# Lab 6: Regression with Dimension Reduction Methods PCR and PLSR

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#### Introduction

In this lab, you are going to write R code to implement Principal Component Regression (PCR), as well as Partial Least Squares Regression (PLSR). You will also be using the data Hitters from the package "ISLR". More specifically, you will sue Salary as the response variable, and the rest of the variables in Hitters as the predictors.

#### Data Hitters

The data set Hitters is part of the R package "ILSR".

```
str(Hitters, vec.len = 1)
## 'data.frame': 322 obs. of 20 variables:
## $ AtBat : int 293 315 ...
```

```
66 81 ...
##
    $ Hits
                : int
##
    $ HmRun
                : int
                       1 7 ...
##
    $ Runs
                : int
                       30 24 ...
##
    $ RBI
                : int
                       29 38 ...
                       14 39 ...
##
    $ Walks
                : int
    $ Years
                : int
                       1 14 ...
##
    $ CAtBat
                : int
                       293 3449 ...
    $ CHits
##
                : int
                       66 835 ...
    $ CHmRun
                       1 69 ...
##
                : int
##
    $ CRuns
                : int
                       30 321 ...
    $ CRBI
                : int
                       29 414 ...
##
    $ CWalks
                       14 375 ...
##
                : int
                : Factor w/ 2 levels "A", "N": 1 2 ...
##
    $ League
    $ Division : Factor w/ 2 levels "E","W": 1 2 ...
##
    $ PutOuts
                : int
                       446 632 ...
##
    $ Assists
               : int
                       33 43 ...
##
    $ Errors
                : int
                       20 10 ...
    $ Salary
                : num
                      NA 475 ...
    $ NewLeague: Factor w/ 2 levels "A","N": 1 2 ...
```

# Principal Components Regression (PCR)

Principal Components Regression can be performed with the function pcr() which is part of the package "pls". The code below computes PCR for the regression of Salary on the rest of 19 predictors.

```
# principal component regression
pcr_fit <- pcr(Salary ~ ., data = Hitters, scale = TRUE, validation = "none")</pre>
names(pcr fit)
##
    [1] "coefficients"
                                           "loadings"
                                                            "Yloadings"
                         "scores"
    [5] "projection"
                         "Xmeans"
                                           "Ymeans"
                                                            "fitted.values"
##
    [9] "residuals"
                         "Xvar"
                                           "Xtotvar"
                                                            "fit.time"
                                                            "scale"
## [13] "na.action"
                         "ncomp"
                                           "method"
## [17] "call"
                         "terms"
                                           "model"
```

#### 1) Start with PCA

You are going write R code in order to replicate the results of pcr(). Follow the list of steps shown below:

- Remove observations from Hitters that have missing values in Salary
- Use model.matrix() to create a design matrix based on the formula "Salary ~ ."
- Note that the generated model matrix includes a constant column for the intercept term. Do not use this column.
- The model matrix (without constant column) will be the matrix of responses. Standardize the model matrix of responses; this will be X
- The variable Salary will be the response y
- Use svd() to get the Singular Value Decomposition of  $X = UDV^T$
- Compute principal components  ${\bf Z}$  from the standardized model matrix  ${\bf X}$  and the eogenvectors in  ${\bf V}$

$$Z = XV$$

• Confirm that your principal components match those of pcr\_fit\$scores

## 2) PC Regression on the first component

• Use the first  $PC\mathbf{z_1}$  to compute the regression of  $\mathbf{y}$  on  $\mathbf{z_1}$ . That is, obtain the first PCR coefficient  $b_1$  given by:

$$b_1 = \mathbf{z_1}(\mathbf{z_1^\mathsf{T}z_1})^{-1}\mathbf{z_1^\mathsf{T}y}$$

• Compute the vector of predicted values  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$ :

$$\hat{\mathbf{y}} = b_1 \mathbf{z_1}$$

• Compare your computed  $\hat{y}$  against pcr\_fitfitted.values[ , ,1], which is the fitted response using PC1 provided by pcr()

## 3) PC Regression on all PCs

• Compute the vector of PCR-coefficients  $\mathbf{b}_{pcr}$  by regressing  $\mathbf{y}$  on all principal components  $\mathbf{Z}$ :

$$\mathbf{b}_{pcr} = (\mathbf{Z}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{Z})^{-1} \mathbf{Z}^\mathsf{T} \mathbf{y}$$

• Compute the vector of predicted values  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  using all PCs:

$$\mathbf{\hat{y}} = \mathbf{Z}(\mathbf{Z}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{Z})^{-1}\mathbf{Z}^\mathsf{T}\mathbf{y}$$
  
 $\mathbf{\hat{y}} = \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{b}_{pcr}$ 

• Compare your computed  $\hat{y}$  against pcr\_fit\fitted.values[ , ,19] and confirm that you have the same results as pcr()

## 4) PCR coefficients in terms of the predictor variables

pcr() returns regression coefficients—in terms of the predictors—for all possible regressions: with one PC, two PCs, three PCs, and so on, until the regression that uses all 19 PCs.

