MVA_Assignment_6

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Assignment 6 - Factor Analysis

This document does a Factor Analysis on the Heart Failure Prediction dataset. We start by understanding if factor analysis is appropriate on our dataset , then perform checks to see how many factors are appropriate and finally interpret the factors.

Let us load libraries and data

```
# clear environment
rm(list = ls())
# defining libraries
library(ggplot2)
library(dplyr)
library(PerformanceAnalytics)
library(data.table)
library(sqldf)
library(nortest)
library(MASS)
library(rpart)
library(class)
library(ISLR)
library(scales)
library(ClustOfVar)
library(GGally)
library(reticulate)
library(ggthemes)
library(RColorBrewer)
library(gridExtra)
library(kableExtra)
library(Hmisc)
library(corrplot)
library(energy)
library(nnet)
library(Hotelling)
library(car)
library(devtools)
library(ggbiplot)
```

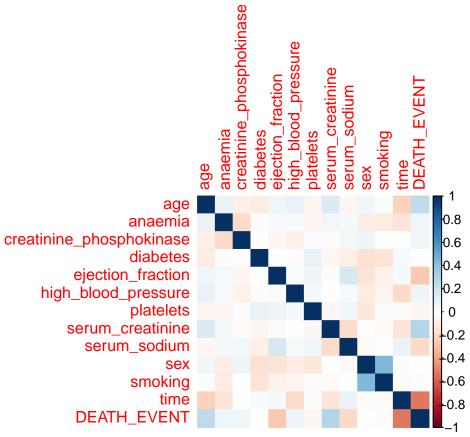
```
library(factoextra)
library(rgl)
library(FactoMineR)
library(psych)
library(nFactors)
library(scatterplot3d)
# reading data
data <- read.csv('/Users/mac/Downloads/heart_failure_clinical_records_dataset.csv')</pre>
str(data)
## 'data.frame':
                   299 obs. of 13 variables:
                             : num 75 55 65 50 65 90 75 60 65 80 ...
## $ age
## $ anaemia
                             : int 0001111101...
## $ creatinine_phosphokinase: int 582 7861 146 111 160 47 246 315 157 123 ...
## $ diabetes
                           : int 0000100100...
## $ ejection_fraction : int 20 38 20 20 20 40 15 60 65 35 ...
## $ high_blood_pressure : int 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 1 ...
## $ platelets
                             : num 265000 263358 162000 210000 327000 ...
                            : num 1.9 1.1 1.3 1.9 2.7 2.1 1.2 1.1 1.5 9.4 ...
## $ serum_creatinine
                             : int 130 136 129 137 116 132 137 131 138 133 ...
## $ serum_sodium
## $ sex
                             : int 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1 0 1 ...
## $ smoking
                             : int 0010010101...
## $ time
                            : int 4 6 7 7 8 8 10 10 10 10 ...
## $ DEATH_EVENT
                             : int 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 ...
```

Let's quickly revise our correlation plot and see if factor analysis is appropriate

```
# Correlation plot
M<-cor(data)
head(round(M,2))</pre>
```

```
##
                             age anaemia creatinine_phosphokinase diabetes
## age
                            1.00
                                   0.09
                                                           -0.08
                                                                    -0.10
                            0.09
                                   1.00
                                                           -0.19
                                                                    -0.01
## anaemia
## creatinine_phosphokinase -0.08
                                  -0.19
                                                           1.00
                                                                    -0.01
                           -0.10
                                  -0.01
                                                                    1.00
## diabetes
                                                           -0.01
                            0.06
                                   0.03
## ejection_fraction
                                                           -0.04
                                                                    0.00
                            0.09
                                   0.04
                                                           -0.07
                                                                   -0.01
## high_blood_pressure
                           ejection_fraction high_blood_pressure platelets
## age
                                       0.06
                                                           0.09
                                                                   -0.05
                                                           0.04
## anaemia
                                       0.03
                                                                    -0.04
## creatinine phosphokinase
                                                          -0.07
                                                                    0.02
                                       -0.04
## diabetes
                                       0.00
                                                          -0.01
                                                                    0.09
                                                          0.02
## ejection fraction
                                       1.00
                                                                    0.07
## high_blood_pressure
                                       0.02
                                                          1.00
                                                                    0.05
                           serum_creatinine serum_sodium sex smoking time
## age
                                     0.16 -0.05 0.07 0.02 -0.22
## anaemia
                                      0.05
                                                 0.04 -0.09 -0.11 -0.14
## creatinine_phosphokinase
                                     -0.02
                                                 0.06 0.08 0.00 -0.01
                                     -0.05
                                                  -0.09 -0.16 -0.15 0.03
## diabetes
```

```
## ejection_fraction
                                         -0.01
                                                        0.18 - 0.15
                                                                     -0.07 0.04
## high_blood_pressure
                                          0.00
                                                        0.04 - 0.10
                                                                     -0.06 -0.20
                             DEATH EVENT
##
## age
                                    0.25
## anaemia
                                    0.07
## creatinine_phosphokinase
                                    0.06
## diabetes
                                    0.00
                                    -0.27
## ejection_fraction
## high_blood_pressure
                                    0.08
corrplot(M, method="color")
```



