

Latent Variable Graphical Model Selection

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Gaussian Graphical Model

What graphical model is concerned about?

Independence, Correlation, and possible Causality between variables

Gaussian Graphical Model (Gaussian-Markov Random Field)

① If all variables have a multivariate Gaussian distribution with

- mean μ
- covariance matrix Σ (positive definite)
- concentration matrix $K = \Sigma^{-1}$

the ij th component of Σ^{-1} is zero \Rightarrow variables i and j are **conditionally independent**, given the other variables.

② Undirected graph: no link means conditionally independent.

③ Parameter estimation and model selection:
estimating parameters and identifying zeros in K

MLE for Gaussian

$$f(\mathbf{x}; \mu, \Sigma) = \frac{1}{(2\pi)^{p/2} (\det \Sigma)^{1/2}} \exp \left\{ -\frac{1}{2} (x - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x - \mu) \right\}$$

$$\log L(\mu, \Sigma; \mathbf{x}) = -\frac{np}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log \det(\Sigma) - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu)^T \Sigma^{-1} (x_i - \mu)$$

$$\max \quad \frac{n}{2} \log \det(K) - \frac{1}{2} (x_i - \mu)^T C (x_i - \mu)$$

$$\mathbf{u}^* = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i$$

$$S_n = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n (x_i - \mu^*)^T (x_i - \mu^*)$$

MLE

$$\max \quad \frac{n}{2} \log K - \frac{n}{2} \text{Tr}(K S_n)$$

Graphical Lasso

What the problem of MLE?

- ① Large number of unknown parameters to be estimated
- ② high-dimensional model
- ③ not a stable estimate of Σ^{-1}
- ④ not lead to "sparse" graph structure

Lasso for covariance selection

$$-\log \det(K) + \text{Tr}(KS_n) + \lambda \sum_{i \neq j} |k_{ij}|$$

$$\begin{aligned} \min \quad & -\log \det(K) + \text{Tr}(KS_n) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad & \sum_{i \neq j} |k_{ij}| \leq t \end{aligned}$$

Any problem?

Latent variables

"Given all other variables" ?

- not all other variables observed
- latent variables lead to failure of graphical lasso

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Setup

All variables: $X \in R^{p+h}$ (**jointly Gaussian**)

- Observed variables: O , $|O| = p$, $X_O \in R^p$
- Latent Variables: H , $|H| = h$, $X_H \in R^h$

Covariance matrix and Concentration matrix:

$$\Sigma_{(O,H)} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_O & \Sigma_{O,H} \\ \Sigma_{H,O} & \Sigma_H \end{pmatrix} \quad K_{(O,H)} = \begin{pmatrix} K_O & K_{O,H} \\ K_{H,O} & K_H \end{pmatrix}$$

Schur complement

$$\tilde{K}_O = (\Sigma_O)^{-1} = K_O - K_{O,H}(K_H)^{-1}K_{H,O}$$

Decomposition

Schur complement

$$\tilde{K}_O = (\Sigma_O)^{-1} = K_O - K_{O,H}(K_H)^{-1}K_{H,O}$$

- $S = K_O$: the concentration matrix of the *conditional statistics* of the observed variables given the latent variables.

sparse

(conditional statistics are given by a sparse graphical model)

- $L = K_{O,H}(K_H)^{-1}K_{H,O}$: a *summary* of the effect of marginalization over the latent variables X_H

small rank

(number of latent variables is small relative to the number of observed variables)

\tilde{K}_O : *not sparse* due to the additional low-rank term

Latent Components

- The sum of a sparse matrix and a low-rank matrix
- the *conditional* graphical model structure in the observed variables as well as the number of and effect due to the unobserved latent variables

Low rank : Invariant property

infinitely many configurations of the latent variables:

$$B \in \mathbb{R}^{h \times h} \text{ nonsingular}$$

$$\hat{K}_H = BK_H B^T, \hat{K}_{O,H} = K_{O,H} B^T$$

X_O : marginal statistics remain the same upon marginalization over the latent variables

Low-rank summarizes the effect of marginalization over the latent variables

Algebraically correct

An estimate (\hat{S}, \hat{L}) of a latent-variable Gaussian graphical model given by the concentration matrix $K_{(O,H)}$:

- 1 sign-pattern of \hat{S} is the same as that of S :

correct structural estimation

$$\text{sign}(\hat{S}_{ij}) = \text{sign}(S_{i,j})$$

- 2 the rank of \hat{L} is the same as that of L

the number of latent variables (rank) is properly estimated

$$\text{rank}(\hat{L}) = \text{rank}(L)$$

- 3 a realizable graphical model

$$\hat{S} - \hat{L} > 0 \quad \hat{L} \geq 0$$

Problem Statement

Goal

Suppose we have n samples $\{X_O^i\}_{i=1}^n$ of the observed variables X_O .

