn ← d(Tn)(x)
```

## Illustration 2: Minimum-distance- and ML-functionals

- ▶ we want to estimate the parameter  $\theta$  in a parametric family
- ▶ methods: minimum-distance and ML
- ▶ in both cases in an optimization a member in the class is distinguished as “closest” to the data
- ▶ input: data and parametric model
- ▶ output: estimate
- ▶ implementation: parametric model as class with slots
  - ▶ name, distribution ,
  - + additionally: a slot `modifierparameter`, a function realizing  $\theta \mapsto P_{\theta}$
- ▶ generic functions `MDE(model,data,distance)`, `MLE(model,data)`

## Illustration 2: Minimum-distance- and ML-functionals II

essential code

- ▶ to fit a distribution `distr` to `data` according to `criterium ( distr , data )` we use

```
fitParam ← function(model, data0, criterium ....)
{ #define a function in theta to be optimized:
  ftoOptimize ← function(theta)
    {Ptheta ← modifparameter(model)(theta)
     criterium(Ptheta, data0)
    }
  #use "optimize" or "optim" dep. on dim; here:
  theta ← optimize(f = ftoOptimize,
                  interval = searchinterval0, ...) $minimum
  return(theta)}
```

- ▶ `criterium`: e.g. negative log-likelihood or distance (e.g. Kolmogoroff-.) theoretical : empirical distribution

## Illustration 3: Deconvolution I

- ▶ Situation:  $X \sim K$ ,  $\varepsilon \sim F$ , stoch. independent;  $Y = X + \varepsilon$
  - ▶ goal: reconstruction  $X$  by means of  $Y$
  - ▶ methods:  $E[X|Y]$ ,  $\text{postmode}(X|Y)$
  
  - ▶ input: any univariate distributions  $K = \text{Regr}$ ,  $F = \text{Error}$
  - ▶ output: mappings  $y \mapsto E[X|Y = y]$ ,  $\text{postmode}(X|Y = y)$
  
  - ▶ realized by means of  $\text{PrognCondDistribution}(\text{Regr}, \text{Error})$
- ↪ generates  $\mathcal{L}(X|Y = y)$  where  $y$  is coded as parameter `cond`

## Illustration 3: Deconvolution II

essential code

- ▶ filling of the slots  $r$ ,  $d$ ,  $p$ ,  $q$  for some machine- $\epsilon$ s

```
r ← function (n, cond) cond - r(Error)(n)
df ← function (x, cond) d(Regr)(x)*d(Error)(cond-x)
qf ← function (x, cond) cond - q(Error)(1-x)
pf ← function (x, cond) integrate(df, low=q(Error)( $\epsilon$ s),
                                     up=x, cond=cond)$value
```

- ▶ conditional expectation  $E[X|Y = y]$

```
PXy ← PrognCondDistribution(Regr, Error)
E(PXy, cond=y)
```

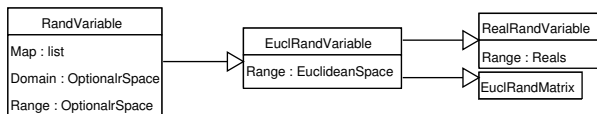
- ▶ posterior mode  $\text{postmode}(X|Y = y)$

```
post.mod ← function (cond, e1) {
  optimize(f = d(PXy), c(q(PXy)( $\epsilon$ s, cond),
                       q(PXy)(1- $\epsilon$ s, cond)), cond = cond)$maximum}
```

# R-Package RandVar

## Random variable as a class concept

### ► Definition



## Mathematical operations

- there are **many**...
