

STA437/2005 Methods for Multivariate Data

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Canonical Correlation Analysis

Canonical correlation is concerned about the relationship between two data sets. As usual, linear relationship is discussed as long as most of the relationship is preserved. Similar to principal component analysis, the correlation measures the amount of relationship.

Let \mathbf{Y} and \mathbf{Z} be two random vectors with dimension $p \leq q$ respectively. Define $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{Y}^\top, \mathbf{Z}^\top)^\top$. Then the mean and variance of \mathbf{X} are $\mathbb{E}(\mathbf{X}) = (\boldsymbol{\mu}_1^\top, \boldsymbol{\mu}_2^\top)^\top$ and $\mathbb{V}ar(\mathbf{X}) = \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$. Let U and V be $U = \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{Y}$ and $V = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{Z}$. Then

$$\mathbb{V}ar(U) = \mathbb{V}ar(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{Y}) = \mathbf{a}^\top \mathbb{V}ar(\mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{a}^\top \Sigma_{11} \mathbf{a}$$

$$\mathbb{V}ar(V) = \mathbb{V}ar(\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbb{V}ar(\mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b}^\top \Sigma_{22} \mathbf{b}$$

$$\text{Cov}(U, V) = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{Z}) = \mathbf{a}^\top \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a}^\top \Sigma_{12} \mathbf{b}$$

$$\text{Cor}(U, V) = \frac{\text{Cov}(U, V)}{\sqrt{\mathbb{V}ar(U) \mathbb{V}ar(V)}} = \frac{\mathbf{a}^\top \Sigma_{12} \mathbf{b}}{\sqrt{\mathbf{a}^\top \Sigma_{11} \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}^\top \Sigma_{22} \mathbf{b}}}$$

Define the *first canonical variate pair* is $U_1 = \mathbf{a}_1^\top \mathbf{Y}$ and $V_1 = \mathbf{b}_1^\top \mathbf{Z}$ maximizing the correlation $\text{Cor}(U_1, V_1)$ subject to unit variances.

The *second canonical variate pair* is $U_2 = \mathbf{a}_2^\top \mathbf{Y}$ and $V_2 = \mathbf{b}_2^\top \mathbf{Z}$ having unit variances which maximize correlation $\text{Cor}(U_2, V_2)$ among all choices that are uncorrelated with the first canonical variate pair.

Sequentially, the k th canonical variate pair is $U_k = \mathbf{a}_k^\top \mathbf{Y}$ and $V_k = \mathbf{b}_k^\top \mathbf{Z}$ having unit variances which maximize correlation $\text{Cor}(U_k, V_k)$ among all choices that are uncorrelated with the previous $k - 1$ canonical variate pairs.

Such canonical variate pairs can be found using the singular value decomposition which is generalized version of the spectral decomposition.

Theorem (Singular value decomposition). Let A be a $p \times q$ matrix with $p \leq q$. Then there exist orthonormal matrix $U \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$, $V \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times q}$ and a non-negative valued matrix $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times q}$ with $\Lambda_{ij} = 0$ for $i \neq j$ so that

$$A = U\Lambda V^\top = U_1\Lambda_{11}V_1^\top + \cdots + U_p\Lambda_{pp}V_p^\top$$

where $U = (U_1, \dots, U_p)$ and $V = (V_1, \dots, V_q)$

Proof. The spectral decomposition theorem for $M^\top M$ gives $M^\top M = V \begin{pmatrix} D & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix} V^\top$ where $D \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ is a non-negative diagonal matrix. Let $V = (V_1 \ V_2)$ with $V_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{q \times p}$. The orthonormality gives $V_1^\top V_1 = I_p$, $V_2^\top V_2 = I_{q-p}$ and $V_1 V_1^\top + V_2 V_2^\top = I_q$. Then $V^\top M^\top M V = \begin{pmatrix} D & O \\ O & O \end{pmatrix}$ gives $V_1^\top M^\top M V_1 = D$ and $V_2^\top M^\top M V_2 = O$. Let $U = M V_1 D^{-1/2}$ and $\Lambda = (D^{1/2} \ O)$ so that $U^\top U = D^{-1/2} V_1^\top M^\top M V_1 D^{-1/2} = D^{-1/2} D D^{-1/2} = I_p$. Then

$$U\Lambda V^\top = U(D^{1/2} \ O) \begin{pmatrix} V_1^\top \\ V_2^\top \end{pmatrix} = U(D^{1/2} V_1^\top + O V_2^\top) = U D^{1/2} V_1^\top = M V_1 D^{-1/2} D^{1/2} V_1^\top = M V_1 V_1^\top = M.$$

