

# Jive plus GMD

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**Abstract**

## 1 Methodology

### 1.1 General Matrix Decomposition (GMD)

In this section we will describe the GMD problem for a matrix  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ . Let  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{\Delta}^{-1}$  and  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$ , where  $\mathbf{\Delta} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$  and  $\mathbf{\Delta}, \mathbf{\Sigma} \succ \mathbf{0}$ . We define the matrix norm  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}} = \sqrt{\text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}^\top)}$  which we call  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$ -norm. The GMD optimization problem is the best rank- $s$  approximation to the data with respect to the  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$ -norm:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}}^2, \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_s, \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_s, \mathbf{D} \text{ is diagonal and } \mathbf{D} \succ \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $\|\cdot\|_F$  denote the Frobenius norm. The aforementioned problem can be recast as a classic singular value decomposition (SVD) optimization problem, since it is equivalent to

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{Q}^{1/2} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{R}^{1/2} - (\mathbf{Q}^{1/2} \mathbf{U}) \mathbf{D} (\mathbf{R}^{1/2} \mathbf{V})^\top\|_F^2,$$

subject to  $(\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\mathbf{U})^\top(\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\mathbf{U}) = \mathbf{I}_s$ ,  $(\mathbf{R}^{1/2}\mathbf{V})^\top(\mathbf{R}^{1/2}\mathbf{V}) = \mathbf{I}_s$ ,  $\mathbf{D}$  is diagonal and  $\mathbf{D} \succ \mathbf{0}$ .

Therefore, the GMD problem for  $\mathbf{X}$  is equivalent to the SVD problem for  $\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{R}^{1/2}$ . If  $\mathbf{U}^*, \mathbf{V}^*, \mathbf{D}^*$  is the solution of the SVD for  $\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{R}^{1/2}$ , then the solution of the equivalent GMD is  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1/2}\mathbf{U}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{R}^{-1/2}\mathbf{V}^*$ ,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{D}^*$ .

## 1.2 Model

Let  $\mathbf{X}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p_k}$  be the data matrix of dataset  $k$ , for  $k = 1, \dots, K$  and define  $p = \sum_{k=1}^K p_k$ . Without loss of generality we assume that these data matrices are normalized, i.e.

$$\sum_{i=1}^n X_{k,ij} = 0 \text{ and } \|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}_k} = 1$$

for all  $k, j$ .

Let  $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be the covariance matrix between the samples and  $\mathbf{\Delta}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times p_k}$  be the covariance between the variables of the  $k$ -th category. Define the precision matrices  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{-1}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{\Delta}_k$  and the block diagonal matrices

$$\mathbf{\Delta} = \text{block.diag}(\mathbf{\Delta}_1, \dots, \mathbf{\Delta}_K) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{R} = \text{block.diag}(\mathbf{R}_1, \dots, \mathbf{R}_K).$$

We begin by defining the joint structure matrix. Let  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$ , where:

1.  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$  is a positive definite, diagonal matrix,
2.  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r$ , and
3.  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r$ .

If we write the right-singular vector matrix of the joint structure as

$$\mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{V}_1^\top \dots \mathbf{V}_K^\top)^\top, \quad \mathbf{V}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times r}$$

we can write the joint structure in the form  $\mathbf{J} = (\mathbf{J}_1 \dots \mathbf{J}_K)$ , where  $\mathbf{J}_k = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}_k^\top$ .

Let  $\mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{D}_k\mathbf{W}_k^\top$  be the individual structure matrix, where:

1.  $\mathbf{D}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{r_k \times r_k}$  is a positive definite, diagonal matrix,
2.  $\mathbf{U}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r_k}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}$ , and
3.  $\mathbf{W}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times r}$  satisfies  $\mathbf{W}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}$ .

We define the concatenated individual structure matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{A}_1 \dots \mathbf{A}_K)$ .

Finally, we define the matrix-normal noise matrices  $\mathbf{E}_k \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p_k}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{\Delta}_k)$  such that  $\mathbf{E}_i \perp \mathbf{E}_j$  for  $i \neq j$ . If  $\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{E}_1 \dots \mathbf{E}_K)$  is the concatenated noise matrix, then  $\mathbf{E} \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{\Delta})$ .

The basic assumption of this paper is that the observed data follow the model

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{J}_k + \mathbf{A}_k + \mathbf{E}_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, K.$$

For identifiability reasons, we demand that the columns of joint and individual structure are orthogonal, i.e.

$$\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}.$$

This assumption is not restrictive since for every pair of matrices  $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{A}$  there exist unique  $\tilde{\mathbf{J}}, \tilde{\mathbf{A}}$  such that

$$\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{A} = \tilde{\mathbf{J}} + \tilde{\mathbf{A}} \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{J}}^\top \mathbf{Q} \tilde{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{0}.$$

## 2 Algorithms for estimating $\mathbf{J}$ and $\mathbf{A}$

### 2.1 GJIVE

Suppose that we know the matrices  $\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{A}$ . Then,  $\mathbf{J}$  is the best rank- $r$  approximation of  $\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}$ . Similarly, suppose that we know the matrices  $\mathbf{X}_k, \mathbf{J}_k$ . Then,  $\mathbf{A}_k$  is the best

rank- $r_k$  approximation of  $\mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{J}_k$ .