Since most of the correlations are low (Pearson's r < 0.25), we don't particularly see a need for Factor Analysis since we use Factor Analysis to understand the latent factors in the data

However, we can see that given these are patient details, we may try and understand factors such as patient demographics (age, sex), patient lifestyle (smoking, diabetes, high bp), patient physiological makeup (serum sodidum, creatinine_phosphokinase), patient genetics (bp, anaemia). While this is our intuition before we begin, only once we see the factor analysis results will we be able to comment more appropriately.

```
#scale the data
data_fact <- as.data.frame(scale(data[,1:12],center = TRUE, scale = TRUE))</pre>
```

Tests to see if factor analysis is appropriate on the data

Kaiser-Meyer-Oklin Test (KMO)

Measured by the Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin (KMO) statistics, sampling adequacy (MSA) predicts if data are likely to factor well, based on correlation and partial correlation.

KMO varies from 0 to 1.0 and KMO overall should be .60 or higher to proceed with factor analysis.

KMO(data fact)

```
## Kaiser-Meyer-Olkin factor adequacy
## Call: KMO(r = data_fact)
## Overall MSA = 0.55
## MSA for each item =
##
                                                anaemia creatinine_phosphokinase
                         age
                        0.61
##
                                                   0.56
                                                                              0.47
##
                                     ejection_fraction
                                                             high_blood_pressure
                    diabetes
##
                        0.63
                                                   0.56
                                                                              0.55
##
                   platelets
                                      serum_creatinine
                                                                     serum_sodium
##
                        0.49
                                                   0.59
                                                                              0.50
##
                         sex
                                                smoking
                                                                              time
##
                        0.55
                                                   0.53
                                                                              0.56
```

We see that other than age and diabetes, there is no variable with MSA > 0.6 but there are many variables who are close to the cut-off.

Bartlett's test

We also perform the Bartlett's test which allows us to compare the variance of two or more samples to determine whether they are drawn from populations with equal variance.

bartlett.test(data_fact)

```
##
## Bartlett test of homogeneity of variances
##
## data: data_fact
## Bartlett's K-squared = 3.3045e-14, df = 11, p-value = 1
```

From the output we can see that the p-value of 1 is not less than the significance level of 0.05. This means we cannot reject the null hypothesis that the variance is the same for all patients.

Let us now perform Factor Anaysis on our dataset

```
# perform factor analysis
data.fa <- factanal(data_fact, factors = 2)</pre>
data.fa
##
## Call:
## factanal(x = data_fact, factors = 2)
## Uniquenesses:
##
                                                anaemia creatinine_phosphokinase
                         age
##
                       0.794
                                                  0.924
##
                    diabetes
                                     ejection_fraction
                                                             high_blood_pressure
##
                       0.953
                                                  0.972
                                                                             0.927
##
                   platelets
                                      {\tt serum\_creatinine}
                                                                     serum_sodium
##
                       0.976
                                                  0.904
                                                                             0.975
##
                                                smoking
                                                                              time
                         sex
##
                       0.233
                                                  0.742
                                                                             0.737
##
## Loadings:
##
                             Factor1 Factor2
## age
                               0.139
                                       0.432
                                       0.264
## anaemia
## creatinine_phosphokinase
                                      -0.154
## diabetes
                              -0.204
## ejection_fraction
                              -0.167
## high_blood_pressure
                                       0.258
## platelets
                              -0.141
## serum_creatinine
                                       0.304
## serum_sodium
                                      -0.147
                                      -0.132
## sex
                               0.866
## smoking
                               0.498
                                      -0.103
## time
                                      -0.503
##
##
                   Factor1 Factor2
## SS loadings
                     1.139
                             0.752
## Proportion Var
                     0.095
                             0.063
## Cumulative Var
                     0.095
                             0.158
## Test of the hypothesis that 2 factors are sufficient.
## The chi square statistic is 57.21 on 43 degrees of freedom.
## The p-value is 0.0721
```