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Let $\tilde{\mathbf{a}} = \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \mathbf{a}$ and $\tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \mathbf{b}$ so that

$$\text{Cor}(U, V) = \frac{\text{Cov}(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{Z})}{\sqrt{\mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{a}^\top \mathbf{Y}) \mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{b}^\top \mathbf{Z})}} = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{a}} \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \tilde{\mathbf{b}}}{\sqrt{\tilde{\mathbf{a}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{a}} \tilde{\mathbf{b}}^\top \tilde{\mathbf{b}}}} = \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{a}}}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{a}}\|} \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \frac{\tilde{\mathbf{b}}}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}\|}$$

Using the singular value decomposition, let $\Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} = C(D \ O)E^\top$. Then

$$= \frac{1}{\|\tilde{\mathbf{a}}\| \cdot \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}\|} \tilde{\mathbf{a}}^\top C(D \ O)E^\top \tilde{\mathbf{b}} = \hat{\mathbf{a}}^\top D \hat{\mathbf{b}} = \sum_{j=1}^p \hat{\mathbf{a}}_j D_{jj} \hat{\mathbf{b}}_j$$

where $\hat{\mathbf{a}} = C^\top \tilde{\mathbf{a}} / \|\tilde{\mathbf{a}}\|$ and $\hat{\mathbf{b}} = (I_p \ O)E^\top \tilde{\mathbf{b}} / \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}\|$. then using Cauchy-Schwartz inequality,

$$\leq \max D_{jj}$$

Proposition. Let $\mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{Y}) = \Sigma_{11}$, $\mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{Z}) = \Sigma_{22}$ and $\text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) = \Sigma_{12}$. The canonical correlation pairs are $(U_1, V_1), \dots, (U_p, V_p)$ with corresponding correlations $\rho_1^*, \dots, \rho_p^*$. Then the correlations $\rho_1^*, \dots, \rho_p^*$ are the diagonal elements of Λ which is in the singular value decomposition of $\Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} = C\Lambda D^\top$. Besides $\mathbf{U} = (U_1, \dots, U_p)^\top = C^\top \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \mathbf{Y}$ and $\mathbf{V} = (V_1, \dots, V_p) = (I_p \ O)D^\top \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \mathbf{Z}$

Proof. Note that $\mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{U}) = \mathbb{V}\text{ar}(C^\top \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \mathbf{Y}) = C^\top \Sigma_{11}^\top \mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{Y}) \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} C = C^\top \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{11} \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} C = C^\top C = I_p$ and $\mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{V}) = (I_p \ O)D^\top \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \mathbb{V}\text{ar}(\mathbf{Z}) \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} D(I_p \ O)^\top = (I_p \ O)I_q(I_p \ O)^\top = I_p$. Hence U_1, \dots, U_p are uncorrelated and V_1, \dots, V_p are uncorrelated too. Then $\text{Cor}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \text{Cov}(\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{V}) = \text{Cov}(C^\top \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \mathbf{Y}, (I_p \ O)D^\top \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \mathbf{Z}) =$

$C^\top \Sigma_{11} \text{Cov}(\mathbf{Y}, \mathbf{Z}) \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} D(I_p \ O)^\top = C^\top [C \Lambda D^\top] D(I_p \ O)^\top = \Lambda(I_p \ O)^\top = \text{diag}(\Lambda_{11}, \dots, \Lambda_{pp})$. Hence the theorem follows. \square

Proposition. In the previous proposition, $(\rho_j^*)^2$ are the eigen values of $\Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2}$. Also C_1, \dots, C_p are corresponding eigen vectors where $C = (C_1, \dots, C_p)$.

Proof. Note that $A = \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1/2} = (C \Lambda D^\top)(C \Lambda D^\top)^\top = C \Lambda D^\top D \Lambda^\top C^\top = C \Lambda \Lambda^\top C^\top = C \text{diag}(\Lambda_{11}^2, \dots, \Lambda_{pp}^2) C^\top$. Hence the spectral decomposition implies $(\rho_j^*)^2 = \Lambda_{jj}^2$ is an eigen value with eigen vector C_j for each j . \square

Proposition. In the previous proposition, $(\rho_j^*)^2$ are the p largest eigen values of $B = \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2} \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1/2}$. Also D_1, \dots, D_p are corresponding eigen vectors where $D = (D_1, \dots, D_p)$.

Exercise. Prove the above proposition.

Exercise. Show that the symmetric matrix B in the previous proposition has at least $q - p$ zero eigen values.

Large Sample Property

Suppose $\mathbf{X}_i = (\mathbf{Y}_i^\top, \mathbf{Z}_i^\top)^\top \sim i.i.d. N_{p+q}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$ for $i = 1, \dots, n$.

Exercise. Show that $|\Sigma| = |\Sigma_{11}| \cdot |\Sigma_{22} - \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} \Sigma_{12}|$.

