

# PC ALGORITHM 实现修正

## 理想情况（知道所有条件独立关系）

Estimating High-Dimensional Directed Acyclic Graphs with the PC-Algorithm, Markus Kalisch, Peter Bühlmann. 2007

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**Algorithm 1** The  $PC_{pop}$ -algorithm

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1: INPUT: Vertex Set  $V$ , Conditional Independence Information
2: OUTPUT: Estimated skeleton  $C$ , separation sets  $S$  (only needed when directing the skeleton afterwards)
3: Form the complete undirected graph  $\tilde{C}$  on the vertex set  $V$ .
4:  $\ell = -1$ ;  $C = \tilde{C}$ 
5: repeat
6:    $\ell = \ell + 1$ 
7:   repeat
8:     Select a (new) ordered pair of nodes  $i, j$  that are adjacent in  $C$  such that  $|adj(C, i) \setminus \{j\}| \geq \ell$ 
9:     repeat
10:      Choose (new)  $\mathbf{k} \subseteq adj(C, i) \setminus \{j\}$  with  $|\mathbf{k}| = \ell$ .
11:      if  $i$  and  $j$  are conditionally independent given  $\mathbf{k}$  then
12:        Delete edge  $i, j$ 
13:        Denote this new graph by  $C$ 
14:        Save  $\mathbf{k}$  in  $S(i, j)$  and  $S(j, i)$ 
15:      end if
16:    until edge  $i, j$  is deleted or all  $\mathbf{k} \subseteq adj(C, i) \setminus \{j\}$  with  $|\mathbf{k}| = \ell$  have been chosen
17:  until all ordered pairs of adjacent variables  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $|adj(C, i) \setminus \{j\}| \geq \ell$  and  $\mathbf{k} \subseteq adj(C, i) \setminus \{j\}$  with  $|\mathbf{k}| = \ell$  have been tested for conditional independence
18: until for each ordered pair of adjacent nodes  $i, j$ :  $|adj(C, i) \setminus \{j\}| < \ell$ .
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line 11: 需要条件独立关系

现有数据无法进行条件独立性检测

## 偏相关系数

校正其它变量后某一变量与另一变量的相关关系，校正的意思可以理解为假定其它变量都取值为均数

服从高斯分布的随机变量，条件独立性与偏相关系数为0等价：

假设随机变量  $X$  服从多元高斯分布，对于  $i \neq j \in (1, \dots, p)$ ,  $k \subseteq (1, \dots, p) / (i, j)$ ，用  $\rho_{i,j|k}$  表示  $X(i)$  和  $X(j)$  与  $X^{(r)}(r \in k)$  之间的偏相关系数。当且仅当  $X(i)$  和  $X(j)$  条件独立与  $X^{(r)}(r \in k)$  时， $\rho_{i,j|k} = 0$ 。

∴ 条件独立性可由偏相关估计出来，条件独立性检验转偏相关系数检验

任意两个变量  $i, j$  的  $h$ （排除其他  $h$  个变量的影响后， $h \leq k - 2$ ）阶样本偏相关系数：

$$\rho_{i,j|k} = \frac{\rho_{i,j|k \setminus h} - \rho_{i,h|k \setminus h} \rho_{j,h|k \setminus h}}{\sqrt{(1 - \rho_{i,h|k \setminus h}^2)(1 - \rho_{j,h|k \setminus h}^2)}}$$

## Z检验（ $\rho \neq 0$ 时的显著性检验）

$\rho \neq 0$ 时不是正态分布，不能进行  $t$  检验。将  $\rho$  进行 Fisher Z 转换，转换后可以认为是正态分布。

Fisher's z-transform:

$$Z(i, j|k) = \frac{1}{2} \log \left( \frac{1 + \hat{\rho}_{i,j|k}}{1 - \hat{\rho}_{i,j|k}} \right)$$

零假设： $H_0(i, j|k) : \rho_{i,j|k} \neq 0$

对立假设： $H_1(i, j|k) : \rho_{i,j|k} = 0$

当  $\sqrt{n - |k| - 3} |Z(i, j|k)| > \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$ ,  $H_0$  成立

∴ 用  $\sqrt{n - |k| - 3} |Z(i, j|k)| \leq \Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$  替换 PC-Algorithm 中的“如果  $i, j$  被  $k$   $d$ -separation”

paper: Frequency Distribution of the Values of the Correlation Coefficient in Samples from an Indefinitely large population, Fisher, R.A., 1915

## R语言实现

`zStat(x, y, S, C)`: 计算并返回  $\sqrt{n - |k| - 3} |Z(i, j|k)|$  的值

`pcorOrder(i, j, k, C)`: 计算并返回  $i$  和  $j$  与  $k$  的偏相关系数

`condIndFisherZ(x, y, S, C)`: 计算  $\sqrt{n - |k| - 3} |Z(i, j|k)|$ , 返回它是否  $\leq$  cutoff