Factor analysis creates linear combinations of factors to abstract the variable's underlying communality. To the extent that the variables have an underlying communality, fewer factors capture most of the variance in the data set.

Here, we see high uniqueness (>0.7) for most variables indicating that factors don't account well for the variance. But we do note that sex variable has the least uniqueness (0.233).

We also note that cumulative variance explained is only 15.8% which isn't great and we may have to use more than 2 factors

```
#squaring the loadings to assess communality
apply(data.fa$loadings^2,1,sum)
##
                                              anaemia creatinine_phosphokinase
                        age
##
                 0.20588167
                                           0.07630296
                                                                     0.02819032
##
                                    ejection_fraction
                                                           high_blood_pressure
                   diabetes
##
                 0.04721557
                                           0.02808125
                                                                     0.07296775
```

serum_creatinine

0.09550733

0.25821777

smoking

serum_sodium

0.02508073

0.26304715

time

We see mostly low values of loadings other than sex here indicating the model for factor analysis isn't appropriate. A good model would indicate high values of communality and low values of uniqueness.

Let's try and interpret the factors

platelets

0.02402435

0.76665418

sex

##

##

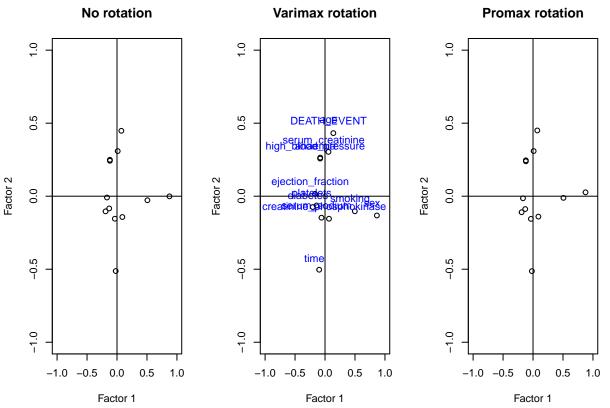
##

##

We perform three factor models - one with no rotation, one with varimax rotation, and finally one with promax rotation and see the results

```
data.fa.none <- factanal(data_fact, factors = 2, rotation = "none")</pre>
data.fa.varimax <- factanal(data_fact, factors = 2, rotation = "varimax")</pre>
data.fa.promax <- factanal(data_fact, factors = 2, rotation = "promax")</pre>
par(mfrow = c(1,3))
plot(data.fa.none$loadings[,1],
     data.fa.none$loadings[,2],
     xlab = "Factor 1",
     ylab = "Factor 2",
     ylim = c(-1,1),
     xlim = c(-1,1),
     main = "No rotation")
abline(h = 0, v = 0)
plot(data.fa.varimax$loadings[,1],
     data.fa.varimax$loadings[,2],
     xlab = "Factor 1",
     ylab = "Factor 2",
     ylim = c(-1,1),
     xlim = c(-1,1),
     main = "Varimax rotation")
text(data.fa.varimax$loadings[,1]-0.08,
     data.fa.varimax$loadings[,2]+0.08,
      colnames (data),
      col="blue")
abline(h = 0, v = 0)
plot(data.fa.promax$loadings[,1],
     data.fa.promax$loadings[,2],
     xlab = "Factor 1",
     ylab = "Factor 2",
     ylim = c(-1,1),
```



