


Paper Club

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Factor Modeling for High-Dimensional Time Series

I. Introduction

AR(1)

Time series: $Y_t = \Phi Y_{t-1} + \varepsilon_t$, $\varepsilon_t \sim N(0, \Sigma_\varepsilon)$

$Y_t \in \mathbb{R}^P$, $\Phi \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times P}$, $\varepsilon_t \in \mathbb{R}^P$

Factor Model: $Y_t = \Lambda F_t + \varepsilon_t$, \leftarrow idiosyncratic term
 $F_t \in \mathbb{R}^r$, r small, $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times r}$, $\varepsilon_t \in \mathbb{R}^P$, $\text{Var}(\varepsilon_t) = \Sigma_t$,
 Σ_t diagonal
 $\varepsilon_t \sim$ white noise, $E(\varepsilon_t) = 0$, $\text{cov}(\varepsilon_t, \varepsilon_s) = 0$, $\forall t \neq s$,

$$Y_t = \Lambda F_t + \varepsilon_t$$

static model

$$Y' = \Lambda F + \varepsilon, \quad \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$
$$Y' = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n) = \begin{pmatrix} y'_1 \\ \vdots \\ y'_p \end{pmatrix} \quad y'_i : \text{component of } Y.$$

$$F = (F_1, F_2, \dots, F_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times n}$$

$$\varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1, \varepsilon_2, \dots, \varepsilon_n), \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times n}$$

dynamite model

$$Y_t = \lambda_0 F_t + \lambda_1 F_{t-1} + \dots + \lambda_s F_{t-s} + \varepsilon_t, \quad AR(s)$$

$$= \Lambda F_t + \varepsilon_t, \quad \text{where } \Lambda = (\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_s), \quad F_t = (F'_t, F'_{t-1}, \dots, F'_{t-s})$$
$$\in \mathbb{R}^{p \times r(s+1)} \quad \in \mathbb{R}^{r(s+1)}$$

II. Identifiability

$$Y^1 = (\Lambda H)(H^{-1}F) + \varepsilon, \quad H \in \mathbb{R}^{r \times r}$$

Need $r \times r$ constraints,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad \underbrace{\Lambda' \Lambda}_{= I_r} = I_r, \quad \frac{r(r+1)}{2} \quad \boxed{\times \times \times} \quad (\Lambda' \Lambda)_{ii} = 1 \\ \text{(ii)} \quad \underbrace{\lambda_{ij}}_{= 0} = 0 \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i < j \leq n \quad \boxed{0} \quad (\Lambda' \Lambda)_{ij} = 0, \quad i < j, \quad \frac{r(r-1)}{2} \\ \text{(iii)} \quad \lambda_{ii} > 0, \quad 1 \leq i \leq n. \end{array} \right.$$

$$(\Lambda' \Lambda)_{ii} = 1$$

$$(\Lambda' \Lambda)_{ij} = 0, \quad i < j.$$

$$(\Lambda' H) (\Lambda H) = I_r$$

$$\frac{r(r-1)}{2} \quad \begin{cases} = 0 \\ > 0 \end{cases} \quad (\Lambda, F)$$

$$\Lambda' \Lambda = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda'_1 \\ \lambda'_2 \\ \vdots \\ \lambda'_r \end{pmatrix} \underbrace{(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_r)}_{\lambda_i \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times 1}} = \begin{pmatrix} \lambda'_1 \lambda_1, \lambda'_1 \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda'_1 \lambda_r \\ \lambda'_2 \lambda_1, \lambda'_2 \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda'_2 \lambda_r \\ \vdots \\ \lambda'_r \lambda_1, \lambda'_r \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda'_r \lambda_r \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\underbrace{\left\{ (\Lambda H, H^{-1}F) \right\}}_{A} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} r^2 \text{ constraints} \\ \text{implicitly determine it} \end{array} \quad \left\{ (\Lambda_0, F_0) \right\}$$

$$(\Lambda_0, F_0)$$

$$Y^1 = \Lambda_0 F_0 + \varepsilon.$$

$$(\Lambda_0 H) (\Lambda H) = I_r$$

$$(\Lambda' H) (\Lambda H) = I_r$$

III. Estimation

1. Least-squares, PCA

$$S(\Lambda, F) = \sum_{t=1}^n \|Y_t - \Lambda F_t\|^2$$

$$= \sum_{t=1}^n \varepsilon_t' \varepsilon_t$$

$$= \text{tr}(\varepsilon' \varepsilon), \quad \varepsilon = (\varepsilon_1 \ \varepsilon_2 \ \dots \ \varepsilon_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{P \times n}$$

$$\rightarrow = \text{tr}((Y' - \Lambda F)'(Y' - \Lambda F))$$

Let $(\hat{\Lambda}, \hat{F})$ be the minimizer. $\frac{\partial S}{\partial F} \Big|_{\Lambda=\hat{\Lambda}, F=\hat{F}} = 0,$

$$-2 \hat{\Lambda}' Y' + 2 \hat{\Lambda}' \hat{\Lambda} \hat{F} = 0$$

Using identifiability condition, $\hat{\Lambda}' \hat{\Lambda} = I_r, \quad \hat{F} = \hat{\Lambda}' Y'$. (i)

$$S(\hat{\Lambda}, \hat{F}) = \text{tr}(Y' Y) - \text{tr}(\hat{\Lambda}' Y' Y \hat{\Lambda})$$

$\Rightarrow \hat{\Lambda}$ maximizes $\text{tr}(\hat{\Lambda}' Y' Y \hat{\Lambda}) \Rightarrow \hat{\Lambda} = (V_1 \ \dots \ V_r),$

Identifiability

$$\hat{\Lambda} H \rightarrow \hat{\Lambda}^*$$

rotation matrix

V_i eigenvectors
for i -th largest
eigenvalues of $Y' Y$.

