

Regularized Multivariate Two-way Functional Principal Component Analysis

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I. BACKGROUND

• Functional data are ubiquitous.

Modern sensors yield curves, images, and surfaces observed over time/space. Functional PCA (FPCA) summarizes such data with a few principal functions for interpretation and modeling (Ramsay & Silverman, 2005).

• Extensions exist but are isolated.

- Smoothed FPCA: roughness penalties produce smoother, less noisy components (Huang, Shen, & Buja, 2008; Silverman, 1996).
- Sparse FPCA: sparsity zeros out unimportant regions, improving interpretability (Nie & Cao, 2020; Shen & Huang, 2008).
- *Multivariate FPCA (MFPCA)*: captures shared variation across multiple functional variables (Happ & Greven, 2018).
- ► Two-way functional data (e.g., time \times space): require structure in both domains.

• Limitations.

Classical FPCA is noise-sensitive and can yield rough, dense patterns; many methods address *either* smoothness *or* sparsity, or are limited to univariate data.

Motivation.

Develop a regularized FPCA framework that (i) handles **multivariate** and **two-way** functional structures, (ii) imposes **smoothness** (noise reduction) and **sparsity** (feature selection) *simultaneously* on scores and loadings, and (iii) yields low-rank, interpretable, and stable components. Recent work (e.g., ReMFPCA) points in this direction but leaves room for a unified treatment and broader applicability (Haghbin, Zhao, & Maadooliat, 2025).

II. METHODOLOGY

1) Multivariate FPCA Formulation: Concatenate p functional variables into $\mathbf{X} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times M}$, where $M = \sum_{i=1}^{p} m_i$.

We estimate a rank-one structure with penalties:

$$\min_{u,v} \parallel \mathbf{X} - uv^{\top} \parallel^{2}_{E} + \alpha \, v^{\top} \mathbf{\Omega} v + p_{\gamma}(v), \tag{1}$$

where $\Omega = \operatorname{diag}(\Omega_1, ..., \Omega_p)$ encodes **roughness** and $p_{\gamma}(\cdot)$ induces **sparsity** (soft, hard, or SCAD) (Huang et al., 2008; Nie & Cao, 2020; Shen & Huang, 2008).

- 2) Sequential Power Algorithm: Let $S(\alpha) = (I + \alpha \Omega)^{-1}$. Iterate:
- 1. **Initialize:** v via rank-one SVD of X.
- 2. Repeat:
 - $u \leftarrow \mathbf{X}v$
 - $v \leftarrow S(\alpha) h_{\gamma}(\mathbf{X}^{\top}u)$
 - $v \leftarrow v / \parallel v \parallel$

Tuning:

Choose γ by K-fold cross-validation.

Choose α by generalized cross-validation (GCV): $GCV(\alpha) = \frac{\|(I - S(\alpha))(\mathbf{X}^{\top}u)\|/M}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{M} \operatorname{tr} S(\alpha)\right)^2}$

III. TWO-WAY REGULARIZED MFPCA

• Two-way functional data:

Two-way functional data consist of a data matrix whose row and column domains are both structured. Classical FPCA focuses on one domain and penalizes only one set of components, often ignoring structure in the second direction.

• Framework & Penalty:

$$\min_{u,v} \parallel \boldsymbol{X} - uv^{\top} \parallel_F^2 + \sum_j^J \mathcal{P}_j^{[\theta]}(u,v) \tag{2}$$

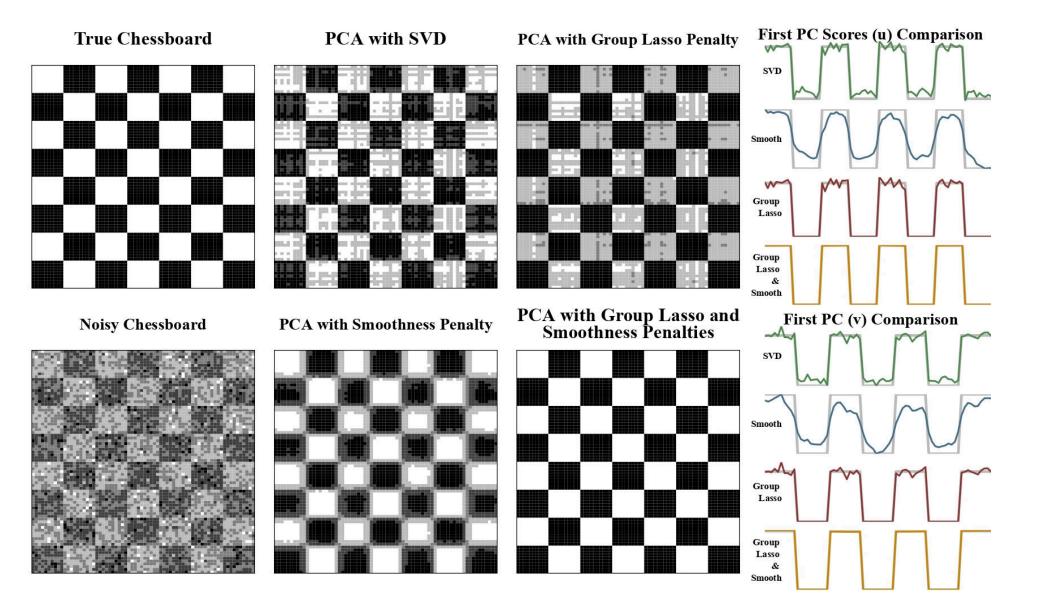
• where J is the number of penalty components, and θ is the vector of all tuning parameters. The composite penalty $\sum_{j=1}^J \mathcal{P}_j^{(\theta)}(u,v)$ lets us mix regularizers, e.g., smoothness with $\theta=(\alpha_u,\alpha_v)$ and sparsity with $\theta=(\gamma_u,\gamma_v)$ (controlling sparsity), and can include other structures as needed.