Consider the PC regression on the first PC  $z_1$ . The PCR-coefficient is:

$$b_1 = \mathbf{z_1}(\mathbf{z_1^\mathsf{T}z_1})^{-1}\mathbf{z_1^\mathsf{T}y}$$

and the fitted  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  is:

$$\mathbf{\hat{y}} = b_1 \mathbf{z_1}$$

You can re-write the regression of PC1 in terms of the response variables as:

$$\mathbf{\hat{y}} = b_1 \mathbf{z_1}$$

$$= b_1 \mathbf{X} \mathbf{v_1}$$

$$= \mathbf{X}(b_1 \mathbf{v_1})$$

$$= \mathbf{X} \mathbf{b_1^*}$$

where:

- $\mathbf{v_1}$  is the loading associated to the first PC, that is, the first column of  $\mathbf{V}$
- $\mathbf{b_1^*}$  is a vector of regression coefficients in terms of the predictors

In general, the PC regression coefficients can be expressed in terms of the predictors as:

$$b_k^* = V_k D_k^{-1} U_k^\mathsf{T} y$$

where the index k indicates matrices associated to the first k components.

#### Your turn:

- Take your previously computed coefficient  $b_1$  and calculate the associated vector of coefficients  $\mathbf{b_1^*} = b_1\mathbf{v_1}$ . Confirm that your vector  $\mathbf{b_1^*}$  matches that of pcr\_fit\$coefficients[ , , 1]
- Do the same for all possible sets of PCs, and verify your coefficients against the output of pcr\_fit\$coefficients.

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# Partial Least Squares Regression

Below are the steps of the PLSR algorithm (in its "classic" version). Assume that the predictors in X and the response y are standardized L mean = 0, variance 1.

```
Set \mathbf{X_0} = \mathbf{X} and \mathbf{y_0} = \mathbf{y}

for h = 1, 2, \dots, r do

\mathbf{w_h} = \mathbf{X_{h-1}^T} \mathbf{y_{h-1}}

normalize weights: \|\mathbf{w_h}\| = 1

\mathbf{z_h} = \mathbf{X_{h-1} w_h} / \mathbf{w_h^T} \mathbf{w_h}

\mathbf{p_h} = \mathbf{X_{h-1}^T} \mathbf{z_h} / \mathbf{z_h^T} \mathbf{z_h}

\mathbf{X_h} = \mathbf{X_{h-1}} - \mathbf{z_h} \mathbf{p_h^T}

b_h = \mathbf{y_h^T} \mathbf{z_h} / \mathbf{z_h^T} \mathbf{z_h}

\mathbf{y_h} = \mathbf{y_{h-1}} - b_h \mathbf{z_h}

end for
```

where r is the rank of X

Your mission is to write R code that carries out PLS regression according to the steps shown above. Your code should contain the following objects:

- components: matrix of PLS components Z
- ullet weights: matrix of weights f W
- loadings: matrix of loadings P
- coefficients: vector of regression coefficients b
- fitted: matrix of fitted (predicted) values  $\hat{\mathbf{Y}}$

The first steps are the same as with PCR:

- Remove observations from Hitters that have missing values in Salary
- Use model.matrix() to create a design matrix based on the formula "Salary ~ ."
- Note that the generated model matrix includes a constant column for the intercept term. Do not use this column.
- The model matrix (without constant column) will be the matrix of responses.
- Standardize the model matrix of responses; this will be X
- The response Salary will be y

#### Your turn: First PLS component

- Calculate  $\mathbf{w_1}, \mathbf{z_1}$ , and  $\mathbf{p_1}$
- Compare your results with pls\_fit\$loading.weights[,1], pls\_fit\$scores[,1], pls\_fit\$loadings[,1],
- Compute the fitted  $\hat{\mathbf{y}}$  by regressing  $\mathbf{y}$  on the first PLS component  $\mathbf{z_1}$
- Implement a loop to obtain all PLS components.
- Create matrices Weights, Scores, Loadings, Residuals, Coefficients