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3.1) Partial Correlations and Gaussian graphical models

$$S_m = \{K_1, \dots, K_m\}$$

$$X_{S_m} = [X_{K_1}, \dots, X_{K_m}]^T$$

$$\rho_{ij|S_m} = \frac{\sigma_{ij|S_m}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii|S_m} \cdot \sigma_{jj|S_m}}} \quad (3.1)$$

$$W_1 = [X_1, X_2]^T, \quad W_2 = X_{S_m}$$

$$\text{COV} \begin{bmatrix} W_1 \\ W_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{11|2} = \Sigma_{11} - \Sigma_{12} \cdot \Sigma_{22}^{-1} \cdot \Sigma_{21} \quad (3.2)$$

(a) Use (3.2) to derive a closed-form expression for the partial covariance matrix $\Sigma_{XY|Z}$.

$m=1$ $\rightarrow X_{S_m} = Z, \quad X_1 = X, \quad X_2 = Y.$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{COV} \begin{bmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{bmatrix} &= \begin{bmatrix} E[(X-\mu_X)(X-\mu_X)] & E[(X-\mu_X)(Y-\mu_Y)] & E[(X-\mu_X)(Z-\mu_Z)] \\ E[(Y-\mu_Y)(X-\mu_X)] & E[(Y-\mu_Y)(Y-\mu_Y)] & E[(Y-\mu_Y)(Z-\mu_Z)] \\ E[(Z-\mu_Z)(X-\mu_X)] & E[(Z-\mu_Z)(Y-\mu_Y)] & E[(Z-\mu_Z)(Z-\mu_Z)] \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_X^2 & \Sigma_{XY} & \Sigma_{ZX} \\ \Sigma_{XY} & \sigma_Y^2 & \Sigma_{YZ} \\ \Sigma_{ZX} & \Sigma_{YZ} & \sigma_Z^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Sigma_{XY} & \Sigma_{ZX} \\ \Sigma_{XY} & 1 & \Sigma_{YZ} \\ \Sigma_{ZX} & \Sigma_{YZ} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma_{11} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & 1 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_{12} = \Sigma_{21}^T = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{zx} \\ \Sigma_{yz} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \Sigma_{22} = [1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{xy|z} &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{zx} \\ \Sigma_{yz} \end{bmatrix} \cdot [1] \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{zx} & \Sigma_{yz} \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \Sigma_{xy} \\ \Sigma_{xy} & 1 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{zx}^2 & \Sigma_{zx} \cdot \Sigma_{yz} \\ \Sigma_{yz} \cdot \Sigma_{zx} & \Sigma_{yz}^2 \end{bmatrix} = \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \Sigma_{zx}^2 & \Sigma_{xy} - \Sigma_{yz} \cdot \Sigma_{zx} \\ \Sigma_{xy} - \Sigma_{yz} \cdot \Sigma_{zx} & 1 - \Sigma_{yz}^2 \end{bmatrix} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

But $\sigma_x^2 = \sigma_y^2 = \sigma_z^2 = 1$, thus $\rho_{xy} = \Sigma_{xy}, (\dots)$

$$\Sigma_{xy|z} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \rho_{zx}^2 & \rho_{xy} - \rho_{yz} \cdot \rho_{zx} \\ \rho_{xy} - \rho_{yz} \cdot \rho_{zx} & 1 - \rho_{yz}^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

↳ Partial Covariance Matrix

Then follow (3.1) to combine the elements of the matrix to show that:

$$\rho_{ij|S_m} = \frac{\sigma_{ij|S_m}}{\sqrt{\sigma_{ii|S_m} \cdot \sigma_{jj|S_m}}}$$

→ In this exercise,

$$\sigma_{ij|S_m} = \rho_{xy} - \rho_{yz} \cdot \rho_{zx}$$

$$\sigma_{ii|S_m} = 1 - \rho_{zx}^2$$

$$\sigma_{jj|S_m} = 1 - \rho_{yz}^2$$

Finally,

$$\rho_{XY|Z} = \frac{\rho_{XY} - \rho_{YZ} \cdot \rho_{ZX}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{ZX}^2) \cdot (1 - \rho_{YZ}^2)}} \quad \blacksquare$$

(b) $\min_{\beta_{ZX}, \beta_{ZY}} E[(Z - \beta_{ZX} \cdot X - \beta_{ZY} \cdot Y)^2]$

$$E[(Z - \beta_{ZX} \cdot X - \beta_{ZY} \cdot Y) \cdot (Z - \beta_{ZX} \cdot X - \beta_{ZY} \cdot Y)] =$$

$$= E[Z^2 - \beta_{ZX} \cdot X \cdot Z - \beta_{ZY} \cdot Y \cdot Z - \beta_{ZX} \cdot X \cdot Z + \beta_{ZX}^2 \cdot X^2 + \beta_{ZX} \cdot \beta_{ZY} \cdot X \cdot Y - \beta_{ZY} \cdot Y \cdot Z + \beta_{ZY} \cdot \beta_{ZX} \cdot Y \cdot X + \beta_{ZY}^2 \cdot Y^2] =$$

$$= E[Z^2] + \beta_{ZX}^2 \cdot E[X^2] + \beta_{ZY}^2 \cdot E[Y^2] - 2 \cdot \beta_{ZX} \cdot E[X \cdot Z] - 2 \beta_{ZY} \cdot E[Y \cdot Z] + 2 \beta_{ZX} \cdot \beta_{ZY} \cdot E[X \cdot Y] =$$

$$MSE = 1 + \beta_{ZX}^2 + \beta_{ZY}^2 - 2\beta_{ZX} \rho_{ZX} - 2\beta_{ZY} \rho_{ZY} + 2\beta_{ZX} \beta_{ZY} \rho_{XY} \quad \blacksquare$$