2 Factor loading space estimation

First estimate column space of Λ ,

$$\Sigma_y(k) = \text{cov}(Y_{t+k}, Y_t) = \Lambda \text{cov}(F_{t+k}, F_t) \Lambda' = \Lambda \left[\sum_f(k) \Lambda' \right]$$

$\Rightarrow \Sigma_y(k)$ lies in column space of Λ . $\underline{\Sigma_y(k)} = \Lambda G$.

$$M := \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} \Sigma_y(k) \Sigma_y'(k) = \Lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^{k_0} \Sigma_f(k) \Sigma_f'(k) \right) \Lambda' = (m_1 \cdots m_r)$$

$$M = \Lambda G$$

$$= (\lambda_1 \cdots \lambda_r) (g_1 \cdots g_m)$$

$$m_i = g_u \lambda_1 + \cdots + g_m \lambda_r$$

\Rightarrow column space of M = column space of Λ .

$$B_M = \text{basis of } \text{col}(M)$$

$$B_\Lambda = \text{basis of } \text{col}(\Lambda)$$

$$B_M = H B_\Lambda. H \text{ invertible}$$

$$\left\{ m\left(\begin{smallmatrix} i \\ j \end{smallmatrix}\right) \right\} \quad \left\{ n\left(\begin{smallmatrix} i \\ j \end{smallmatrix}\right) \right\}$$

$$\Lambda \overset{\Delta}{\supseteq} \sum_{k=1}^{k_0} \Sigma_f(k) \Sigma_f'(k) \text{ p.s.d.}$$

$$\hat{\Lambda} = (V_1 \cdots V_r)$$

V_i eigenvector for the i^{th} largest eigenvalues of \hat{M} .

3. Likelihood-based estimation

$$\bar{\Phi}(B) F_t = \bar{\Theta}(B) Z_t,$$

← Vector ARMA model (\bar{p}, \bar{q})

$$\bar{\Phi}(B) = I - \bar{\varphi}_1 B - \dots - \bar{\varphi}_{\bar{p}} B^{\bar{p}}, \quad B: \text{backshift operator}$$

$$\bar{\Theta}(B) = I + \bar{\theta}_1 B + \dots + \bar{\theta}_{\bar{q}} B^{\bar{q}}, \quad BY_t = Y_{t-1}$$

$$Z_t \sim N(0, \Sigma), \quad Z_t \in \mathbb{R}^r$$

$$\bar{p} < \bar{s}$$

3.1. Kalman filtering $Y^t = AF_t + E$

Also assume $E_t = \sum_{j=1}^s E_{t-j} + \epsilon_t$ $\epsilon_t \sim N(0, \Sigma_e)$ white noise

$$\boxed{\bar{\Phi}(B)E_t = \epsilon_t}, \quad \bar{\Phi}(B) = I - \bar{\varphi}_1 B - \dots - \bar{\varphi}_{\bar{p}} B^{\bar{p}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d_t &= \begin{pmatrix} F_t \\ F_{t-1} \\ \vdots \\ F_{t-\bar{p}+1} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \bar{\varphi}_1 & \bar{\varphi}_2 & \bar{\varphi}_{\bar{p}} \\ I_r & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & I_r \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} F_{t-1} \\ F_{t-2} \\ \vdots \\ F_{t-\bar{p}} \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} I_r & \bar{\theta}_1 & \dots & \bar{\theta}_{\bar{q}} \\ 0 & & & \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} Z_t \\ \vdots \\ E_{t-\bar{q}} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= H d_{t-1} + R \eta_t, \end{aligned}$$

$$d_t = H d_{t-1} + R \eta_t,$$

$$Y_t = \Lambda F_t + \varepsilon_t, \quad \bar{\Psi}(B)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\Psi}(B) Y_t &= \underbrace{\Lambda \bar{\Psi}(B) F_t}_{= Z d_t} + \underbrace{\bar{\Psi}(B) \varepsilon_t}_{\text{LHS}} \\ &= Z d_t + \varepsilon_t \quad \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$$

$$d_t = \begin{pmatrix} F_t \\ \vdots \\ F_{t-p+1} \end{pmatrix} \tilde{P}$$

WLOG, $\tilde{P} \geq \tilde{S}$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= (\Lambda - \bar{\Psi}_1 \Lambda - \cdots - \bar{\Psi}_s \Lambda \quad 0) = (\tilde{\Lambda} \quad 0) \\ \xrightarrow{\Delta} \Lambda \bar{\Psi}(B) F_t &\neq (P_t - \bar{\Psi}_1 F_{t-1} - \cdots - \bar{\Psi}_s F_{t-s}) \end{aligned}$$

$$F_t \quad F_{t-1} \quad \Delta F_{t-2} \quad \Delta F_{t-s+1}$$

state space model

$$\Rightarrow \hat{F}$$