`gaussCitestest(x, y, S, suffStat)`: 计算并返回  $\Phi^{-1}(1 - \alpha/2)$

## 原版PC Algorithm没有的步骤

An algorithm for fast recovery of sparse causal graphs, Peter Spirtes, Clark N. Glymour., 1990

**A.) Form the complete undirected graph C on the vertex set V.**

**B.)**

**n = 0.**

**repeat**

**For each pair of variables a, b adjacent in C, if  $A_{cab} \cap U_{cab}$  has cardinality greater than or equal to n and a, b are independent conditional on any subsets of  $A_{cab} \cap U_{cab}$  of cardinality n, delete a-b from C.**

**n = n + 1.**

**until for each pair of adjacent vertices a, b,  $A_{cab} \cap U_{cab}$**

**is of cardinality less than n.**

**C.) Let F be the graph resulting from step B. For each triple of vertices a, b, c such that the pair a, b and the pair b, c are each adjacent in F but the pair a, c are not adjacent in F, orient a - b - c as a → b ← c if and only if a and c are dependent on every subset of  $A_{pac} \cap U_{pac}$  containing b. Output all graphs consistent with these orientations.**

得到骨架（无向图）。

## 一些定义:

骨架: 把有向图  $G$  的有向边变成无向边。

PDAG: 设  $G = (V, E)$  是一个图, 若边集  $E$  中包含有向边和无向边, 则称  $P$  是一个部分有向图。若部分有向图  $P$  中不存在有向圈, 则称  $P$  是一个部分有向无环图(PDAG)

马尔科夫等价: 贝叶斯网络  $\langle G_1, P_1 \rangle$  和  $\langle G_2, P_2 \rangle$  马尔科夫等价, 当且仅当  $G_1$  和  $G_2$  具有相同的框架和V结构

有向无环图  $G = (V, E)$ , 任意有向边  $V_i \rightarrow V_j \in E$ , 若存在图  $G' = (V, E')$  与  $G$  等价, 且  $V_j \rightarrow V_i \in E'$ , 则称有向边  $V_i \rightarrow V_j$  在  $G$  中是可逆的, 否则是不可逆的。

同理, 对任意无向边  $V_i - V_j \in E$ , 若存在  $G_1 = (V, E_1)$ 、 $G_2 = (V, E_2)$  均与  $G$  等价, 且  $V_i \rightarrow V_j \in E_1$ 、 $V_j \rightarrow V_i \in E_2$ , 则称无向边  $V_i - V_j$  在  $G$  中是可逆的, 否则是不可逆的

CPDAG: 设  $G = (V, E)$  是一个部分有向无环图, 若  $E$  中的有向边都是不可逆的, 并且  $E$  中的无向边都是可逆的, 则称  $G$  是一个完全部分有向无环图(CPDAG)

任意 BN 的马尔科夫等价类都存在唯一的 CPDAG 与之等价, 因此, CPDAG可作为贝叶斯网络等价类的图形化表示

将骨架扩展为等价类的CPDAG:

Causal inference and causal explanation with background knowledge, Meek., 1995

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### Algorithm 2 Extending the skeleton to a CPDAG

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**INPUT:** Skeleton  $G_{skel}$ , separation sets  $S$

**OUTPUT:** CPDAG  $G$

**for all** pairs of nonadjacent variables  $i, j$  with common neighbour  $k$  **do**

**if**  $k \notin S(i, j)$  **then**

        Replace  $i - k - j$  in  $G_{skel}$  by  $i \rightarrow k \leftarrow j$

**end if**

**end for**

In the resulting PDAG, try to orient as many undirected edges as possible by repeated application of the following three rules:

**R1** Orient  $j - k$  into  $j \rightarrow k$  whenever there is an arrow  $i \rightarrow j$  such that  $i$  and  $k$  are nonadjacent.

**R2** Orient  $i - j$  into  $i \rightarrow j$  whenever there is a chain  $i \rightarrow k \rightarrow j$ .

**R3** Orient  $i - j$  into  $i \rightarrow j$  whenever there are two chains  $i - k \rightarrow j$  and  $i - l \rightarrow j$  such that  $k$  and  $l$  are nonadjacent.

**R4** Orient  $i - j$  into  $i \rightarrow j$  whenever there are two chains  $i - k \rightarrow l$  and  $k \rightarrow l \rightarrow j$  such that  $k$  and  $l$  are nonadjacent.

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TPDA

一种看起来挺靠谱的算法

Learning Belief Networks from Data: An Information Theory Based Approach