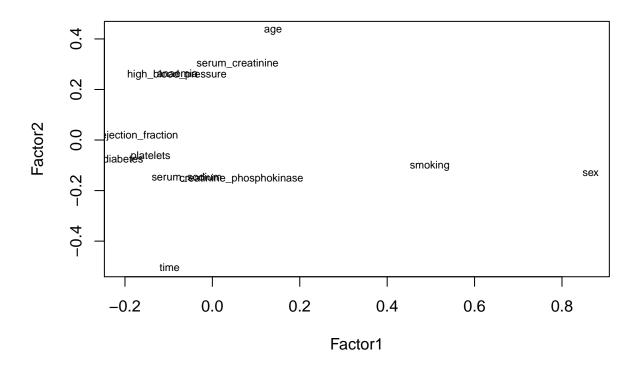


We can see that factor 1 corresponds to smoking, sex, platelets, , ejection_fraction and diabetes whereas factor 2 corresponds to age, anaemia, high bp, serum_creatinine and time among others. We cannot clearly name the factors at this point in line with our intuition.

Let's plot the results

Maximum Likelihood Factor Analysis with 2 factors

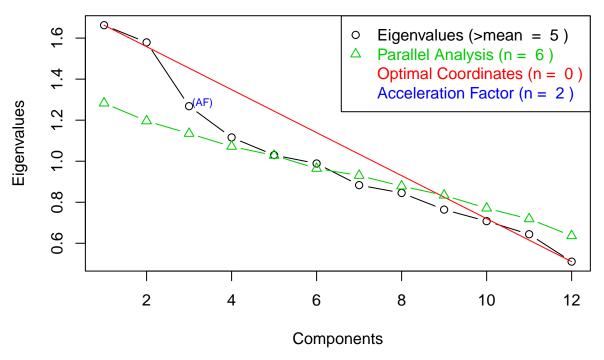
```
# Maximum Likelihood Factor Analysis
# entering raw data and extracting 2 factors,
# with varimax rotation
fit <- factanal(data_fact, 2, rotation="varimax")
# plot factor 1 by factor 2
load <- fit$loadings[,1:2]
plot(load,type="n") # set up plot
text(load,labels=names(data_fact),cex=.7) # add variable names```</pre>
```



However, there is a better method to first determine number of Factors to Extract

```
ev <- eigen(cor(data_fact)) # get eigenvalues
ap <- parallel(subject=nrow(data_fact),var=ncol(data_fact),
    rep=100,cent=.05)
nS <- nScree(x=ev$values, aparallel=ap$eigen$qevpea)
plotnScree(nS)</pre>
```

Non Graphical Solutions to Scree Test



We plot the components against the eigenvalues and this tells us that there are 5 factors with eigenvalue of above 1. Hence we know our maximum number of factors is clearly 5 but also using the elbow logic of the scree test, we see that there are probably 3 or 4 factors (the levelling off after 3 is more significant).

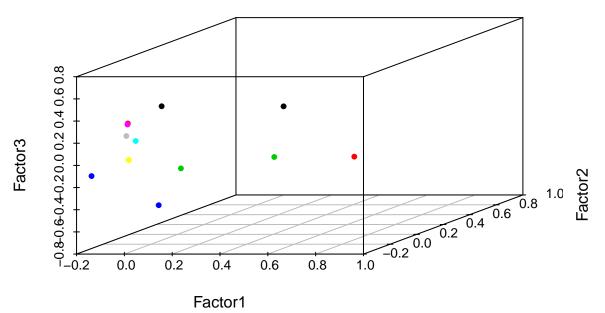
This is interesting now since our interpretation might be more relevant with 3 factors.

Factor Analysis (n=3 factors)