Under the assumption $H : \Sigma_{12} = O$, the maximum likelihood estimators of $\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma_{11}, \Sigma_{22}$ are $\bar{\mathbf{x}} = (\bar{\mathbf{y}}^\top, \bar{\mathbf{z}}^\top)^\top$, $(1 - 1/n)S_{11}$ and $(1 - 1/n)S_{22}$. Then the maximum likelihood is

$$\begin{aligned} |2\pi \hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})\right) &= |2\pi \hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2) \\ &= (2\pi)^{-n(p+q)/2} |(1 - 1/n)S_{11}|^{-n/2} |(1 - 1/n)S_{22}|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2) \\ &= (2\pi(1 - 1/n))^{-n(p+q)/2} |S_{11}|^{-n/2} |S_{22}|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2). \end{aligned}$$

Without any restriction, the maximum likelihood estimator of Σ is $(1 - 1/n)S$ along with the maximum likelihood

$$\begin{aligned} |2\pi \hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} \exp\left(-\frac{1}{2} \sum_{i=1}^n (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})^\top \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})\right) &= |2\pi \hat{\Sigma}|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2) \\ &= (2\pi(1 - 1/n))^{-n(p+q)/2} |S|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2). \end{aligned}$$

Then the likelihood ratio becomes

$$\Lambda = \frac{(2\pi(1 - 1/n))^{-n(p+q)/2} |S_{11}|^{-n/2} |S_{22}|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2)}{(2\pi(1 - 1/n))^{-n(p+q)/2} |S|^{-n/2} \exp(-n(p+q)/2)} = \left(\frac{|S_{11}| \cdot |S_{22}|}{|S|} \right)^{-n/2}.$$

The log likelihood ratio statistic for a hypothesis $H : \Sigma_{12} = O$ is

$$\begin{aligned} -2 \log \Lambda &= n \log \frac{|S_{11}| \cdot |S_{22}|}{|S|} = n \log \frac{|S_{11}| \cdot |S_{22}|}{|S_{22}| \cdot |S_{11} - S_{12} S_{22}^{-1} S_{21}|} = -n \log |S_{11}|^{-1} |S_{11} - S_{12} S_{22}^{-1} S_{21}| \\ &= -n \log |I_p - S_{11}^{-1/2} S_{12} S_{22}^{-1} S_{21} S_{11}^{-1/2}| = -n \log \prod_{j=1}^p (1 - (\hat{\rho}_j^*)^2) \end{aligned}$$

which converges to $\chi^2(pq)$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Hence the independence of two group can be assessed using the likelihood ratio statistic.

In general, Bartlette proposed an assessment for $H : \rho_1^* \geq \rho_2^* \geq \dots \geq \rho_k^* > 0 = \rho_{k+1}^* = \dots = \rho_p^*$ based on

$$-(n-1-(p+q+1)2) \log \prod_{j=k+1}^p (1 - (\hat{\rho}_j^*)^2) \rightarrow \chi^2((p-k)(q-k)).$$

Job Satisfaction Example

The correlation matrix is given by

$$R = \left(\begin{array}{ccccc|ccccc|ccccc} 1.00 & 0.49 & 0.53 & 0.49 & 0.51 & 0.33 & 0.32 & 0.20 & 0.19 & 0.30 & 0.37 & 0.21 \\ 0.49 & 1.00 & 0.57 & 0.46 & 0.53 & 0.30 & 0.21 & 0.16 & 0.08 & 0.27 & 0.35 & 0.20 \\ 0.53 & 0.57 & 1.00 & 0.48 & 0.57 & 0.31 & 0.23 & 0.14 & 0.07 & 0.24 & 0.37 & 0.18 \\ 0.49 & 0.46 & 0.48 & 1.00 & 0.57 & 0.24 & 0.22 & 0.12 & 0.19 & 0.21 & 0.29 & 0.16 \\ 0.51 & 0.53 & 0.57 & 0.57 & 1.00 & 0.38 & 0.32 & 0.17 & 0.23 & 0.32 & 0.36 & 0.27 \\ \hline 0.33 & 0.30 & 0.31 & 0.24 & 0.38 & 1.00 & 0.43 & 0.27 & 0.24 & 0.34 & 0.37 & 0.40 \\ 0.32 & 0.21 & 0.23 & 0.22 & 0.32 & 0.43 & 1.00 & 0.33 & 0.26 & 0.54 & 0.32 & 0.58 \\ 0.20 & 0.16 & 0.14 & 0.12 & 0.17 & 0.27 & 0.33 & 1.00 & 0.25 & 0.46 & 0.29 & 0.45 \\ 0.19 & 0.08 & 0.07 & 0.19 & 0.23 & 0.24 & 0.26 & 0.25 & 1.00 & 0.28 & 0.30 & 0.27 \\ 0.30 & 0.27 & 0.24 & 0.21 & 0.32 & 0.34 & 0.54 & 0.46 & 0.28 & 1.00 & 0.35 & 0.59 \\ 0.37 & 0.35 & 0.37 & 0.29 & 0.36 & 0.37 & 0.32 & 0.29 & 0.30 & 0.35 & 1.00 & 0.31 \\ 0.21 & 0.20 & 0.18 & 0.16 & 0.27 & 0.40 & 0.58 & 0.45 & 0.27 & 0.59 & 0.31 & 1.00 \end{array} \right)$$