To estimate the matrices  $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{A}$  we use the following algorithm:

1. Set  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$

2. Solve

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}} \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{D} \succ \mathbf{0}, \text{ diagonal matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

3. Set  $\mathbf{J}_k = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}_k^\top$  and solve

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|\mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{J}_k - \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{W}_k^\top\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}_k} \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}, \quad \mathbf{W}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}, \quad \mathbf{D}_k \succ \mathbf{0}, \text{ diagonal matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

4. Set  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{W}_1^\top \dots \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{D}_K \mathbf{W}_K^\top)$ .

5. Repeat steps 2-4 until convergence.

## 2.2 Decorelated JIVE

To estimate the matrices  $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{A}$  we use the following algorithm:

1. Set  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$

2. Solve

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A})\mathbf{R}^{1/2} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top\|_F \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{D} \succ \mathbf{0}, \text{ diagonal matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

3. Set  $\mathbf{J}_k = \mathbf{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}_k^\top \mathbf{\Delta}_k^{1/2}$  and solve

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{minimize } \|\mathbf{Q}^{1/2}(\mathbf{X}_k - \mathbf{J}_k)\mathbf{R}_k^{1/2} - \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{W}_k^\top\|_F \\ & \text{subject to } \mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}, \quad \mathbf{W}_k^\top \mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}, \quad \mathbf{D}_k \succ \mathbf{0}, \text{ diagonal matrix.} \end{aligned}$$

4. Set  $\mathbf{A} = (\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{D}_1 \mathbf{W}_1^\top \boldsymbol{\Delta}_1^{1/2} \dots \boldsymbol{\Sigma}^{1/2} \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{D}_K \mathbf{W}_K^\top \boldsymbol{\Delta}_K^{1/2})$ .
5. Repeat steps 2-4 until convergence.

## 2.3 GAJIVE

Suppose we have  $\mathbf{X}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p_1}$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p_2}$  of rank  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  respectively. The joint structure is the linear subspace

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_1) \cap \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_2)$$

If  $\text{GMD}_{r_i}(\mathbf{X}_i, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}_i) = (\mathbf{U}_i, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_i, \mathbf{V}_i)$ ,  $i = 1, 2$ , then

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_1) \cap \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_2) = \text{col}(\mathbf{U}_1) \cap \text{col}(\mathbf{U}_2)$$

Define  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = (\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$  and  $s = \min(r_1, r_2)$ . Let  $\text{GMD}_s(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{I}_s) = (\mathbf{H}, \mathbf{D}, \mathbf{W})$ . The principal angles  $\theta_1, \dots, \theta_s$  in increasing order are

$$\arccos(d_1^2 - 1), \dots, \arccos(d_s^2 - 1).$$

Suppose  $\theta_1 = \dots = \theta_l = 0$ . Then the first  $l$  columns of  $\mathbf{H}$  form an orthonormal basis  $\mathbf{G}$  for the joint structure. Define the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{G}\mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{Q}$ . Then

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{P}(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2), \quad \mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})(\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2).$$

## 2.4 SUM-GMD

Let  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1 \dots \mathbf{X}_K) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$ . We only assume a joint structure  $\mathbf{J}$  for  $\mathbf{X}$ . Define  $s = \sum_{k=1}^K r_k$ . To estimate  $\mathbf{J}$  we solve

$$\text{minimize } \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top\|_F$$

$$\text{subject to } \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_s, \quad \mathbf{D} \succ \mathbf{0}, \text{ diagonal matrix.}$$

### 3 Related PCA Model

Define  $\mathbf{M} = \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{A}$ . Then,

$$\mathbf{Y} := (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M})\mathbf{R}^{1/2} \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma, \mathbf{I}_p),$$

$$\mathbf{Z} := \mathbf{Q}^{1/2}(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}) \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_n, \Delta)$$

If  $\mathbf{Y}_j$  denotes the  $j$ -th column of  $\mathbf{Y}$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_i$  denotes the  $i$ -th row of  $\mathbf{Z}$ , then

$$\mathbf{Y}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Y}_p \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_n(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma),$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_1, \dots, \mathbf{Z}_n \stackrel{i.i.d.}{\sim} \mathcal{N}_p(\mathbf{0}, \Delta).$$

Suppose  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ ,  $\mathbf{A}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p_i \times r_i}$  are full rank matrices and  $\mathbf{G} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_r)$ ,  $\mathbf{G}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_{r_i})$ . Suppose furthermore  $\mathbf{E} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_i})$  and define  $\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{G} + \mathbf{E}$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}_i = \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{G}_i + \mathbf{E}_i$ . Then

$$\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n) \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{Z}_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}_i \mathbf{A}_i^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_i})$$

The maximum likelihood estimator of  $\mathbf{A}$  is

$$\hat{\mathbf{A}} = \hat{\mathbf{U}}(\hat{\mathbf{\Lambda}} - \hat{\sigma}^2 \mathbf{I})^{1/2} \hat{\mathbf{S}}^\top,$$

where  $(\hat{\mathbf{U}}, \hat{\mathbf{\Lambda}})$  is the eigenvalue decomposition of the sample covariance matrix  $\hat{\Sigma}$ , and  $\mathbf{S}$  is an arbitrary orthonormal matrix. Similarly for  $\mathbf{A}_i$ .

