

# Multi-Response Functional Linear Regression

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Assume that we have  $n$  groups of observed functions  $(Y_{1,i}, \dots, Y_{R,i})$ , each with associated predictor functions  $(X_{1,i}, \dots, X_{P,i})$ .

The  $X_{p,i}$  are functions on interval  $\mathcal{T}_{X_p}$ , and the  $Y_{r,i}$  are functions on interval  $\mathcal{T}_{Y_r}$ , for  $p = 1, \dots, P; r = 1, \dots, R$ .

Then the linear model becomes

$$\hat{Y}_{r,i}(t) = \beta_{r0}(t) + \sum_{p=1}^P \int_{\mathcal{T}_{X_p}} \beta_{rp}(t, s) X_{p,i}(s) ds; \text{ for } r = 1, \dots, R \quad (1)$$

# Estimate intercept functions

One simple approach to the estimation of  $\beta_{r0}$  is to centre the observed  $Y_{r,i}$  and the given  $X_{p,i}$  by subtracting their sample mean functions  $\hat{\mu}_{Y_r}$  and  $\hat{\mu}_{X_p}$ , then the model becomes

$$\hat{Y}_{r,i}(t) - \hat{\mu}_{Y_r}(t) = \sum_{p=1}^P \int_{T_{X_p}} \beta_{rp}(t, s) [X_{p,i}(s) - \hat{\mu}_{X_p}(s)] ds \quad (2)$$

This constrains the value of  $\beta_{r0}(t)$  to be equal to  $\hat{\mu}_{Y_r}(t) - \sum_{p=1}^P \int_{T_{X_p}} \beta_{rp}(t, s) \hat{\mu}_{X_p}(s) ds$

Define

$$\Gamma_{X_p, X_{p'}}(s_p, s_{p'}) = \text{cov}(X_p(s_p), X_{p'}(s_{p'}))$$

$$\Gamma_{X_p, Y_r}(s_p, t_r) = \text{cov}(X_p(s_p), Y_r(t_r))$$

to be the covariances of  $(X_p, X_{p'})$  and  $(X_p, Y_r)$ , respectively.

Next, we choose  $(s_{p1}, \dots, s_{pM_p})$  and  $(t_{r1}, \dots, t_{rN_r})$  to be the regular dense grids on  $X_p$  and  $Y_r$ , respectively, for some values  $M_p, N_r$ .

Then, we can define

$$\Sigma_{X_p, X_{p'}} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{X_p, X_{p'}}(s_{p1}, s_{p'1}) & \dots & \Gamma_{X_p, X_{p'}}(s_{p1}, s_{p'M_{p'}}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Gamma_{X_p, X_{p'}}(s_{pM_p}, s_{p'1}) & \dots & \Gamma_{X_p, X_{p'}}(s_{pM_p}, s_{p'M_{p'}}) \end{pmatrix},$$
$$\Sigma_{X_p, Y_r} = \begin{pmatrix} \Gamma_{X_p, Y_r}(s_{p1}, t_{r1}) & \dots & \Gamma_{X_p, Y_r}(s_{p1}, t_{rN_r}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Gamma_{X_p, Y_r}(s_{pM_p}, t_{r1}) & \dots & \Gamma_{X_p, Y_r}(s_{pM_p}, t_{rN_r}) \end{pmatrix}$$

We can further define

$$\Sigma_{X,X} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{X_1,X_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{X_1,X_P} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Sigma_{X_P,X_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{X_P,X_P} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma_{X,Y} = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{X_1,Y_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{X_1,Y_R} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ \Sigma_{X_P,Y_1} & \cdots & \Sigma_{X_P,Y_R} \end{pmatrix}$$

Let

$$\beta = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_{11}(s_{11}, t_{11}) & \dots & \beta_{11}(s_{11}, t_{1N_1}) & \dots & \beta_{R1}(s_{11}, t_{RN_R}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \beta_{11}(s_{1M_1}, t_{11}) & \dots & \beta_{11}(s_{11}, t_{1N_1}) & \dots & \beta_{R1}(s_{1M_1}, t_{RN_R}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \beta_{1P}(s_{P1}, t_{11}) & \dots & \beta_{1P}(s_{P1}, t_{1N_1}) & \dots & \beta_{RP}(s_{P1}, t_{RN_R}) \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \beta_{1P}(s_{PM_P}, t_{11}) & \dots & \beta_{1P}(s_{PM_P}, t_{1N_1}) & \dots & \beta_{RP}(s_{PM_P}, t_{RN_R}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The optimal choice of  $\beta$  is

$$\hat{\beta} = (\Delta_s)^{-1}(\Sigma_{X,X})^{-1}\Sigma_{X,Y}$$

where

$\Delta_s = \text{diag}(\Delta_{s_1}, \dots, \Delta_{s_P})$  is a block diagonal matrix, with  $\Delta_{s_p} = \text{diag}(\delta_{s_p}, \dots, \delta_{s_p})$  is a  $(M_p \times M_p)$  matrix, and  $\delta_{s_p} = s_{p2} - s_{p1}$  is the width of grid points on  $\mathcal{T}_{X_p}$



If we have new observations  $(X_1^*, \dots, X_P^*)$ , then the predictions  $(Y_1^*, \dots, Y_R^*)$  becomes

$$\hat{Y}_r^*(t) = \hat{\mu}_{Y_r}(t) + \sum_{p=1}^P \int_{T_{X_p}} \beta_{rp}(t, s) [X_p^*(s) - \hat{\mu}_{X_p}(s)] ds, \quad r = 1, \dots, R \quad (3)$$

We can get the estimation  $\hat{Y}_r^*$  on the grid points  $(t_{r1}, \dots, t_{rN_r})$ ,  $r = 1, \dots, R$  by

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^* &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_Y + \hat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}_r^T \Delta_s (\hat{\mathbf{X}}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_X) \\ &= \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_Y + \hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{X,Y}^T (\hat{\boldsymbol{\Sigma}}_{X,X})^{-1} (\hat{\mathbf{X}}^* - \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_X)\end{aligned}$$

where

$$\hat{\mathbf{Y}}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{Y}_1^*(t_{11}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{Y}_1^*(t_{1N_1}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{Y}_R^*(t_{RN_R}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_{Y_r} = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu}_{Y_1}(t_{11}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mu}_{Y_1}(t_{1N_1}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mu}_{Y_R}(t_{RN_R}) \end{pmatrix}, \quad \hat{\mathbf{X}}^* = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{X}_1(s_{11}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{X}_1(s_{1M_1}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{X}_P(s_{PM_P}) \end{pmatrix},$$

$$\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}_X = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\mu}_{X_1}(s_{11}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mu}_{X_1}(s_{1M_1}) \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\mu}_{X_P}(s_{PM_P}) \end{pmatrix}$$