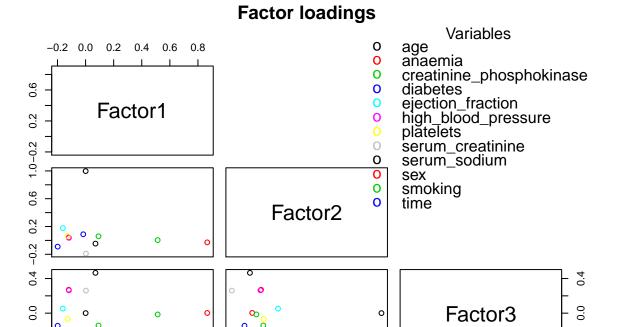
```
data.fa.none <- factanal(data_fact, factors = 3, rotation = "none")</pre>
data.fa.none
##
## Call:
## factanal(x = data_fact, factors = 3, rotation = "none")
##
## Uniquenesses:
##
                                                anaemia creatinine_phosphokinase
                         age
##
                       0.776
                                                  0.911
                                                                             0.968
##
                    diabetes
                                     ejection fraction
                                                              high blood pressure
##
                       0.931
                                                  0.940
                                                                             0.915
##
                   platelets
                                      serum creatinine
                                                                      serum sodium
##
                       0.975
                                                  0.896
                                                                             0.005
##
                         sex
                                                smoking
                                                                              time
                       0.249
##
                                                  0.736
                                                                             0.755
##
##
  Loadings:
##
                              Factor1 Factor2 Factor3
```

```
0.465
## age
                             -0.120
                                              0.270
## anaemia
## creatinine_phosphokinase
                                             -0.142
## diabetes
                                             -0.146
                             -0.199
## ejection_fraction
                             -0.162
                                      0.176
## high_blood_pressure
                             -0.119
                                              0.264
## platelets
                             -0.127
## serum_creatinine
                                     -0.190
                                              0.261
## serum_sodium
                                      0.997
                              0.866
## sex
## smoking
                              0.513
                                             -0.487
##
  time
##
##
                  Factor1 Factor2 Factor3
## SS loadings
                     1.138
                             1.091
                                     0.714
## Proportion Var
                    0.095
                             0.091
                                     0.059
## Cumulative Var
                    0.095
                             0.186
                                     0.245
##
## Test of the hypothesis that 3 factors are sufficient.
## The chi square statistic is 31.85 on 33 degrees of freedom.
## The p-value is 0.524
scatterplot3d(as.data.frame(unclass(data.fa.none$loadings)),
  main="3D factor loadings", color=1:ncol(data_fact), pch=20)
```

3D factor loadings



```
pairs(data.fa.none$loadings, col=1:ncol(data_fact),
    upper.panel=NULL, main="Factor loadings")
par(xpd=TRUE)
legend('topright', bty='n', pch='o', col=1:ncol(data_fact),
attr(data.fa.none$loadings, 'dimnames')[[1]], y.intersp=0.5,
title="Variables")
```



This is a lot more interesting since now if we try and interpret the 3 factors we see that Factor 1 is sex, smoking dominant while factor 2 is ejection_fraction and serum component dominant while factor 3 is age, anaemia, high bp dominant. While not exactly the same as intuition, we do note that Factor 1 can be interpreted as patient demographics/ lifestyle feature as males tend to smoke more, while factor 2 is the physiological makeup we discussed about earlier and factor 3 is the again patient demographics but also genetics as variables with blood pressure and anaemia show up along with age.

0.2 0.4 0.6 0.8 1.0

-0.4 -0.2 0.0

Conclusion -

-0.2 0.0 0.2 0.4

4.0-

Factor 1 - Patient Demographics / Lifestyle

0.6 0.8

-0.2

Factor 2 - Patient Physiological Makeup

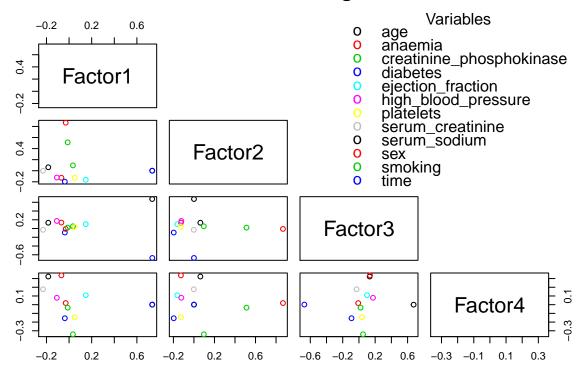
Factor 3 - Patient Demographics / Genetics