To connect the two models, we have to assume

$$\mathbf{X}_i \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p_i}(\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}_i^\top + \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top, \mathbf{U}\mathbf{L}\mathbf{U}^\top, \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{L}_i \mathbf{U}_i^\top)$$

### 4 Matrix Normal PCA model

Let the full rank matrices  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p_i \times r_i}$  and the random variables  $\mathbf{Y}_i \sim \mathcal{MN}_{r \times p_i}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_r, \mathbf{I}_{p_i})$ ,  $\mathbf{Z}_i \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times r_i}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_n, \mathbf{I}_{r_i})$ ,  $\mathbf{E}_i \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p_i}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_i})$  and suppose

$$\mathbf{X}_i = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{Y}_i + \mathbf{Z}_i \mathbf{B}_i^\top + \mathbf{E}_i.$$

Then

$$\mathbf{X}_i \sim \mathcal{MN}_{n \times p_i}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n, \mathbf{B}_i \mathbf{B}_i^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_i}), \quad i = 1, \dots, K.$$

*Proof.* Define  $\mathbf{B} = \text{block. diag}(\mathbf{B}_1, \dots, \mathbf{B}_K)$ . The negative log-likelihood up to a constant is

$$\begin{aligned} l(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \sigma | \mathbf{X}) &= \text{tr} \left[ (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{X} \right] \\ &\quad + n \log \det (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p) + p \log \det (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n). \end{aligned}$$

The partial derivatives are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \sigma | \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{A}} &= -2(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \\ &\quad + 2p(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{A} \\ \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \sigma | \mathbf{X})}{\partial \mathbf{B}} &= -2(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{B} \\ &\quad + 2n(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{B}, \\ \frac{\partial l(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}, \sigma | \mathbf{X})}{\partial \sigma} &= 2\sigma \text{tr} [(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-2} \mathbf{X}^\top (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{X}] \\ &\quad + 2\sigma \text{tr} [(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-2} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top] \\ &\quad + 2n\sigma \text{tr} [(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1}] + 2p\sigma \text{tr} [(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1}] \end{aligned}$$

One class of stationary points are given by the equations

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n - \frac{1}{p} \mathbf{X} (\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1} \mathbf{X}^\top &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p - \frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}^\top (\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1} \mathbf{X} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ n \text{tr} [(\mathbf{B}\mathbf{B}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_p)^{-1}] + p \text{tr} [(\mathbf{A}\mathbf{A}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}_n)^{-1}] &= 0. \end{aligned} \tag{4.1}$$

Suppose  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{A} \mathbf{D}_\mathbf{A} \mathbf{V}_\mathbf{A}^\top$ ,  $\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{B} \mathbf{D}_\mathbf{B} \mathbf{V}_\mathbf{B}^\top$  are the singular value decompositions of  $\mathbf{A}$  and  $\mathbf{B}$ , such that  $\mathbf{U}_\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{A} \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{A}^\top = \mathbf{I}_n$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_\mathbf{B}^\top \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{B} = \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{B} \mathbf{U}_\mathbf{B}^\top = \mathbf{I}_p$  and  $\mathbf{D}_\mathbf{A}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_\mathbf{B}$  are

rectangular diagonal matrices. Define the diagonal matrices  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}} = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{A}}^{\top} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_n$ ,  $\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}} = \mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{D}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}_p$ . Then (4.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{A}}\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{A}}^{\top} - \frac{1}{p}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{B}}\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^{-1}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\top}\mathbf{X}^{\top} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ \mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{B}}\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{B}}^{\top} - \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{A}}\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}\mathbf{U}_{\mathbf{A}}^{\top}\mathbf{X} &= \mathbf{0}, \\ n \operatorname{tr}(\Lambda_{\mathbf{B}}^{-1}) + p \operatorname{tr}(\Lambda_{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}) &= \mathbf{0}. \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

Let  $(\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}, \hat{\sigma}^2)$  be the solution of (4.2). Define the

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Sigma} &= \hat{\mathbf{A}}\hat{\mathbf{A}}^{\top}, \quad \tilde{\Sigma} = \hat{\Sigma} + \hat{\sigma}^2\mathbf{I}_n, \\ \hat{\Delta} &= \hat{\mathbf{B}}\hat{\mathbf{B}}^{\top}, \quad \tilde{\Delta} = \hat{\Delta} + \hat{\sigma}^2\mathbf{I}_p. \end{aligned}$$

From (4.2) we see that in order to find  $\hat{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\mathbf{B}}$  we first need to find matrices  $\tilde{\Sigma}, \tilde{\Delta}$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Sigma} &= \frac{1}{p}\mathbf{X}\tilde{\Delta}^{-1}\mathbf{X}^{\top}, \\ \tilde{\Delta} &= \frac{1}{n}\mathbf{X}^{\top}\tilde{\Sigma}^{-1}\mathbf{X}. \end{aligned}$$

We then perform eigenvalue decomposition on  $\tilde{\Sigma}, \tilde{\Delta}$  to find  $(\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\mathbf{A}}, \hat{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{A}}), (\hat{\mathbf{U}}_{\mathbf{B}}, \hat{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{B}})$ .