Define $R_{11}^{-1/2}, R_{22}^{-1/2}$ using the spectral decomposition theorem. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
R_{11}^{-1/2} R_{12} R_{22}^{-1/2} &= \begin{pmatrix} 0.133 & 0.170 & 0.079 & 0.080 & 0.118 & 0.170 & -0.003 \\ 0.121 & 0.001 & 0.041 & -0.062 & 0.119 & 0.173 & 0.048 \\ 0.127 & 0.044 & 0.014 & -0.088 & 0.056 & 0.205 & 0.012 \\ 0.041 & 0.059 & 0.001 & 0.109 & 0.033 & 0.100 & 0.003 \\ 0.201 & 0.129 & 0.005 & 0.136 & 0.132 & 0.122 & 0.100 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \begin{pmatrix} -0.548 & -0.213 & -0.638 & 0.495 & -0.036 \\ -0.396 & 0.529 & 0.307 & 0.136 & -0.672 \\ -0.396 & 0.612 & -0.155 & -0.332 & 0.578 \\ -0.243 & -0.299 & -0.284 & -0.791 & -0.381 \\ -0.572 & -0.459 & 0.628 & -0.003 & 0.262 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0.554 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0.236 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0.119 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.072 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0.057 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \\
&\times \begin{pmatrix} -0.534 & 0.036 & 0.392 & 0.103 & 0.422 \\ -0.360 & -0.360 & -0.423 & 0.314 & 0.521 \\ -0.122 & 0.046 & -0.310 & 0.542 & -0.380 \\ -0.160 & -0.838 & -0.015 & -0.359 & -0.316 \\ -0.393 & 0.007 & 0.222 & 0.407 & -0.523 \\ -0.608 & 0.402 & -0.324 & -0.549 & -0.178 \\ -0.144 & -0.056 & 0.646 & -0.022 & -0.014 \end{pmatrix}^T
\end{aligned}$$

Then the coefficients matrices are

Coefficients for \mathbf{Y}						ρ_j^*	Coefficients for \mathbf{Z}							
\mathbf{a}_1^\top	-0.422	-0.195	-0.168	0.023	-0.460	0.554	\mathbf{b}_1^\top	-0.425	-0.209	0.036	-0.024	-0.290	-0.516	0.110
\mathbf{a}_2^\top	-0.343	0.668	0.853	-0.356	-0.729	0.236	\mathbf{b}_2^\top	0.088	-0.436	0.093	-0.926	0.101	0.554	0.032
\mathbf{a}_3^\top	-0.858	0.443	-0.259	-0.423	0.980	0.119	\mathbf{b}_3^\top	0.492	-0.783	-0.478	-0.007	0.283	-0.412	0.928
\mathbf{a}_4^\top	0.788	0.269	-0.469	-1.042	0.168	0.072	\mathbf{b}_4^\top	0.128	0.341	0.606	-0.404	0.447	-0.688	-0.274
\mathbf{a}_5^\top	-0.031	-0.983	0.914	-0.524	0.439	0.057	\mathbf{b}_5^\top	0.482	0.750	-0.346	-0.312	-0.703	-0.180	0.014

Assessment for $H : \Sigma_{12} = O$: $n = 784$, $p = 5$, $q = 7$ and $\hat{\rho}_j^*$ are 0.554, 0.236, 0.119, 0.072, 0.057. Hence

$$-2 \log \Lambda = -n \sum_{j=1}^p \log(1 - (\hat{\rho}_j^*)^2) = 350.0303 > 49.802 = \chi_{\gamma}^2(pq).$$

Hence $\Sigma_{12} = O$ is rejected at the significance level 5%.

Assessment for $H : \rho_1^* \geq \rho_2^* \geq \dots \geq \rho_k^* > 0 = \rho_{k+1}^* = \dots = \rho_p^*$ becomes when $k = 1$, $62.378 > 36.415 = \chi_{0.95}^2(24)$ implies that the hypothesis is rejected when $k = 2$, $17.722 > 24.996 = \chi_{0.95}^2(15)$ implies that the

hypothesis cannot be rejected. Hence the first two canonical variate pairs are non-zero at the significance level 5%.