Factor Analysis (n=4 factors)

```
data.fa.none <- factanal(data_fact, factors = 4, rotation = "none")</pre>
data.fa.none
##
## Call:
## factanal(x = data_fact, factors = 4, rotation = "none")
##
## Uniquenesses:
##
                                                anaemia creatinine_phosphokinase
                         age
##
                       0.840
                                                  0.847
                                                                            0.871
##
                    diabetes
                                     ejection fraction
                                                             high_blood_pressure
```

```
0.927
                                               0.930
                                                                         0.937
##
##
                  platelets
                                    serum_creatinine
                                                                 serum_sodium
                      0.959
                                                                         0.005
##
                                               0.915
##
                                                                         time
                        sex
                                             smoking
##
                      0.246
                                               0.736
                                                                         0.005
##
## Loadings:
                            Factor1 Factor2 Factor3 Factor4
##
## age
                            -0.184
                                             0.132 0.323
                                    -0.127
                                             0.136
                                                     0.337
## anaemia
## creatinine_phosphokinase
                                                    -0.340
## diabetes
                                                    -0.156
                                    -0.197
## ejection_fraction
                             0.148 -0.162
                                                     0.108
## high_blood_pressure
                            -0.108 -0.123
                                             0.173
## platelets
                                    -0.127
                                                    -0.145
                            -0.230
## serum_creatinine
                                                     0.177
## serum_sodium
                             0.735
                                             0.674
## sex
                                     0.867
                                     0.512
## smoking
## time
                             0.736
                                            -0.673
##
##
                  Factor1 Factor2 Factor3 Factor4
                           1.140
                                    0.997
                                            0.430
## SS loadings
                    1.214
## Proportion Var
                    0.101
                            0.095
                                    0.083
                                            0.036
## Cumulative Var
                                            0.315
                    0.101
                            0.196
                                    0.279
## Test of the hypothesis that 4 factors are sufficient.
## The chi square statistic is 20.17 on 24 degrees of freedom.
## The p-value is 0.687
pairs(data.fa.none$loadings, col=1:ncol(data_fact),
 upper.panel=NULL, main="Factor loadings")
par(xpd=TRUE)
legend('topright', bty='n', pch='o', col=1:ncol(data_fact),
attr(data.fa.none$loadings, 'dimnames')[[1]], y.intersp=0.5,
title="Variables")
```

Factor loadings



Again an interesting result since if we try and interpret the 4 factors we see that Factor 1 is serum_sodium dominant (Physiological makeup), while Factor 2 is sex and smoking dominant (Patient Lifestyle) and Factor 3 is serum_sodium and high bp dominant (Physiological makeup & lifestyle) and Factor 4 is age, anaemia dominant (Patient Demographics & genetics). We notice some overlaps here so perhaps, 3 factors would be the ideal choice, however do note that p-values aren't significant in either results.