After that we find  $\hat{\sigma}^2$  by solving

$$n \operatorname{tr}(\hat{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{B}}^{-1}) + p \operatorname{tr}(\hat{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{A}}^{-1}) = \mathbf{0}.$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{\Delta}_{\mathbf{A}} &= \hat{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{A}}^{1/2} - \hat{\sigma}^2\mathbf{I}_n, \\ \hat{\Delta}_{\mathbf{B}} &= \hat{\Lambda}_{\mathbf{B}}^{1/2} - \hat{\sigma}^2\mathbf{I}_p. \end{aligned}$$

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## 5 Simulation

### 5.1 Constructing row and column covariance matrices

For  $i, j \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ , we define the following metrics:

$$\begin{aligned} d(i, j) &= |i - j|, \\ d_1(i, j) &= \frac{d(i, j)}{1 + d(i, j)}, \\ d_2(i, j) &= \log(1 + d(i, j)), \\ d_3(i, j) &= \begin{cases} \max\{i, j\}, & \text{if } i \neq j \\ 0, & \text{if } i = j \end{cases}. \end{aligned}$$

We choose  $\rho \in (0, 1)$  and define the row covariance matrix  $\Sigma = (\Sigma_{ij})$  such that

$$\Sigma_{ij} = \rho^{d(i, j)}.$$

For each category  $k$ , we define the column covariance matrix  $\Delta_k = (\Delta_{k, ij})$  such that

$$\Delta_{k, ij} = \rho^{d_{k \bmod 3}(i, j)}.$$

### 5.2 Constructing joint and individual structure

The goal of this section is to construct the joint structure  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$  and the individual structures  $\mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{D}_k\mathbf{V}_k^\top$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, K$ . We start by generating a random orthonormal basis

$$\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}.$$

We construct the left-singular matrices such that

$$\mathbf{U} = \Sigma^{1/2}(\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_r),$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{U}_1 &= \Sigma^{1/2}(\mathbf{e}_{r+1} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_{r+r_1}), \\
&\vdots \\
\mathbf{U}_K &= \Sigma^{1/2}(\mathbf{e}_{r+r_1+\dots+r_{K-1}+1} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{e}_{r+r_1+\dots+r_K}).
\end{aligned}$$

This way we make sure that

$$\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}.$$

Furthermore, we guarantee that the intersection of the column spaces of  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_K$  is the zero vector since

$$\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{J} \perp \mathbf{A}_k, \quad k = 1, \dots, K.$$

This means that the individual structures are truly individual because they do not share a common subspace with the joint space. In addition, we make sure that the intersection of the column spaces of  $\mathbf{A}_1, \dots, \mathbf{A}_K$  is the zero vector since

$$\mathbf{A}_i^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_j = \mathbf{0} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{A}_j \perp \mathbf{A}_i, \quad i \neq j$$

This means that there is no common structure inside the individual structures.

Let  $\Delta$  be a block diagonal matrix with blocks  $\Delta_1, \dots, \Delta_K$ . We construct the right-singular matrices  $\mathbf{V}, \mathbf{V}_1, \dots, \mathbf{V}_K$  such that

$$\begin{aligned}
\mathbf{V} &= \Delta^{1/2} \mathbf{C}, \\
\mathbf{V}_1 &= \Delta^{1/2} \mathbf{C}_1, \\
&\vdots \\
\mathbf{V}_K &= \Delta^{1/2} \mathbf{C}_K,
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{C}, \mathbf{C}_1, \dots, \mathbf{C}_K$  are orthonormal matrices. This way we make sure that

$$\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r, \quad \mathbf{V}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}, \quad k = 1, \dots, K,$$

where  $\mathbf{R} = \mathbf{\Delta}^1$  and  $\mathbf{R}_k = \mathbf{\Delta}_k^{-1}$ .

Finally, we randomly choose numbers  $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{r+r_1+\dots+r_K}$  such that  $1 \leq \lambda_i \leq 20$  and

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_1 &\geq \dots \geq \lambda_r, \\ \lambda_{r+1} &\geq \dots \geq \lambda_{r+r_1}, \\ &\vdots \\ \lambda_{r+r_1+\dots+r_{K-1}+1} &\geq \dots \geq \lambda_{r+r_1+\dots+r_K}.\end{aligned}$$

With these number we construct the matrices

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{D} &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_r \end{pmatrix}, \\ \mathbf{D}_1 &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{r+1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_{r+r_1} \end{pmatrix}, \\ &\vdots \\ \mathbf{D}_K &= \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_{r+r_1+\dots+r_{K-1}+1} & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & \lambda_{r+r_1+\dots+r_K} \end{pmatrix}.\end{aligned}$$

Let  $s \leq \min\{n, p\}$ . We first describe how to construct a matrix  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s}$  such that  $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_s$  for  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ ,  $\mathbf{Q} \succ \mathbf{0}$ . Choose  $\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_s \in \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbf{e}_i^\top \mathbf{e}_j = \delta_{ij}$ , where  $\delta_{ij}$  is the Kronecker delta. There are many ways to construct such vectors. An easy way is to find a known orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^s$  and then attach  $n - s$  zeros at the end of each vector. A second approach in the same line of thought would be to choose a known basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and simply remove  $n - s$  vectors from it. Another way is to arbitrarily choose  $s$  linearly independent vectors of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and then apply the Gram-Schmidt process on them. The second step of this process is to define  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{e}_1 \dots \mathbf{e}_s)$ . Then,

$$(\mathbf{e}_1 \dots \mathbf{e}_s)^\top (\mathbf{e}_1 \dots \mathbf{e}_s) = \mathbf{I}_s \Leftrightarrow (\mathbf{Q}^{1/2} \mathbf{U})^\top (\mathbf{Q}^{1/2} \mathbf{U}) = \mathbf{I}_s \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{I}_s.$$