- essentially: usual vector arithmetic available for conformal `"RealRandVector"`, `"EuclRandVector"` and `"EuclRandMatrix"`
- also: group `math`, e.g. `sin`, `cos`, `exp`, `(log)`, `( $\sqrt{\quad}$ , ...)`

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## $L_2$ -differentiable model

$$\mathcal{P} = \{P_\theta \mid \theta \in \Theta\}, \Theta \subset \mathbb{R}^k \text{ open}$$

► Examples:

► Gaussian location:

$$\mathcal{P}_1 = \{\mathcal{N}(\theta, 1) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}, \Theta = \mathbb{R}$$

► Gaussian scale:

$$\mathcal{P}_2 = \{\mathcal{N}(1, \theta (= \sigma^2)) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}, \Theta = (0, \infty)$$

► Gaussian location and scale:

$$\mathcal{P}_3 = \{\mathcal{N}(\theta_1, \theta_2) \mid \theta \in \Theta\}, \Theta = \mathbb{R} \times (0, \infty)$$

### $L_2$ -differentiability

$$\therefore \sqrt{dP_{\theta+h}} = \sqrt{dP_\theta} \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} \Lambda_\theta^\tau h\right) + o(|h|)$$

► also: Fisher-information  $\mathcal{I}_\theta := \int \Lambda_\theta \Lambda_\theta^\tau dP_\theta$  finite and regular



## $L_2$ -differentiable model II

▶ Consequence:

- ▶  $P_{\theta+h/\sqrt{n}}^n$  and  $P_\theta^n$  are contiguous
- ▶ Loglikelihood-expansion:

$$\log dP_{\theta+h/\sqrt{n}}^n / P_\theta^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_i h^\tau \Lambda_\theta(x_i) - \frac{1}{2} h^\tau \mathcal{I}_\theta h + o_{P_\theta^n}(1)$$

⇒ model is LAN (locally asymptotically normal)

▶ differentiable parameter transformation

$$\tau: \mathbb{R}^k \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^p, \quad \tau'(\theta) = D = D(\theta)$$

Examples:

- ▶ estimation of sd in scale model  $\mathcal{P}_2$ :  $\tau(x) = \sqrt{x}$
- ▶ nuisance parameter:  
estimation of location  $\theta_1$  without knowing scale  $\theta_2$  in  $\mathcal{P}_3$

# Influence curves (ICs) and ALEs

[partial] Influence curve ([p]IC)

$$\eta_\theta \in L_2^p(P_\theta) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbb{E}_\theta \eta_\theta = 0, \quad \mathbb{E}_\theta \eta_\theta \Lambda_\theta^\tau = \mathbb{I}[D] \quad (\mathbb{E}_\theta = \mathbb{E}_{P_\theta})$$

here: pIC as a possible linearization of an estimator

**Asymptotically linear estimator (ALE):** estimators with expansion

$$\sqrt{n} (S_n - \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_\theta(X_i) + o_{P_\theta^n}(n^0)$$

for some pIC  $\eta_\theta$

- ▶ conditions for pIC  $\iff$  local uniform as. normality of ALE

**Examples**

- ▶ in  $\mathcal{P}_1$ :  $S_n = \bar{X}_n$  —  $\eta_\theta(x) = x - \theta$ ,
