

Mathematical and Statistical Sciences

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 × 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 points in this direction but leaves room for a unified treatment and broader applicability (Haghbin, Zhao, & Maadooliat, 2025).

II. METHODOLOGY

1) **Multivariate FPCA**: Concatenate p functional variables, where the i-th variable is observed on m_i grid points, into $\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 \cdots X_p \end{bmatrix} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times M}$, where $M = \sum_{i=1}^p m_i$:

$$\mathbf{X} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11}(t_{11}) & \cdots & x_{11}(t_{1m_1}) & \cdots & x_{1p}(t_{p1}) & \cdots & x_{1p}(t_{pm_p}) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1}(t_{11}) & \cdots & x_{n1}(t_{1m_1}) & \cdots & x_{np}(t_{p1}) & \cdots & x_{np}(t_{pm_p}) \end{bmatrix}$$
(1)

We estimate a rank-one structure with penalties:

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

where $\Omega = \operatorname{diag}(\Omega_1, ..., \Omega_n)$ 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): $GCV(\alpha) =$

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:

$$\min_{u,v} \parallel \mathbf{X} - uv^{\top} \parallel_F^2 + \sum_j^J \mathcal{P}_j^{[\theta]}(u,v)$$
 (3)

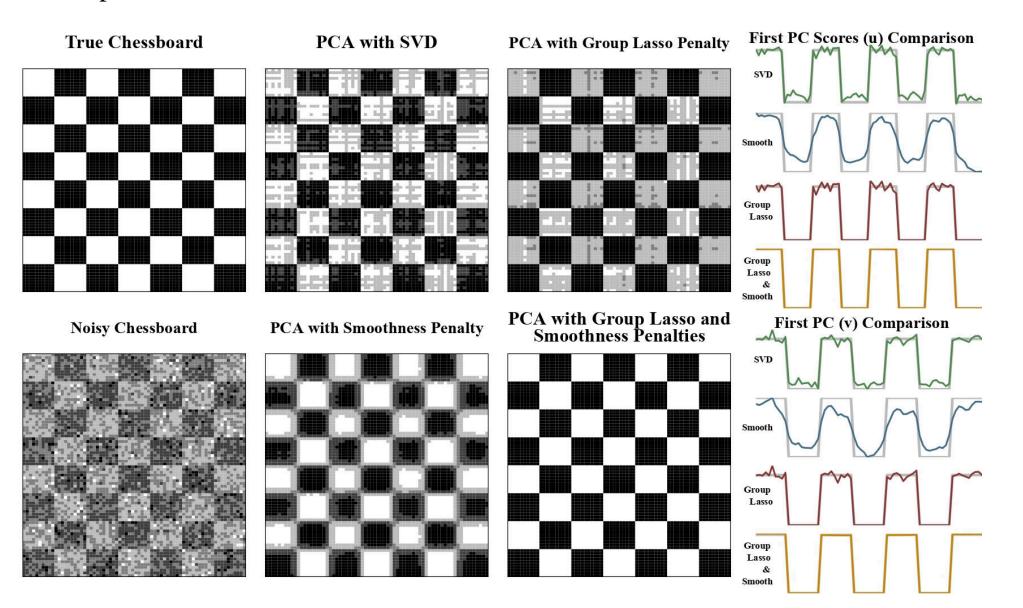
• where J is the number of penalty components, and θ is the vector of all tuning parameters. The composite penalty $\sum_{j=1}^{J} \mathcal{P}_{j}^{(\theta)}(u,v)$ lets us mix regularizers, e.g., smoothness with $\theta = (\alpha_u, \alpha_v)$ and sparsity with $\theta = (\gamma_u, \gamma_v)$ (controlling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

- \bullet α_u , α_v \to control **smoothness** of scores and loadings.
- $\rightarrow \gamma_u, \gamma_v \rightarrow \text{control sparsity of scores and loadings.}$
- ► Conditional tuning alternates CV for sparsity and GCV for smoothness to achieve an optimal balance.

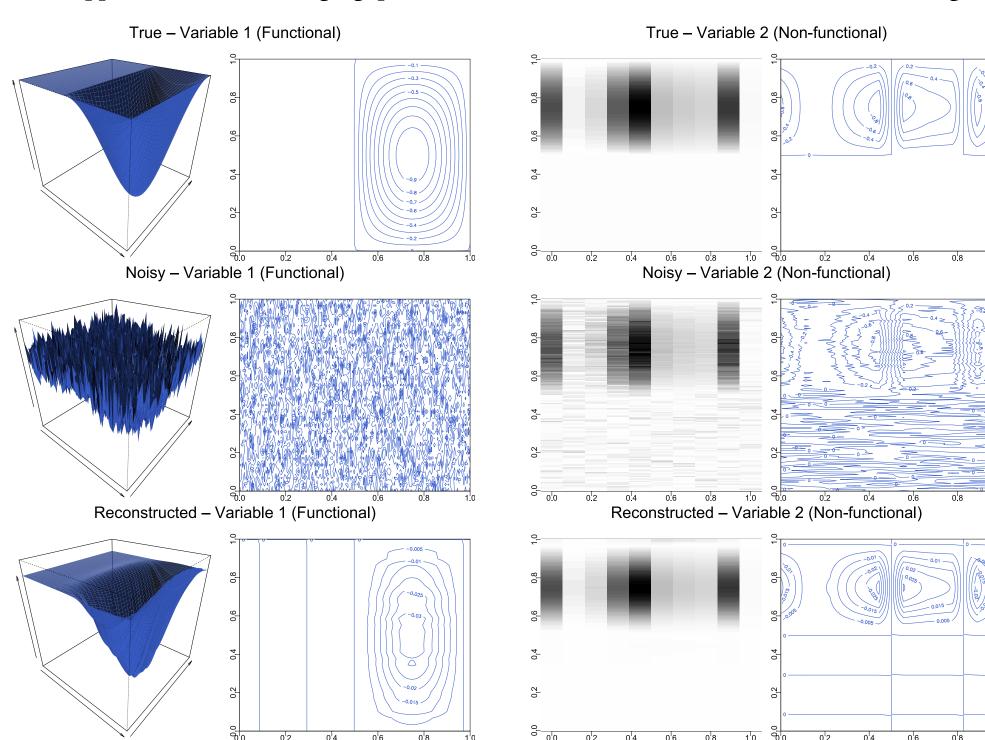


IV. CONCLUSION

- 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.



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