Similarly, we construct a matrix  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times s}$  such that  $\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{R} \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_s$ . Finally, we simply define a diagonal positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{D} \in \mathbb{R}^{s \times s}$ . We define the joint structure to be

$$\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{V}^\top.$$

Let  $s_k \leq \min\{n, p_k\}$ . Similarly like before, we construct matrices  $\mathbf{U}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times s_k}$ ,  $\mathbf{D}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{s_k \times s_k}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_k \in \mathbb{R}^{p_k \times s_k}$  such that  $\mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{I}_{s_k}$ ,  $\mathbf{W}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{W}_k = \mathbf{I}_{s_k}$  and  $\mathbf{D}_k$  is a positive definite diagonal matrix. We define the individual structure to be

$$\mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{W}_k^\top.$$

We repeat this process  $K$  times to construct the concatenated matrix  $\mathbf{A} = (\mathbf{A}_1 \dots \mathbf{A}_K)$ . To ensure identifiability we require that  $\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_k = \mathbf{0}$  and  $\mathbf{A}_i^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_j = \mathbf{0}$  for  $i \neq j$ .

In order to ensure identifiability we need to generate  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{U}_k$  by choosing different vectors from the same basis. A necessary condition for this to happen is  $n \geq r + \sum_k r_k$ .

Having constructed the common and individual structure, we define the observed data matrix to be

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{J} + \mathbf{A} + \mathbf{E},$$

where  $\mathbf{E}$  is drawn from a matrix normal distribution  $MN_{n,p}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{Q}^{-1}, \mathbf{R}^{-1})$ .

## 6 Principal angles between subspaces of $\mathbb{R}^n$

For  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and positive definite matrix  $\mathbf{Q} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  define the inner product

$$\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}} = \mathbf{x}^{\top} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{y}.$$

Let  $L, M$  be subspaces in  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}})$ . Without loss of generality we assume

$$\dim L = l \leq m = \dim M$$

The principal angles between  $L$  and  $M$ ,  $0 \leq \theta_1 \leq \theta_2 \leq \dots \leq \theta_l \leq \pi/2$  are defined by

$$\cos \theta_i = \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}_i, \mathbf{y}_i \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}}}{\|\mathbf{x}_i\|_{\mathbf{Q}} \|\mathbf{y}_i\|_{\mathbf{Q}}} = \operatorname{argmax} \left\{ \frac{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}}}{\|\mathbf{x}\|_{\mathbf{Q}} \|\mathbf{y}\|_{\mathbf{Q}}} : \begin{array}{ll} \mathbf{x} \in L, & \mathbf{x} \perp \mathbf{x}_k, \\ \mathbf{y} \in M, & \mathbf{y} \perp \mathbf{y}_k, \end{array} k = 1 \dots, i-1 \right\}.$$

Note that

$$\theta_1 = \dots = \theta_k = 0 < \theta_{k+1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \dim L \cap M = k > 0.$$

**Lemma 1.** *Let the columns of  $\mathbf{G}_L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}$  and  $\mathbf{G}_M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  be orthonormal bases for  $L$  and  $M$  respectively, and let*

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_l \geq 0$$

*be the singular values of  $\mathbf{G}_L^{\top} \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M$ . Then*

$$\cos \theta_i = \sigma_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, l,$$

and

$$\sigma_1 = \dots = \sigma_k = 1 > \sigma_{k+1} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \dim L \cap M = k > 0.$$

*Proof.* Define

$$\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{G}_L \mathbf{y}, \quad \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{G}_M \mathbf{z}.$$

Then,

$$\mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_L \mathbf{y} = \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y},$$

$$\mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{t} = \mathbf{z}^\top \mathbf{G}_M^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M \mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z}^\top \mathbf{z}.$$

Therefore, the problem

$$\mathbf{y}_k^\top \mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M \mathbf{z}_k = \operatorname{argmax} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^l, \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{R}^m, \\ \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M \mathbf{z} : \|\mathbf{y}\|_2 = \|\mathbf{z}\|_2 = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, k-1 \\ \mathbf{y}^\top \mathbf{y}_i = \mathbf{z}^\top \mathbf{z}_i = 0, \end{array} \right\}$$

can be rewritten as

$$\mathbf{s}_k^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{t}_k = \operatorname{argmax} \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{s} \in L, \mathbf{t} \in M, \\ \mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{t} : \|\mathbf{s}\|_{\mathbf{Q}} = \|\mathbf{t}\|_{\mathbf{Q}} = 1, \quad i = 1, \dots, k-1 \\ \mathbf{s}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{s}_i = \mathbf{t}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{t}_i = 0, \end{array} \right\}.$$

□

Lemma 1 shows that the principal angle problem of  $L, M$  in  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}})$  is equivalent to the problem of singular value decomposition of  $\mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M$  in  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_2)$

**Theorem 1.** *Let the columns of  $\mathbf{G}_L \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times l}$  and  $\mathbf{G}_M \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times m}$  be orthonormal bases for  $L$  and  $M$  respectively, and denote*

$$\mathbf{G} = (\mathbf{G}_L, \mathbf{G}_M).$$

Let the singular values of  $\mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M$  be

$$\sigma_1 \geq \sigma_2 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_l \geq 0.$$