- ▶ in  $\mathcal{P}_1$ :  $S_n = \text{Median}_n$  —  $\eta_\theta(x) = \sqrt{\pi/2} \text{sign}(x - \theta)$

# One-step-estimators

defined to starting estimate  $\theta_0$  and IC  $\eta$  as

$$S_n^{(1)} := \tau(\theta_0) + \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_{\theta_0}(X_i)$$

Theorem (“One step is enough”[Ri:94])

*Assumptions:*

- ▶  $\sqrt{n}(\theta_0 - \theta) = O_{Q_n^{(n)}}(1)$  uniformly for all  $Q_n^{(n)}$  in the neighborhood
- ▶ IC  $\eta_\theta$  is bounded and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sup_x |\eta_{\theta+h}(x) - \eta_\theta(x)| = 0$

THEN  $S_n^{(1)}$  is an ALE to pIC  $\eta_\theta$ :

$$S_n^{(1)} - \tau(\theta) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \eta_\theta(X_i) + o_{P_\theta^n}(n^{-1/2})$$

(Shrinking) neighborhood system  $\mathcal{U}_*(P_\theta, r)$  to radius  $r$

▶  $\mathcal{U}_*(P_\theta, r)$ : all  $Q_n^{(n)} = \bigotimes_{i=1}^n Q_{n,i}$  with  $d_*(Q_{n,i}, P_\theta) \leq r/\sqrt{n}$  for

\* =c *convex contaminations*:  $d_c(P, Q)$ :

smallest  $r \geq 0$  s.t.  $\exists$  p.m.  $H$  with  $Q = (1-r)P + rH$

\* =v *total variation*:  $2d_v(P, Q) = \int |dP - dQ|$

\* =h *Hellinger*:  $2d_h(P, Q)^2 = \int (\sqrt{dP} - \sqrt{dQ})^2$

THEN for all such  $Q_n^{(n)} \in \mathcal{U}_*(P_\theta, r)$

$$\sqrt{n} \left( S_n^{(1)} - \tau(\theta) - \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int \eta_\theta dQ_{n,i} \right) \circ Q_n^{(n)} \\ \xrightarrow{w} \mathcal{N}_p(0, E_\theta \eta_\theta \eta_\theta^T)$$

▶ shrinking necessary to control bias and variance simultaneously  
(for fixed radius, bias is of order  $\sqrt{n}$ )

# Risk: Maximal bias and Maximal MSE

Fact (Maximal asymptotic bias on  $\mathcal{U}_*(P_\theta, r)$ ): [Ri:94]

— *explicit terms*:

$$\blacktriangleright r\omega_*(\eta_\theta) := \sup_{Q_n^{(n)} \in \mathcal{U}_*(P_\theta, r)} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \int \eta_\theta dQ_{n,i}$$

THEN

$$* = \text{c} \quad \omega_c(\eta_\theta) = \sup |\eta_\theta|$$

$$* = \text{v}(p = 1) \quad \omega_v(\eta_\theta) = \sup \eta_\theta - \inf \eta_\theta$$

$$* = \text{h} \quad \omega_h(\eta_\theta) \doteq \sqrt{8} \max_{\text{ev}} (E_\theta \eta_\theta \eta_\theta^\top)$$

Maximal asymptotic MSE on  $\mathcal{U}_*(P_\theta, r)$ :

$$\text{asMSE}(\eta, r) = E_\theta |\eta_\theta|^2 + r^2 \omega_*^2(\eta_\theta)$$

MSE problem: to given  $r \geq 0$ , find pIC  $\hat{\eta}_r$  minimizing asMSE

# MSE-optimal IC

Theorem (Solution to MSE problem: [Ri:94])

to given  $\theta$  (suppressed in notation)

$$* = c \quad \hat{\eta}_r = Y \min\{1, b/|Y|\} \text{ for } Y = A\Lambda - a \\ \text{(Hampel-form)}$$

