

projection analysis

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intro

notation

- vertex v in $1, \dots, V$
- TR t in $1, \dots, T$
- \mathbf{b} : *training set* beta pattern vector of length V , condition indicated by subscript
- \cdot' : from *test set*
- \mathbf{e}_t : residual vector (of length V) at TR = t
- \mathbf{W} : regularized inverse covariance matrix of residuals ($V \times V$)

within-run version

First validate the method by examining the distribution about the discriminant *within each run*. This is perhaps the most ‘liberal’ test as it does not require the discriminant to be aligned across scanning runs.

Calculate the mean pattern \mathbf{m} :

$$\mathbf{m} = (\mathbf{b}_{(incon.)} + \mathbf{b}_{(congr.)})/2$$

Select a condition to represent the positive end of the discriminant. Center the corresponding beta vector at the mean pattern and scale by the square of the length. This gives the discriminant, \mathbf{d} .

$$\mathbf{d} = \frac{\mathbf{b}_{(incon.)} - \mathbf{m}}{\|\mathbf{b}_{(incon.)} - \mathbf{m}\|_2^2}$$

Prewhiten and project a residual onto the discriminant.

$$\hat{e}_t = \mathbf{dW}(\mathbf{e}_t - \mathbf{m})$$

unit: ratio of distance to hyperplane between test point and class centroid.

how to validate (positive / negative control analyses)

- At post-trial TRs in ROIs, do residuals move along discriminant as function of previous trial type?
- Does this effect disappear in non-ROIs?
- Detrend BOLD timeseries with baseline model of regression. Project detrended timeseries from ROIs and non-ROIs onto discriminant. Regress projection onto events design matrix. Does this recover trial type info? I.e., $\beta_{(incon.)} > 0$ and $\beta_{(congr.)} < 0$? (This projected timeseries could be used as a trial-by-trial measure, depending on its fidelity.) Can also assess correlation of recovered β with \mathbf{b} .

cross-validated version

Next establish robustness to scanning run by cross-validating the discriminant *across runs*.

$$\hat{e}'_t = \mathbf{dW}(\mathbf{e}'_t - \mathbf{m}')$$

validation: repeat same validation analyses as above. Additionally:

- calculate cosine angle between discriminants across runs. Hopefully positive.
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