Then the singular values of  $\text{GMD}(\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{I}_{l+m})$  in decreasing order are

$$\sqrt{1 + \sigma_1}, \dots, \sqrt{1 + \sigma_l}, \underbrace{1, \dots, 1}_{m-l}, \sqrt{1 - \sigma_l}, \dots, \sqrt{1 - \sigma_1}.$$

*Proof.* Since

$$\mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_l & \mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M \\ \mathbf{G}_M^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_L & \mathbf{I}_m \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{I}_{l+m} + \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M \\ \mathbf{G}_M^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_L & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix}$$

By Lemma 1 there exist  $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times l}$ ,  $\mathbf{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{l \times l}$  and  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times l}$  such that

$$\mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M = \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Sigma} \mathbf{V}^\top$$

and

$$\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_l, \quad \mathbf{\Sigma} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_l).$$

We can write the SVD in its complete form by including the singular vectors that correspond to the zero singular values, i.e.

$$\mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M = \mathbf{U} (\mathbf{\Sigma} \quad \mathbf{0}_{l \times (m-l)}) \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{V}^\top \\ \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^\top \end{pmatrix},$$

where  $(\mathbf{V} \quad \tilde{\mathbf{V}})$  is an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^m$ . Define

$$\mathbf{W} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{U} & \mathbf{0} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{U} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{V} & \tilde{\mathbf{V}} & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \mathbf{V} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{G}_L^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_M \\ \mathbf{G}_M^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G}_L & \mathbf{0} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{W} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{\Sigma} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & -\mathbf{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}^\top \quad \text{and} \quad \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{W} \mathbf{W}^\top = \mathbf{I}_{l+m}.$$

Therefore,

$$\mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{W} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{I}_l + \boldsymbol{\Sigma} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_{m-l} & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{I}_l - \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \end{pmatrix} \mathbf{W}^\top.$$

Suppose the generalized matrix decomposition of  $\mathbf{G}$  is  $\mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Y}^\top$ , where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{X} &\in \mathbb{R}^{n \times (l+m)}, \quad \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{X} = \mathbf{I}_{l+m}, \\ \mathbf{D} &= \text{diag}(d_1, \dots, d_{l+m}), \\ \mathbf{Y} &\in \mathbb{R}^{(l+m) \times (l+m)}, \quad \mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{Y}^\top = \mathbf{I}_{l+m}. \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\mathbf{G}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{G} = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{X}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{X} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{Y}^\top = \mathbf{Y} \mathbf{D}^2 \mathbf{Y}^\top,$$

which implies that

$$d_i^2 = \begin{cases} 1 + \sigma_i, & 1 \leq i \leq l \\ 1, & l+1 \leq i \leq m \\ 1 - \sigma_i, & m+1 \leq i \leq m+l \end{cases}$$

□

Theorem 1 shows that the principal angle problem of  $L, M$  in  $(\mathbb{R}^n, \langle \cdot, \cdot \rangle_{\mathbf{Q}})$  is equivalent to the GMD( $\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{I}_{l+m}$ )

Let  $\mathbf{X}_1 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p_1}$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2 \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p_2}$  of rank  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  respectively. Without loss of generality we assume  $r_1 \leq r_2$ . Let the generalized matrix decomposition of  $\mathbf{X}_k$  be

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{U}_k \mathbf{D}_k \mathbf{V}_k^\top, \quad k = 1, 2,$$

where  $\mathbf{U}_k^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}$  and  $\mathbf{V}_k^\top \mathbf{R}_k \mathbf{V}_k = \mathbf{I}_{r_k}$ .



**Lemma 2.** Let  $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times p}$  and suppose  $\text{GMD}_r(\mathbf{X}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}) = (\mathbf{U}, \mathbf{\Sigma}, \mathbf{V})$ . Then the column space of  $\mathbf{X}$  is equal to the column space of  $\mathbf{U}$ .

*Proof.* Define  $\mathbf{S} = (\mathbf{\Sigma} \quad \mathbf{0}) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times p}$ . There exists matrix  $\mathbf{V}^*$  such that  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}}^\top \mathbf{R} \tilde{\mathbf{V}} = \mathbf{I}_p$ , where  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}} = (\mathbf{V} \quad \mathbf{V}^*) \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times p}$ .

The inverse of  $\tilde{\mathbf{V}}$  exists. Indeed,

$$\mathbf{I}_p = (\mathbf{R}^{1/2} \tilde{\mathbf{V}})^\top (\mathbf{R}^{1/2} \tilde{\mathbf{V}}) \Rightarrow (\mathbf{R}^{1/2} \tilde{\mathbf{V}})^{-1} = \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^\top \mathbf{R}^{1/2} \Rightarrow \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^{-1} = \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^\top \mathbf{R}$$

It is a know fact that for  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B}$  such that  $\mathbf{B}^{-1}$  exists we have

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{col}(\mathbf{A}).$$

Thus,

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{X}) = \text{col}(\mathbf{US} \tilde{\mathbf{V}}^\top) = \text{col}(\mathbf{US}) = \text{col}(\mathbf{US}) = \text{col}(\mathbf{U}) = \text{col}(\mathbf{U}).$$

□

Lemma 2 implies that the column space of the joint structure is equal to

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_1) \cap \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_2) = \text{col}(\mathbf{U}_1) \cap \text{col}(\mathbf{U}_2).$$