Sequential Power Algorithm:

- 1. Initialize u, v using rank-one SVD of \mathbf{X} .
- 2. Update u with smoothing and sparsity transformations: $u \leftarrow S_u^{[\alpha_u]} h_u^{[\gamma_u]}(\mathbf{X}v)$
- 3. Update v similarly:
- $v \leftarrow S_v^{[\boldsymbol{\alpha}_v]} h_v^{[\boldsymbol{\gamma}_v]} (\mathbf{X}^\top u)$
- 4. Normalize v and deflate X to extract further components.

• Tuning:

- α_u , $\alpha_v \rightarrow$ control **smoothness** of scores and loadings.
- γ_u , γ_v \rightarrow control **sparsity** of scores and loadings.
- Conditional tuning alternates CV for sparsity and GCV for smoothness to achieve an optimal balance.



IV. CONCLUSION & FUTURE WORK

- **Comprehensive Framework:** ReMPCA extends PCA to curves, images, and functional data, combining smoothness (denoising, interpretability) and sparsity (feature selection) for structured, low-rank components.
- **Methodology:** Penalized SVD with roughness and sparsity penalties applies regularization to both scores (u) and loadings (v), tuned via GCV and CV.
- **Results:** Two-way regularization improves reconstruction and interpretability, outperforming one-way methods across simulated and real datasets.
- **Software:** Implemented in the ReMPCA R package with automated tuning, diagnostics, and visualization tools.

• Future Work:

- ▶ Hybrid data integration: joint analysis of scalar, functional, and imaging data.
- ▶ Advanced models: kernel FPCA and neural-network-based nonlinear extensions.
- Applications: neuroimaging, personalized medicine, and environmental monitoring.

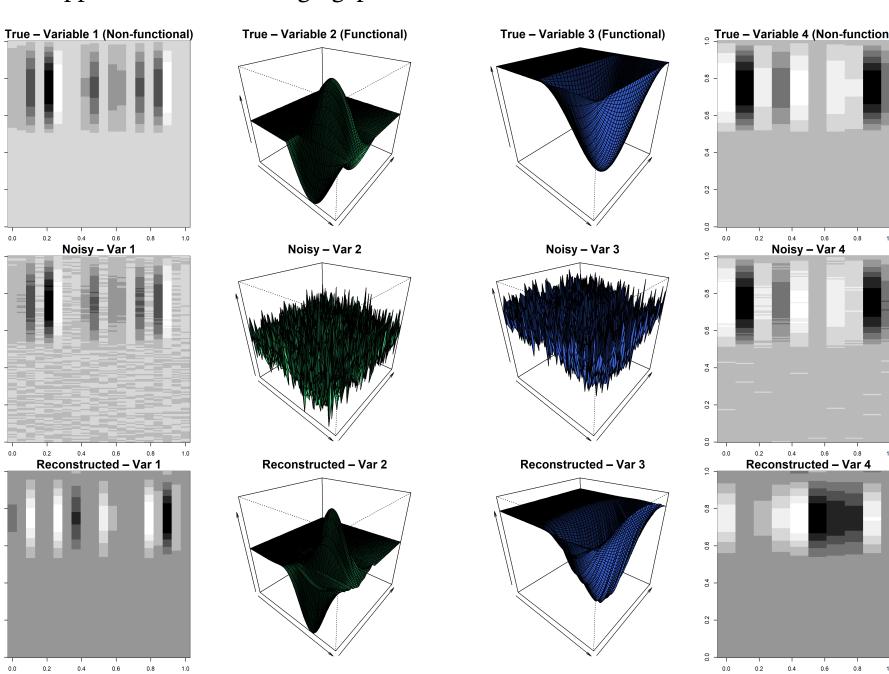


Figure 1: Hybrid data example

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