Conclusion -

Factor 1 - Physiological makeup

Factor 2 - Patient Lifestyle

Factor 3 - Physiological makeup & lifestyle

Factor 4 - Patient demographics & Genetics

Another method - we can try the psych package as well for n=3 factors

```
fit.pc <- principal(data_fact, nfactors=3, rotate="varimax")</pre>
fit.pc
## Principal Components Analysis
## Call: principal(r = data_fact, nfactors = 3, rotate = "varimax")
## Standardized loadings (pattern matrix) based upon correlation matrix
##
                              RC1
                                    RC2
                                           RC3
                                                 h2
                                                      u2 com
## age
                             0.24
                                   0.59 -0.14 0.43 0.57 1.5
                            -0.12 0.51 0.05 0.28 0.72 1.1
## anaemia
## creatinine_phosphokinase 0.10 -0.36 -0.01 0.14 0.86 1.2
```

```
## diabetes
                           -0.55 -0.20 -0.14 0.36 0.64 1.4
## ejection_fraction
                           -0.08 0.24 0.55 0.37 0.63 1.4
## high_blood_pressure
                           -0.05 0.47 0.14 0.24 0.76 1.2
                           -0.16 -0.05 0.28 0.11 0.89 1.6
## platelets
## serum_creatinine
                           -0.02 0.32 -0.50 0.35 0.65 1.7
## serum sodium
                           0.17 0.03 0.76 0.60 0.40 1.1
                           0.76 -0.19 -0.21 0.66 0.34 1.3
## sex
                           0.74 -0.16 -0.04 0.57 0.43 1.1
## smoking
## time
                           -0.12 -0.58 0.26 0.41 0.59 1.5
##
##
                         RC1 RC2 RC3
                        1.58 1.55 1.38
## SS loadings
## Proportion Var
                        0.13 0.13 0.12
                        0.13 0.26 0.38
## Cumulative Var
## Proportion Explained 0.35 0.34 0.31
## Cumulative Proportion 0.35 0.69 1.00
##
## Mean item complexity = 1.3
## Test of the hypothesis that 3 components are sufficient.
## The root mean square of the residuals (RMSR) is 0.11
## with the empirical chi square 458.49 with prob < 2.2e-76
##
## Fit based upon off diagonal values = -0.09
round(fit.pc$values, 3)
## [1] 1.663 1.579 1.268 1.116 1.030 0.989 0.883 0.845 0.764 0.708 0.644
## [12] 0.511
fit.pc$loadings
## Loadings:
                                   RC2
                                          RC3
##
                            0.240 0.591 -0.142
## anaemia
                            -0.122 0.510
## creatinine_phosphokinase
                                   -0.357
## diabetes
                            -0.550 -0.201 -0.143
## ejection_fraction
                                    0.240 0.550
## high_blood_pressure
                                    0.465 0.140
## platelets
                            -0.158
                                           0.282
## serum_creatinine
                                    0.318 - 0.500
## serum sodium
                            0.169
                                           0.757
                            0.759 -0.192 -0.210
## sex
## smoking
                            0.737 - 0.159
## time
                            -0.118 -0.576 0.262
                         R.C.2
##
                    RC1
                               R.C.3
## SS loadings
                 1.580 1.548 1.382
## Proportion Var 0.132 0.129 0.115
## Cumulative Var 0.132 0.261 0.376
# Loadings with more digits
for (i in c(1,2,3)) { print(fit.pc$loadings[[1,i]])}
```

```
## [1] 0.2400349
## [1] 0.5907011
## [1] -0.1417927
```

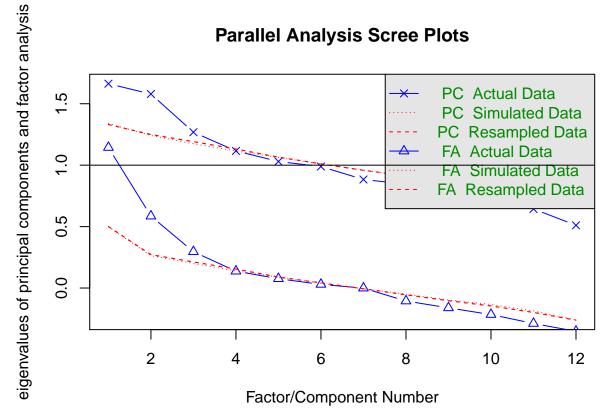
Communalities

<pre>fit.pc\$communality</pre>

##	age	anaemia	<pre>creatinine_phosphokinase</pre>
##	0.4266497	0.2774545	0.1372058
##	diabetes	$ejection_fraction$	high_blood_pressure
##	0.3632012	0.3666522	0.2381992
##	platelets	serum_creatinine	serum_sodium
##	0.1067861	0.3512908	0.6023730
##	sex	smoking	time
##	0.6569339	0.5695994	0.4138580

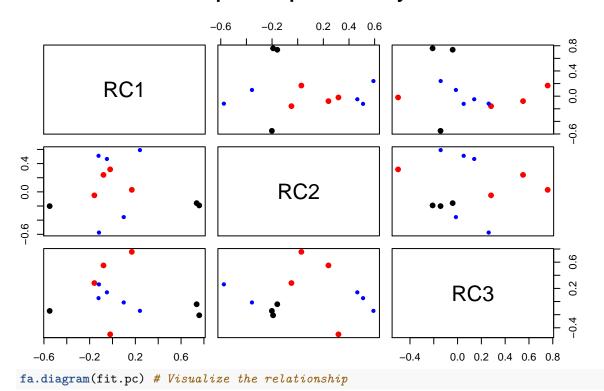
Play with FA utilities

fa.parallel(data_fact) # See factor recommendation

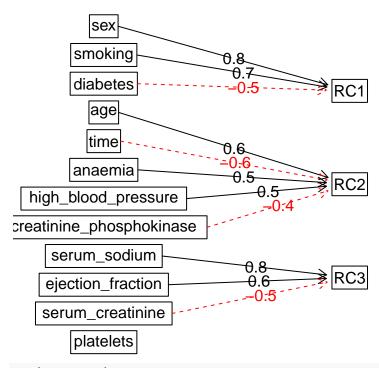


Parallel analysis suggests that the number of factors = 3 and the number of components = 3
fa.plot(fit.pc) # See Correlations within Factors