Define  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}} = (\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2)$ . Let  $\mathbf{W} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{Y}^\top$  be the  $r_1$ -rank generalized matrix decomposition of  $\tilde{\mathbf{U}}$ , such that  $\mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{W} = \mathbf{I}_{r_1}$  and  $\mathbf{Y}^\top \mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{I}_{r_1}$ . By Theorem 1 the singular values of  $\text{GMD}(\tilde{\mathbf{U}}, \mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{I}_{r_1})$  in decreasing order are

$$\sqrt{1 + \cos \theta_1}, \dots, \sqrt{1 + \cos \theta_{r_1}}.$$

Define  $\lambda_i = \sqrt{1 + \cos \theta_i}$ . Thus, the principal angles of  $\mathbf{U}_1$  and  $\mathbf{U}_2$  in increasing order are

$$0 \leq \theta_1 = \arccos(\lambda_1^2 - 1) \leq \dots \leq \theta_{r_1} = \arccos(\lambda_{r_1}^2 - 1) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}.$$

Let  $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{w}_1 \dots \mathbf{w}_{r_1})$ . Suppose  $\theta_1 = \dots = \theta_s = 0$ . Then  $\tilde{\mathbf{W}} = (\mathbf{w}_1 \dots \mathbf{w}_s)$  is the orthonormal basis of the joint structure. Define the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \tilde{\mathbf{W}}\tilde{\mathbf{W}}^\top \mathbf{Q}$ . The joint structure and the individual structure of  $\mathbf{X} = (\mathbf{X}_1, \mathbf{X}_2)$  are given by  $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}$  and  $(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{X}$  respectively.

## 7 Metrics

To compare the methods we are using two different metrics. Let  $\mathbf{J}, \mathbf{A}$  be the true joint and individual structure matrices, and  $\hat{\mathbf{J}}, \hat{\mathbf{A}}$  be the estimated joint and individual structure matrices. To compare the estimation error we use

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{J} - \hat{\mathbf{J}}\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}}}{\|\mathbf{J}\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}}} + \frac{\|\mathbf{A} - \hat{\mathbf{A}}\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}}}{\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}}}.$$

The covariance matrices  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$  are chosen so that they are in accordance with the assumptions for the estimator. For example if we are dealing with the JIVE method we use  $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{I}_n, \mathbf{R} = \mathbf{I}_p$ . On the other hand if we are dealing with the iterative JIVE estimators we use the given non-trivial  $\mathbf{Q}, \mathbf{R}$ .

The second metric that we use has to do with subspace recovery. Suppose  $\mathbf{J} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$  and  $\hat{\mathbf{J}} = \hat{\mathbf{U}}\hat{\mathbf{D}}\hat{\mathbf{V}}^\top$ . The projection onto the true joint column space is given by  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q}$  and onto the estimated joint column space is given by  $\hat{\mathbf{P}} = \hat{\mathbf{U}}\hat{\mathbf{U}}^\top \mathbf{Q}$ . The subspace recovery error is given by

$$\|\mathbf{P} - \hat{\mathbf{P}}\|_F.$$

Again  $\mathbf{Q}$  is chosen in accordance with the assumptions about the space and it can be different between the true and the estimated space.

## 8 Metric for variation

Let  $\mathbf{J}$  and  $\mathbf{A}$  be defined as above. Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}^\top) \\ &= \text{tr}[\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{A})\mathbf{R}(\mathbf{J} + \mathbf{A})^\top] \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{J}^\top) + 2\text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}^\top) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}^\top).\end{aligned}$$

By assumption,  $\mathbf{J}^\top\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{0}$ . Therefore,

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{J}^\top) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}^\top) = \|\mathbf{J}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 + \|\mathbf{A}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2.$$

Let the solution of GMD for  $\mathbf{J}$  be  $\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top$ . Then,

$$\|\mathbf{J}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{V}^\top\mathbf{R}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{D}\mathbf{U}^\top) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{U}\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{U}^\top) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}^2\mathbf{U}^\top\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{U}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}^2).$$

Writing  $\mathbf{A}$  in its concatenated form  $(\mathbf{A}_1 \dots \mathbf{A}_K)$  we get,

$$\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{A}^\top) = \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{A}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{A}_k^\top) = \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{A}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2.$$

Let the solution of GMD for  $\mathbf{A}_k$  be  $\mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{D}_k\mathbf{W}_k^\top$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{A}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2 &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{D}_k\mathbf{W}_k^\top\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{W}_k\mathbf{D}_k\mathbf{U}_k^\top) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{U}_k\mathbf{D}_k^2\mathbf{U}_k^\top) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}_k^2\mathbf{U}_k^\top\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{U}_k) \\ &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}_k^2).\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}^2) + \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}_k^2).$$

From the above, we deduce that the quantities  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2$ ,  $\|\mathbf{J}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2$  and  $\|\mathbf{A}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2$  express a form of variation. In particular,  $\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2$  expresses the total squared variation

of the generalized joint matrix decomposition. If we write  $\mathbf{X}$  and  $\mathbf{J}$  in their concatenated forms  $(\mathbf{X}_1 \dots \mathbf{X}_K)$  and  $(\mathbf{J}_1 \dots \mathbf{J}_K)^\top$  respectively, we get

$$\begin{aligned}\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{X}^\top) = \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{X}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{X}_k^\top) = \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2, \\ \|\mathbf{J}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 &= \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{J}\mathbf{R}\mathbf{J}^\top) = \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(\mathbf{Q}\mathbf{J}_k\mathbf{R}_k\mathbf{J}_k^\top) = \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{J}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2 = \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2 = \sum_{k=1}^K (\|\mathbf{J}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2 + \|\mathbf{A}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2).$$

