

Smacof at 50: A Manual

Part x: Constrained Smacof

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Abstract

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1 Introduction

2 General Theory

De Leeuw and Heiser (1980)

3 Linear Constraints

3.1 Subspace Constraints

3.2 PQN Constraints

$$Z := {}_n \left[\overset{p}{X} \mid \overset{q}{YA} \mid \overset{n}{D} \right]$$

4 Circular and Elliptical Constraints

De Leeuw (2007) De Leeuw (2005) De Leeuw and Mair (2009) Minimize

$$\omega(Y, \Lambda) := \text{tr} (\bar{X} - Y\Lambda)' V (\bar{X} - Y\Lambda)$$

over diagonal Λ and Y with $\text{diag } YY' = I$.

The optimal Λ for given Y is

$$\Lambda = \text{diag } Y' V \bar{X} / \text{diag } Y' V Y$$

Let's look at all Y of the form $Y = \tilde{Y} + e_i(y - \tilde{y}_i)'$. Then ω is a function of y and we can write

$$\omega(y) := \omega(\tilde{Y}, \Lambda) + v_{ii}(y - \tilde{y}_i)' \Lambda^2 (y - \tilde{y}_i) - 2e_i' V (X - \tilde{Y}\Lambda) \Lambda (y - \tilde{y}_i)$$

Let $H = V(X - \tilde{Y}\Lambda)\Lambda$. Then

$$\omega(y) \leq \eta(y) := \omega(\tilde{y}_i) + v_{ii}\lambda_{\max}^2 (y - \tilde{y}_i)' (y - \tilde{y}_i) - 2h_i'(y - \tilde{y}_i)$$

Now suppose \hat{y} minimizes η over $y'y = 1$. Then

$$\omega(\hat{y}) \leq \eta(\hat{y}) \leq \eta(\tilde{y}_i) = \omega(\tilde{y}_i)$$

Minimizing η over $y'y = 1$ can be done by maximizing

$$y' \{ \lambda_{\max}^2 v_{ii} \tilde{y}_i + h_i \}$$

and thus \hat{y} is the term in ... curly brackets, normalized to unit length.

Let's check this in R. First generate some data.

```
#set.seed(12345)
v <- -as.matrix(dist(matrix(rnorm(12), 6, 2)))
diag(v) <- -rowSums(v)
x <- matrix(rnorm(12), 6, 2)
x <- v %*% x
y <- matrix(rnorm(12), 6, 2)
y <- y / sqrt(rowSums(y ^ 2))
res <- x - y
print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
```

```
## [1] 42881.56515
```

```
lbd <- diag(crossprod(y, v %*% x)) / diag(crossprod(y, v %*% y))
mlbd <- max(lbd ^ 2)
lbd <- diag(lbd)
res <- x - y %*% lbd
print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
```

```
## [1] 37269.35949
```

Now change the first row of Y .

```
h <- v %*% res %*% lbd
g <- mlbd * v[1, 1] * y[1, ] + h[1, ]
y[1, ] <- g / sqrt(sum(g ^ 2))
res <- x - y %*% lbd
print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
```

```
## [1] 37105.01009
```

So far, so good. We can improve the first row again.

```
h <- v %*% res %*% lbd
g <- mlbd * v[1, 1] * y[1, ] + h[1, ]
y[1, ] <- g / sqrt(sum(g ^ 2))
res <- x - y %*% lbd
print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
```

```
## [1] 37085.35919
```

Instead of continuing to iteratively improve the first row we'll make a loop over the rows of Y .

```
for (i in 1:6) {
  h <- v %*% res %*% lbd
  g <- mlbd * v[i, i] * y[i, ] + h[i, ]
  y[i, ] <- g / sqrt(sum(g ^ 2))
  res <- x - y %*% lbd
  print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
}
```

```
## [1] 37081.1818
```

```
## [1] 32673.02149
```

```
## [1] 30777.27021
```

```
## [1] 30754.50963
```

```
## [1] 29558.44564
```

```
## [1] 29392.35169
```

We can do this again.

```
for (i in 1:6) {
  h <- v %*% res %*% lbd
  g <- mlbd * v[i, i] * y[i, ] + h[i, ]
  y[i, ] <- g / sqrt(sum(g ^ 2))
  res <- x - y %*% lbd
  print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
}
```

```
## [1] 29320.30176
```

```
## [1] 26668.29102
## [1] 24209.88627
## [1] 24101.5816
## [1] 24097.29437
## [1] 24085.41324
```

