

Let $X \in \mathcal{R}^D$, and $g(X) = \sqrt[D]{x_1 \dots x_D}$. Then the centered log-ratio transform can be write as

$\text{clr}(X) = \left(\ln \frac{x_1}{g(X)} \quad \ln \frac{x_2}{g(X)} \quad \dots \quad \ln \frac{x_{D-1}}{g(X)} \quad \ln \frac{x_D}{g(X)} \right)$. We can also present the transform in matrix vector multiplication form. Take $\ln \frac{x_1}{g(X)}$ as an example, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} \ln \frac{x_1}{g(X)} &= \ln x_1 - \ln g(X) = \ln x_1 - \ln (x_1 \dots x_D)^{\frac{1}{D}} \\ &= \ln x_1 - \frac{1}{D} (\ln x_1 + \ln x_2 + \dots + \ln x_{D-1} + \ln x_D) \\ &= \frac{1}{D} (D \ln x_1 - \ln x_1 - \ln x_2 - \dots - \ln x_{D-1} - \ln x_D) \\ &= \frac{1}{D} (\ln x_1 \quad \ln x_2 \quad \dots \quad \ln x_{D-1} \quad \ln x_D) (D-1 \quad -1 \quad \dots \quad -1 \quad -1)^T \end{aligned} \tag{0.1}$$

Therefore, we can write the clr transform in the following format,

$$\text{clr}(X) = \frac{1}{D} (\ln x_1 \quad \ln x_2 \quad \dots \quad \ln x_{D-1} \quad \ln x_D) \begin{pmatrix} D-1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & D-1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & D-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & D-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The matrix in the above equation lives in $\mathcal{R}^{D \times D}$. Take one point $b = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{D-1}, x_D) \in X$, then for another point c that in the same direction of b we know that $c = \alpha(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{D-1}, x_D)$, where α is a constant real number. Therefore, the centered log-ratio transform for point b and c will be

$$\text{clr}(b) = \frac{1}{D} (\ln x_1 \quad \ln x_2 \quad \dots \quad \ln x_{D-1} \quad \ln x_D) \begin{pmatrix} D-1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & D-1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & D-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & D-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{clr}(c) = \frac{1}{D} (\ln \alpha x_1 \quad \ln \alpha x_2 \quad \dots \quad \ln \alpha x_{D-1} \quad \ln \alpha x_D) \begin{pmatrix} D-1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & D-1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & D-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & D-1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Since $\ln \alpha x_1 = \ln \alpha + \ln x_1$, we can rewrite $\text{clr}(c)$ as

$$\begin{aligned}
clr(c) &= \frac{1}{D} (\ln \alpha + \ln x_1 \quad \ln \alpha + \ln x_2 \quad \dots \quad \ln \alpha + \ln x_{D-1} \quad \ln \alpha + \ln x_D) \begin{pmatrix} D-1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & D-1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & D-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & D-1 \end{pmatrix} \\
&= \frac{1}{D} (\ln x_1 \quad \ln x_2 \quad \dots \quad \ln x_{D-1} \quad \ln x_D) \begin{pmatrix} D-1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ -1 & D-1 & \dots & -1 & -1 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & D-1 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & \dots & -1 & D-1 \end{pmatrix} = clr(b)
\end{aligned} \tag{0.2}$$

Since point b and c are arbitrary, the centered log-ratio transform is not one to one, but it preserves the property of compositional data.