From this we conclude that  $\|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2$  expresses the squared variation of the  $k$ -th dataset. Finally, since

$$\sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{J}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2 = \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}^2) \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=1}^K \|\mathbf{A}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2 = \sum_{k=1}^K \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}_k^2),$$

we can further decompose the squared variation of  $\|\mathbf{X}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2$  into the squared variation  $\|\mathbf{J}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2$  explained by the joint component and the squared variation  $\|\mathbf{A}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2$  explained by the individual component. In summary, the statistics that we are interested in are

$$\frac{\|\mathbf{J}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2}{\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{\|\mathbf{A}_k\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}_k}^2}{\|\mathbf{X}\|_{\mathbf{Q},\mathbf{R}}^2}.$$

## 9 Supplementary

**Theorem 2.** 1) If  $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_i = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{0}$ . 2) For  $i \neq j$ , if  $\mathbf{U}_i^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_j = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{U}_i^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_j = \mathbf{0}$ .

*Proof.* We will only prove 1 because 2 is proved similarly.

$$\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{D} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_i \mathbf{D}_i \mathbf{W}_i^\top = \mathbf{0}.$$

□

**Corollary 1.** Let  $(\mathbf{e}_1, \dots, \mathbf{e}_n)$  be an orthonormal basis of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  and  $\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{Q}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{e}_{l_1} \dots \mathbf{e}_{l_s})$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_i = \mathbf{Q}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{e}_{m_1} \dots \mathbf{e}_{m_{r_i}})$ ,  $\mathbf{U}_j = \mathbf{Q}^{-1/2}(\mathbf{e}_{h_1} \dots \mathbf{e}_{h_{r_j}})$ . If

1.  $\{l_1, \dots, l_s\} \cap \{m_1, \dots, m_{r_i}\} = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{0}$ ,
2.  $\{m_1, \dots, m_{r_i}\} \cap \{h_1, \dots, h_{r_j}\} = \emptyset$ , then  $\mathbf{U}_i^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_j = \mathbf{0}$ .

*Proof.* We will only prove 1. By Theorem 2, if  $\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_i = \mathbf{0}$ , then  $\mathbf{J}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{A}_i = \mathbf{0}$ . If  $\{l_1, \dots, l_s\} \cap \{m_1, \dots, m_{r_i}\} = \emptyset$ , then

$$\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{Q} \mathbf{U}_i = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{l_1}^\top \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{l_s}^\top \end{pmatrix} (\mathbf{e}_{m_1} \dots \mathbf{e}_{m_{r_i}}) = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{e}_{l_1}^\top \mathbf{e}_{m_1} & \dots & \mathbf{e}_{l_1}^\top \mathbf{e}_{m_{r_i}} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \mathbf{e}_{l_s}^\top \mathbf{e}_{m_1} & \dots & \mathbf{e}_{l_s}^\top \mathbf{e}_{m_{r_i}} \end{pmatrix} = \mathbf{0}.$$

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**Theorem 3.** Assume that  $\bigcap_{k=1}^K \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \neq \{\mathbf{0}\}$ . Then, there exist  $\mathbf{J}_k, \mathbf{A}_k$  such that

1.  $\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{J}_k + \mathbf{A}_k$ ,
2.  $\text{col}(\mathbf{J}_k) = \text{col}(\mathbf{J})$ ,
3.  $\text{col}(\mathbf{J}_k) \perp \text{col}(\mathbf{A}_k)$ ,
4.  $\bigcap_{k=1}^K \text{col}(\mathbf{A}_k) = \{\mathbf{0}\}$ .

*Proof.* 1. Define

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{J}) = \bigcap_{k=1}^K \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \subset \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \subset \mathbb{R}^n.$$

Then, there exists  $\mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times r}$  such that  $\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}_r$  and  $\text{col}(\mathbf{J}) = \text{span}(\mathbf{V})$ . Define the projection matrix  $\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{V}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$ . Then, we can write

$$\mathbf{X}_k = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_k + (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{X}_k.$$

Define  $\mathbf{J}_k = \mathbf{P}\mathbf{X}_k$  and  $\mathbf{A}_k = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})\mathbf{X}_k$ . Then,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) &= (\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{P})) \oplus (\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})) \\ &= \text{col}(\mathbf{J}_k) \oplus (\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{col}(\mathbf{J}_k) = \text{col}(\mathbf{J})$  and  $\text{col}(\mathbf{A}_k) = \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})$ .

In addition,

$$\text{col}(\mathbf{J}_k) = \text{ran}(\mathbf{P}) \text{ and } \text{col}(\mathbf{A}_k) \subset \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}) \Rightarrow \text{col}(\mathbf{J}_k) \perp \text{col}(\mathbf{A}_k).$$

Finally,

$$\begin{aligned} \bigcap_{k=1}^K (\text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P})) &= \left( \bigcap_{k=1}^K \text{col}(\mathbf{X}_k) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}) \right) \\ &= \text{ran}(\mathbf{P}) \cap \text{ran}(\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P}) \\ &= \{\mathbf{0}\}. \end{aligned}$$

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