And again.

```
for (i in 1:6) {
  h <- v %*% res %*% lbd
  g <- mlbd * v[i, i] * y[i,] + h[i,]
  y[i,] <- g / sqrt(sum(g ^ 2))
  res <- x - y %*% lbd
  print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
}
```

```
## [1] 24081.3095
## [1] 23998.12667
## [1] 23153.05054
## [1] 23103.02434
## [1] 23083.08752
## [1] 23037.69143
```

These are still for the same Λ . We can compute a new Λ .

```
lbd <- diag(crossprod(y, v %*% x)) / diag(crossprod(y, v %*% y))
mlbd <- max(lbd ^ 2)
lbd <- diag(lbd)
res <- x - y %*% lbd
print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
```

```
## [1] 4731.567776
```

And then start updating Y again.

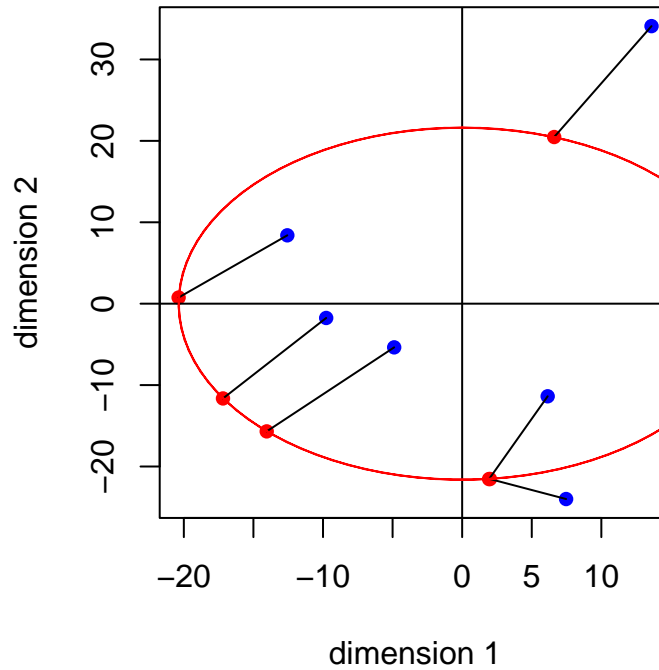
```
for (i in 1:6) {
  h <- v %*% res %*% lbd
  g <- mlbd * v[i, i] * y[i,] + h[i,]
  y[i,] <- g / sqrt(sum(g ^ 2))
  res <- x - y %*% lbd
  print(sum(res * (v %*% res)), digits = 10)
}
```

```
## [1] 4546.999526
## [1] 4438.990353
## [1] 4378.626778
## [1] 4239.591729
## [1] 3779.169994
```

```
## [1] 2072.594059
```

And so on. Let's look at the result so far. The blue points are X , the red points are Y , on an ellips with centered at the origin with the coordinate axes as minor and major axes.

```
par(pty = "s")
z <- y %*% lbd
plot(rbind(x, z), type = "n", xlab = "dimension 1", ylab = "dimension 2")
points(x, col = "BLUE", pch = 16)
points(z, col = "RED", pch = 16)
abline(v = 0)
abline(h = 0)
for (i in 1:6) {
  lines(matrix(c(x[i, ], z[i, ]), 2, 2, byrow = TRUE))
}
sc <- seq(-2 * pi, 2 * pi, length = 100)
xc <- cbind(sin(sc), cos(sc)) %*% lbd
lines(xc, col = "RED")
```



Note that we have three nested infinite iterative processes here.

1. Alternating the updates of Λ and Y .
2. Cycling through the rows of Y .
3. Updating a single row of Y .

We could reduce this to two processes by not using majorization in process 3 but computing the exact update of a row. Go back to

$$\omega(y) := \omega(\tilde{Y}, \Lambda) + v_{ii}(y - \tilde{y}_i)' \Lambda^2 (y - \tilde{y}_i) - 2h'_i(y - \tilde{y}_i)$$

Minimizing ω over $y'y = 1$ leads to the stationary equations

$$(\Lambda^2 - \mu I)y = g_i$$

with

$$g_i := \frac{v_{ii}\Lambda^2\tilde{y}_i + h_i}{v_{ii}}$$

and μ a Lagrange multiplier. This is one of the famous secular equations (see for instance Hager (2001)), which can be solved by finding a root of the equation

$$\phi(\mu) := \sum_{s=1}^p \frac{g_{is}^2}{(\lambda_s^2 - \mu)^2} = 1$$

Also, of course, if we are fitting a circle then Λ is fixed at the identity and matters simplify accordingly. Alternating the updates for Λ and Y is no longer necessary.

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