Principal Component Analysis

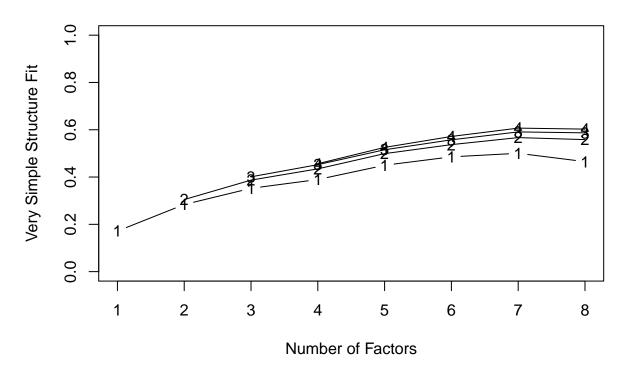


Components Analysis



vss(data_fact) # See Factor recommendations for a simple structure

Very Simple Structure



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##
## Very Simple Structure
## Call: vss(x = data fact)
## VSS complexity 1 achieves a maximimum of 0.5 with 7 factors
## VSS complexity 2 achieves a maximimum of 0.57 with 7 factors
##
## The Velicer MAP achieves a minimum of 0.02 with 1
## BIC achieves a minimum of NA with 1 factors
## Sample Size adjusted BIC achieves a minimum of \, NA \, with \, 2
##
## Statistics by number of factors
                                    prob sqresid fit RMSEA BIC SABIC
     vss1 vss2
                map dof
                           chisq
## 1 0.17 0.00 0.016 54 1.1e+02 1.6e-05
                                            11.1 0.17 0.0593 -199 -28.1
                                             9.3 0.30 0.0351 -188 -51.2
## 2 0.28 0.30 0.023 43 5.8e+01 6.8e-02
## 3 0.35 0.39 0.035
                      33 3.2e+01 4.9e-01
                                             8.0 0.40 0.0049 -156 -51.0
## 4 0.39 0.43 0.049
                      24 2.1e+01 6.3e-01
                                             7.3 0.46 0.0000 -116 -39.5
## 5 0.45 0.50 0.069
                      16 9.6e+00 8.9e-01
                                             6.3 0.53 0.0000
                                                              -82 -30.8
## 6 0.49 0.54 0.096
                       9 2.6e+00 9.8e-01
                                             5.6 0.58 0.0000
                                                              -49 -20.1
## 7 0.50 0.57 0.141
                       3 1.1e+00 7.9e-01
                                             5.1 0.62 0.0000
                                                              -16
                                                                    -6.5
## 8 0.47 0.56 0.197
                      -2 8.1e-07
                                             5.1 0.62
                                                          NA
                                                               NA
                                                                      NA
     complex eChisq
                        SRMR eCRMS eBIC
## 1
         1.0 2.2e+02 7.5e-02 0.083
## 2
         1.2 9.6e+01 4.9e-02 0.061 -149
## 3
         1.4 4.8e+01 3.5e-02 0.049 -140
## 4
         1.6 2.9e+01 2.7e-02 0.045 -108
         1.7 1.3e+01 1.8e-02 0.037
## 6
         1.9 3.2e+00 9.0e-03 0.024
                                    -48
## 7
         1.8 1.0e+00 5.1e-03 0.024
                                    -16
## 8
         1.7 8.6e-07 4.7e-06
                                NA
                                     NA
```

Again, we note that the analysis recommends 3 factors and we see the interpretation as Factor 1 - Sex, Smoking (Patient Demographics/ Lifestyle) and Factor 2 - Age, anaemia, high_bp (Patient Demographics/ Genetics) and Factor 3 - Serum_sodium, ejection_fraction (Physiological make-up) which confirms our earlier interpretation as well

Note: While we see our data isn't perhaps ideal for Factor Analysis, we can gauge some interesting results and given this dataset is part of a study of only 299 patients, the latent factors may be more prominent in the population distribution.

This concludes our approach to Factor Analysis in our dataset