$$\text{where } b > 0 \text{ s.t. } r^2 b = \mathbf{E}(|Y| - b)_+ =: \gamma_c$$

$$* = v(p=1) \quad \hat{\eta}_r = c \wedge A\Lambda \vee (c + b)$$

$$\text{where } b > 0 \text{ s.t. } r^2 b = \mathbf{E}(c - A\Lambda)_+ =: \gamma_v$$

$$* = h \quad \hat{\eta}_r = DI^{-1}\Lambda$$

for  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times k}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}^p$ ,  $c \in (-b, 0)$  Lagrange multipliers s.t.  $\hat{\eta}_r$  is an IC

# G-optimal IC

Theorem (More general risk: [R.:Ri:04])

- ▶ fix  $\theta$ ; assume that maximal asymptotic risk on  $\mathcal{U}_*(P, r)$  representable as

$$\tilde{G}(\eta, r) = G(r\omega_*(\eta), \sigma_\eta) \quad \text{for}$$

- ▶  $\sigma_\eta^2 = \mathbb{E}_P |\eta|^2$
- ▶  $G = G(w, s)$  convex, isotone in both arguments

THEN for  $* = c$  or  $* = v(p = 1)$ :

again asMSE-type of solutions, but  $b$  determined as

$$r\sigma_\eta G_w(rb, \sigma_\eta) = \gamma_* G_s(rb, \sigma_\eta)$$

- ▶ examples:

$$G = \int |x|^q d\mathcal{N}(w, s) \quad (L_q\text{-risk}),$$

$$G = \int \mathbb{I}(|x| > \tau) d\mathcal{N}(w, s) \quad (\text{Maximin covering probability})$$

## Unknown radius $r$

- ▶ situation:  $r$  not known, only available information  $r \in [r_l, r_u]$
- ▶ relative inefficiency of  $\eta_r$  when used at radius  $s$ :

$$\rho(r, s) := \max_{\mathcal{U}} \text{asRisk}(\eta_r, s) / \max_{\mathcal{U}} \text{asRisk}(\eta_s, s)$$

- ▶ **minimax radius/inefficiency:**

$r = r_0$  such that  $\hat{\rho}(r)$  is minimal for  $\hat{\rho}(r) := \sup_{s \in [r_l, r_u]} \rho(r, s)$

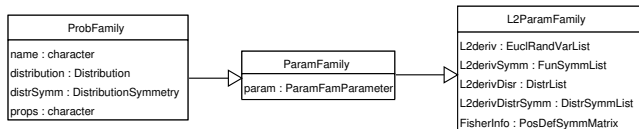
### Theorem (Radius-minimax procedure [R.:Ri:04])

For all homogeneous  $G$  (i.e.;  $G(\nu w, \nu s) = \nu^\alpha G(w, s)$ ), the radius-minimax pIC does **not** depend on  $G$ !

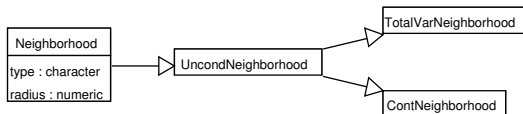


# Classes

- ▶  $L_2$ -differentiable model:

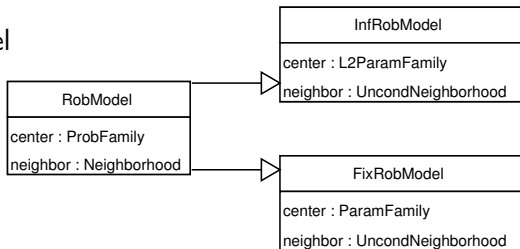


- ▶ neighborhood system to some given radius  $r$

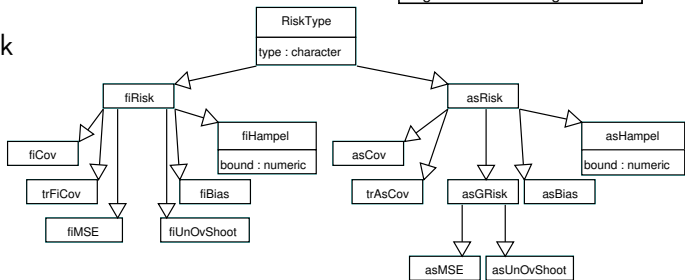


# Classes II

## ▶ robust model

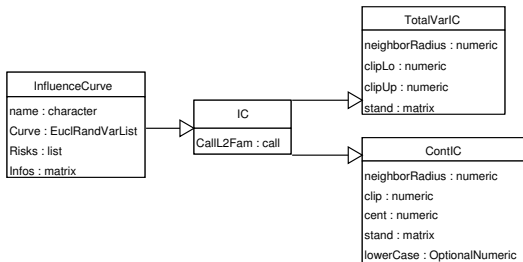


## ▶ risk



# Classes III

## ► IC



# Methods I

- ▶ accessor and replacement functions, **show**, **plot**
- ▶ `addInfo` , `addProp` , `addRisk`
- ▶ `checkL2deriv` , `checkIC` , `evalIC` , `getRiskIC` , `infoPlot` ,  
`ksEstimator` , `leastFavorableRadius` , `locMEstimator` ,  
`oneStepEstimator` , `optIC` , `optRisk` , `radiusMinimaxIC`
- ▶ easy generating functions for implemented  $L_2$ -families like  
`NormLocationScaleFamily` , `BinomFamily`

## Special meta-information slots

- ▶ information gathered during generation of objects is stored in information slots, e.g.