(c) Optimal predictor $[\beta_{ZX}, \hat{\beta}_{ZY}]^T$

$$\nabla \cdot \nabla MSE = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial^2 MSE}{\partial^2 \beta_{ZX}} & \frac{\partial^2 MSE}{\partial \beta_{ZX} \partial \beta_{ZY}} \\ \frac{\partial^2 MSE}{\partial \beta_{ZX} \partial \beta_{ZY}} & \frac{\partial^2 MSE}{\partial^2 \beta_{ZY}} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \rho_{XY} \\ \rho_{XY} & 1 \end{bmatrix} \quad \blacksquare$$

(d) Solve the system:

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \rho_{xy} \\ \rho_{xy} & 1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} \hat{\beta}_{zx} \\ \hat{\beta}_{zy} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{zx} \\ \rho_{zy} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{cases} \hat{\beta}_{zx} + \rho_{xy} \cdot \hat{\beta}_{zy} = \rho_{zx} & \text{I} \\ \rho_{xy} \cdot \hat{\beta}_{zx} + \hat{\beta}_{zy} = \rho_{zy} & \text{II} \end{cases}$$

From I: $\hat{\beta}_{zx} = \rho_{zx} - \rho_{xy} \cdot \hat{\beta}_{zy}$

I in II:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{xy} \cdot (\rho_{zx} - \rho_{xy} \cdot \hat{\beta}_{zy}) + \hat{\beta}_{zy} &= \rho_{zy} \\ \hat{\beta}_{zy} - \rho_{xy}^2 \cdot \hat{\beta}_{zy} &= \rho_{zy} - \rho_{xy} \cdot \rho_{zx} \end{aligned}$$

$$\hat{\beta}_{zy} = \frac{\rho_{zy} - \rho_{xy} \cdot \rho_{zx}}{(1 - \rho_{xy}^2)}$$

And:

$$\hat{\beta}_{zx} = \frac{\rho_{zx} - \rho_{xy} \cdot \rho_{zy}}{(1 - \rho_{xy}^2)}$$

$$\rho_{zx|y} = \frac{\rho_{zx} - \rho_{zy} \cdot \rho_{xy}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{zy}^2)(1 - \rho_{xy}^2)}}$$

The numerators of $\hat{\beta}_{zx}$ and $\rho_{zx|y}$ are equal, therefore, if $\rho_{zx|y} = 0$, then $\hat{\beta}_{zx} = 0$, and vice-versa since $(1 - \rho_{zy}^2) \neq 0$ in this case.

The same goes for $\hat{\beta}_{ZY}$ and $p_{ZY|X}$.

3.2) Epidemics across the world

(a) Construct a network from flight data

See python file.

↳ Resultant network has 2305 nodes and 15645 edges in a single connected component.

(b) Plot the airport network

See python file.

Epidemic Model

• Graph $G(V, E)$, $V = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$, $A = [a_{ij}]$.

• Random variable $X_i(t) \in \{0, 1\}$, $X(t) = [X_1(t), \dots, X_n(t)]^T$

↳ Two possible stochastic transitions:

$$(1^{st}) \text{Prob}[X_i(t+\Delta) = 1 | X_i(t) = 0, X(t)] = 1 - \prod_{j \in N_i \wedge X_j(t)=1} (1 - \beta a_{ij}) =$$

$$\approx \sum_{j \in N_i} \beta a_{ij} X_j(t)$$

$$(2^{nd}) \text{Prob}[X_i(t+\Delta) = 0 | X_i(t) = 1] = \gamma$$

(c) Show that (3.9) is an upper bound for (3.8).

Start with the original transition probability:

$$1 - \prod_{j \in N_i \wedge X_j(t)=1} (1 - \beta a_{ij}) = 1 - \prod_{j \in N_i \wedge X_j(t)=1} (1 - \beta a_{ij} X_j(t))$$

Without loss of generality, let's represent this expression by the product of m terms of format $(1 - \beta a_{ij} X_j(t))$:

$$= 1 - (\text{term 1}) \cdot (\text{term 2}) \cdot (\dots) \cdot (\text{term } m) \quad \square$$

This long multiplication will have as result the sum of 2^m individual terms that can be arranged as follows:

$$= 1 - \left[1 - \sum_j (\beta a_{ij} X_j(t)) + \sum_{j,k} (\beta^2 a_{ij} a_{ik} X_j(t) X_k(t)) - \dots \right] =$$

$$= \underbrace{\sum_j (\beta a_{ij} X_j(t))}_{\text{1st order approximation}} - \sum_{j,k} (\beta^2 a_{ij} a_{ik} X_j(t) X_k(t)) + \sum_{j,k,l} (\beta^3 a_{ij} a_{ik} a_{il} X_j(t) X_k(t) X_l(t)) - \dots \quad \square$$

1st order approximation

Since $\beta \ll 1$, the successive terms are monotonically decreasing, with alternating signs (starting with negative).

Thus,

$$\sum_{j \in N_i} \beta a_{ij} X_j(t) \geq 1 - \prod_{j \in N_i \wedge X_j(t)=1} (1 - \beta a_{ij}) \quad \square$$