

# Week 14 – Dimensionality reduction

L14-07. Partial least square (PLS) and Canonical correlation analysis (CCA) (How)

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## PLS and CCA

are supervised dimension reduction! which allows multivariate dependent variables!

Use information of dependent variable to reduce dimension!

CCA cost function was...

$$\begin{aligned} & \max_{W_x, W_y} \quad \text{tr}(W_x^T X Y^T W_y) \\ & \text{subject to} \quad W_x^T X X^T W_x = I, \quad W_y^T Y Y^T W_y = I \end{aligned}$$

PLS cost function was...

$$\max \text{cov}(w_x^T X, Y^T W_y)$$



# Partial least Square regression

Resting state data of 100 participants...

We're going to use resting state functional connectivity (RSFC) data to see if it can explain depression related variables.

 Xtest	20x38781 double
 Xtrain	80x38781 double
 ytest	20x7 double
 ytrain	80x7 double

80: number of used training datasets

20: number of used testing datasets

38781: used 279 parcellation to calculate RSFC so it results in  $279 * 278 / 2$

7: number of depression related variables. (CES-D, RRS 3 subscales, MASQ 3 subscales)

More info about  
behavioral measures

<http://www.chcr.brown.edu/pcoc/cesdscale.pdf>

<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~gonzo/RuminationScale.pdf>

<https://arc.psych.wisc.edu/self-report/mood-and-anxiety-symptom-questionnaire-masq/>



# Partial least Square regression

PLS in one simple block of code!

```
A = fmri_data;
A.dat = Xtrain';    A.Y = ytrain;
stats = predict_PLS_ycgosu(A, 'nolds', 1:size(ytrain, 1), 'numcomps', 80);

stats =
  struct with fields:
    numFeaturesExtracted: 80
    Algorithm_name: 'NIPALS'
    intercept: [14.8078 12.7295 17.5746 11.4032 17.1567 20.4063 46.6798]
    beta: [38781x7 double]
    Y: [80x7 double]
    yfit: [80x7 double]
    mse: [35.1583 18.6543 26.9367 16.5869 28.7178 90.4186 6.5765]
    pred_outcome_r: [-0.1658 0.2275 0.0517 0.0637 0.1197 -0.0292 -0.0161]
```

Only the brooding subscale of RRS survived!

You can find the 'predict\_PLS\_ycgosu' function in the github below!

[https://github.com/didch1789/yanchogosu\\_toolbox](https://github.com/didch1789/yanchogosu_toolbox)



# Partial least Square regression

We might say that we found a model that predicts brooding by PLS...

However, since it is susceptible to overfitting...let's try it in an independent dataset!

```
brood_predmodel = [stats.intercept(2);stats.beta(:, 2)];  
yhat = [ones(20, 1) Xtest] * brood_predmodel;
```

```
corr(yhat, ytest(:, 2))
```

results show...

```
corr(yhat, ytest(:, 2))
```

```
ans =
```

```
0.0350
```

failed...!



## You might ask...

Is it different from using principal component regression(PCR) for each dependent variables?

Thoretically, yes.

Since PCR uses dimensions independent from  $Y$ ,  
while PLS uses demensions that are more fitted (aligned) to  $Y$ .

How about in the actual result?



# Partial least Square regression

Using same cross-validation (leave-one out) ...

I ran PCR code and the results...

```
outcome_pcr =
```

```
-0.1658    0.2275    0.0517    0.0637    0.1197   -0.0292   -0.0161
```

```
stats =
```

```
struct with fields:
```

```
numFeaturesExtracted: 80
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Algorithm_name: 'NIPALS'
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intercept: [14.8078 12.7295 17.5746 11.4032 17.1567 20.4063 46.6798]
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```

EXACTLY SAME?



# Partial least Square regression

How is this possible...

The reason is that...I used full components for both algorithms.

It means reduced dimension in both PLS and PCR retains all the variance of  $X$  which would results in **SAME** amount of variance left in reduced dimensions.



If you want to grasp more about the idea... think about 2D data and one dependent variables... rotation of that 2D matrix (which is same as retaining their variance) will not change the explained variance of the dependent variables.

If you are a linear algebra lover, you can think it in a geometrical way and see why the explained variance does not change!

Of course, results will change if you use different numbers of dimensions for each algorithm.





## Let's do CCA with the same dataset...

To figure out which features of dependent variables are best explained by which features of RSFC.

As in PLS, simple one block of code will do!

```
[Xweight, yweight] = canoncorr(Xtrain, ytrain);
```



But...

If you run this code, it will show out the warning...

```
Warning: X is not full rank.  
> In canoncorr (line 88)
```

This is due to our  $X_{train}$  ( $80 \times 38781$ )... since it has lot more features than observations... It means that it does not have a single solution (one linear combination) to yield maximum correlation! And this is the usual case in fMRI!



Then...

There are several ways to deal with the problem...

Usual cases are...

- 1) Dimension reduction by PCA and then do CCA.
- 2) Add constraints (giving the term with L1 or L2 norm penalty. called sparse CCA)
- 3) or do both ...!

CCA itself is for finding latent space...  
so PCA and then do CCA might sounds weird but these kinds of  
methods are quite prevalent in the field as far as it makes sense.  
(e.g. LASSO-PCR)



# Canonical correlation analysis

Let's try PCA and then CCA

```
[coeff, Xtrain_pca] = pca(Xtrain, 'NumComponents', 64);  
[Xweight, yweight] = canoncorr(Xtrain_pca, ytrain);  
diag(corr(Xtrain_pca * Xweight, ytrain * yweight))
```

number that retains 90% of  
the variance

ans =

0.9910    0.9857    0.9733    0.9440    0.9153    0.8621    0.8370

As expected, linear combination weights chosen  
by CCA shows high correlation as expected...

and linear combinations of each X and Y are  
often called 'canonical variates'



# Canonical correlation analysis

By looking each X and Y weights ...

We could see which behavioral features are matched with connectivity features...

unless it is not overfitted...

```
Xtest_pca = Xtest * coeff;  
Xcanon = Xtest_pca * Xweight;  
ycanon = ytest * yweight;  
diag(corr(Xcanon, ycanon))
```

ans =

-0.3315   -0.0852   0.1526   -0.0884   0.3706   -0.3222   0.1602



maybe needs  
further testing...

failed...!



## Last comments...

Important to note that failure of generalization doesn't mean that there are no relationship between independent and dependent variables...!  
(Actually this applies to all other machine learning algorithms!)

Even though your algorithm succeeds, it is important to test it on an independent dataset!  
(Especially important for CCA and PLS!)

- 1) Sensitivity
- 2) Specificity
- 3) Generalizability

See how previous works have used the algorithm and interpreted their results!



# Cocoan 101

<https://cocoanlab.github.io>