Produce estimates (\hat{S}_n, \hat{L}_n) with high probability are algebraically correct and have bounded estimation error (in some norm)

Approach

$$\begin{aligned} (\hat{S}_n, \hat{L}_n) &= \arg \min_{S, L} -l(S - L; \Sigma_O^n) + \lambda_n(\gamma \|S\|_1 + \text{tr}(L)) \\ \text{s.t. } S - L &> 0, L \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Regularized Maximum-likelihood Decomposition Framework

$$(\hat{S}_n, \hat{L}_n) = \arg \min_{S, L} -l(S - L; \Sigma_O^n) + \lambda_n(\gamma \|S\|_1 + \text{tr}(L))$$

$$s.t. \ S - L > 0, L \geq 0$$

log-likelihood

$$-\log \det(K) + \text{Tr}(KS_n)$$

$$K = S - L > 0$$

Penalization

trace functional is the usual convex surrogate for the rank over the cone of positive semidefinite matrices

Adaptivity

Suppose there is no hidden variable

The $L+S$ model behaves as well or nearly as well as the graphical lasso?

The analysis in the paper doesn't reach this conclusion

From related problems, suppose we have incomplete and corrupted information about an $n_1 \times n_2$ low-rank matrix L^0 :

$$M_{ij} = L_{ij}^0 + S_{ij}^0$$

regard S^0 as a corruption pattern which is sparse.

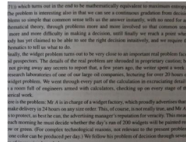
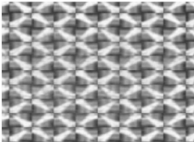
$$\min \quad \|L\|_* + \lambda \|S\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad M_{ij} = L_{ij} + S_{ij}$$

$$\min \quad \|b\|_1 + \lambda \|e\|_1 \quad s.t. \quad y = Xb + e \quad (\text{robust sparse regression})$$

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Low dimensional structures in visual data



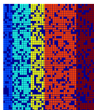
Visual data exhibit low-dimensional structures due to rich local regularities, global symmetries, repetitive patterns, or redundant sampling.

L+S Model

Video Y = Low-rank appx. X + Sparse error E



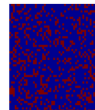
Low Rank Matrix Recovery from corrupted observations



Matrix of corrupted observations

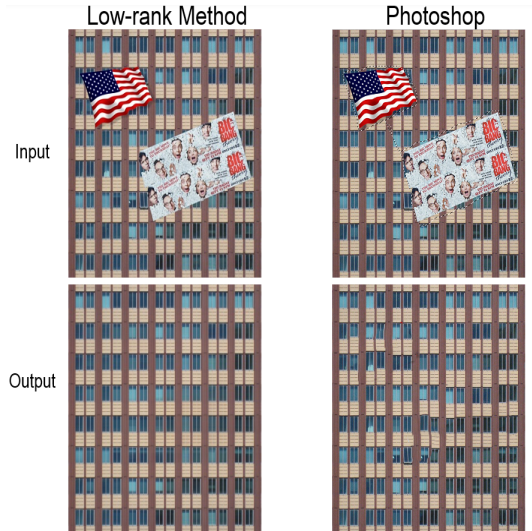


Underlying low-rank matrix

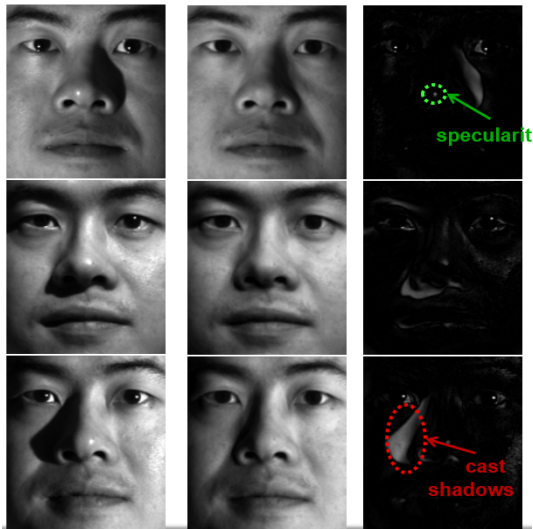


Sparse error matrix

Repairing Low-rank Textures

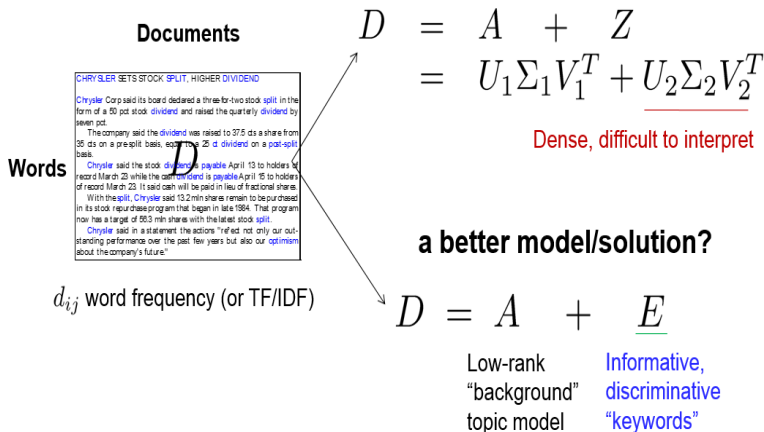


Repairing Multiple Correlated Images



Web Document Corpus Analysis

Latent Semantic Indexing: the classical solution (PCA)



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Assumptions

- Gaussian distribution
- Conditionally independence (sparse)
- Not too many latent variables (low-rank)

Computation

- All we need is the sample covariance matrix
- efficient convex programming

L+S model