```
### props:  
[1] "The normal location and scale family is invariant under"  
[2] "the group of transformations 'g(x) = sd*x + mean'"  
[3] "with location parameter 'mean' and scale parameter 'sd'"
```

# Semi-symbolic calculus: Situation

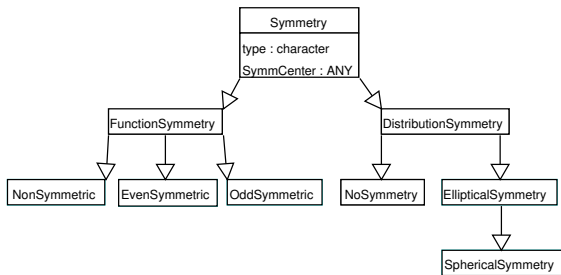
- ▶ Situation:
  - ▶ we have a certain abstract property for our model (e.g. symmetry)
  - ▶ whether this property holds or not cannot be decided (exactly) on basis of numeric evaluations (e.g. convergence?)
  - ▶ as a logical statement we can “calculate” with this property and even deduce further properties
  - ▶ important for evaluation of high dimensional integrals

# Semi-symbolic calculus: Approach and Realization

## ► Approach

- in classical (linear) hierarchical inheritance relations of objects: not clear in which order we should inherit abstract properties. . .
- introduce symbolic/logical flags as members(slots) of objects and interfere into dispatching mechanism. . .

## ► Realization



# Setup of the Examples I

## 1. Estimation of location and scale

- ▶  $X$  a contaminated sample from  $\mathcal{N}(\text{mean}, \text{sd}^2)$
- ▶ goal: optimally robust estimation of mean and sd
- ≐ example for an existing implemented model

## 2. Generation of a new $L_2$ -differentiable family:

- ▶ censored Poisson distribution with parameter  $\lambda > 0$ , i.e. we only observe realizations  $> 0$
- ▶ goal: optimally robust estimation of  $\lambda$
- ≐ example for the new implementation of a model and then use of existing methods (without new programming!)



## Setup of the Examples II

### 3. Estimation of regression and scale

- ▶  $X$  a contaminated sample from regression model  
 $Y = X^T \theta + \varepsilon, \varepsilon \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \text{sd}^2)$
- ▶ goal: estimation of  $\theta$  (and  $\text{sd}$ )  
at (artificial) data set `exAM` by Antille and May (c.f. `robustbase` )
- ▶ optimally robust: (depending on neighborhood type)
  - ▶ Huber- and Hampel-Krasker-type ICs (without scale)
  - ▶ with scale: weight  $w = \min\{1, b / \sqrt{|A_1 X|^2 u^2 + a_2 (u^2 - a_3)^2}\}$   
for  $u$  residual and  $b, A_1, a_2, a_3$  constants determined in the algo's depending on the radius (independent of  $Y$  but dependent on  $X$ )

# Summary

covered so far:

- ▶ computation of optimal ICs for all(!)  $L_2$ -diff'ble models based on univariate distributions
- ▶ Kolmogorov minimum distance estimator as starting estimator
- ▶ provide optimally robust estimators by means of one-step constructions

# Open Issues

1. use of S-classes for model formula  $\rightsquigarrow$  `rlm` extending `lm` also available for infinitesimal robustness
  2. better and standardized user-interfaces
  3. (more) standardized output
  4. use of other robust diagnostic plots...
  5. reporting: use of XML for the storage of meta-information about generated objects
  6. use of package `Matrix`
  7. one generic method for `ksEstimator`
  8. extension of class `RiskType` : `getRiskIC`
  9. `mStepEstimator` `m = Inf` :  $\hat{=}$  iteration until "convergence"
  10. better use of symmetry and group invariances
  11. special group generic for invertible operators for the exact determination of image distributions
  12. `liesInSupport` : allow for logical operations for slot `'img'` of distributions
  13. Lower case for Dimension  $> 1$
- ... many more

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