

Factor Analysis (Amit Mitra : IIT Kanpur)

Let $\underline{X} \rightarrow E\underline{x} = \underline{u}, \text{cov}(\underline{X}) = \Sigma$

$$\text{Model: } \underline{X} - \underline{u} = L \underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon}$$

$\downarrow \quad \uparrow$
 $p \times m \quad m \times 1$

a_{ij} = loading of i^{th} vari. X_i on the
 j^{th} common factor- F_j

\underline{F} : $m \times 1$ unobservable RV called common factor.

a_{ij} indicates importance of X_i on F_j and
is imp. for interpretation of F_j

$\underline{\varepsilon}$: called 'specific factor' specific to i^{th} vari.

Purpose : To explain cov. structure of RV. in terms
of a few underlying but unobservable R.variables.

Assumptions: i) \underline{E} is $\rightarrow E\underline{F} = \underline{0}$ & $\text{cov}(\underline{F}) = E(\underline{FF}') = I_m$

ii) $\text{cov}(\underline{\varepsilon}_{px1}, F_{mx1}) = E(\underline{\varepsilon}\underline{F}') = \underline{0}_{pxm}$

iii) $\underline{\varepsilon}$ is $\rightarrow E\underline{\varepsilon} = \underline{0}, \text{cov}(\underline{\varepsilon}) = \text{diag}(\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_p) = \Psi$
 $\psi_i, i=1, 2 \dots p$ are called specific variances.

$$\Sigma = \text{cov}(\underline{X}) = E((\underline{X} - \underline{u})(\underline{X} - \underline{u})')$$

$$= E(L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon})(L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon})'$$

$$= E(LFF'L') - L\underline{F}\underline{\varepsilon}' + \underline{\varepsilon}'F'L + \underline{\varepsilon}'\underline{\varepsilon}$$

$$\Sigma = LL' + \Psi$$

Now:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x_i - \bar{u}_i = \sum_{j=1}^m l_{ij} F_j + \varepsilon_i, \quad i=1, 2, \dots, p$$

$\text{cov}(x_i, x_k)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \text{cov}\left(\sum_{j=1}^m l_{ij} F_j + \varepsilon_i, \sum_{k=1}^m l_{kj} F_j + \varepsilon_k\right) \\ &= l_{i1}l_{k1} + l_{i2}l_{k2} + \dots + l_{im}l_{km} \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^m l_{ij}l_{kj} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad \text{cov}(\underline{x}, \underline{F}) &= E\{(x - \bar{u}) F'\} \\ &= E\{(L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon}) F'\} \\ &= E(LFF') + E(\underline{\varepsilon}F') \\ &= LE(FF') + \text{cov}(\underline{\varepsilon}, \underline{F}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{cov}(\underline{x}, \underline{F}) = L + \underline{\Omega} \Rightarrow \text{cov}(x_i, F_j) = l_{ij}$$

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vect of com. factors.

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad \text{var}(x_i) &= \text{var}(\bar{u}_i + \sum_{j=1}^m l_{ij} F_j + \varepsilon_i) \\ \sigma_{ii} &= \sum_{j=1}^m l_{ij}^2 + \psi_i \quad \because \text{cov}(F_i, F_j) = 0 \\ \sigma_{ii} &= h_i^2 + \psi_i \quad \text{where } h_i^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m l_{ij}^2 \\ &\qquad\qquad\qquad = i^{\text{th}} \text{ communality} \end{aligned}$$

variability in $x_i \rightarrow m^{\text{th}}$ communality + ψ_i

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contribution of m common factors F_1, F_2, \dots, F_m

Remark: (1)

We say that an m -factor model holds for \underline{x} if
 \underline{x} can be written as

$$\underline{x} - \underline{\mu} = L \underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon}$$

Furthermore model for \underline{x} holds iff Σ can be expressed as

$$\Sigma = L L' + \Psi$$

Example: Let $\underline{x}_{8 \times 1}$: vector of marks of students in Maths, Phy, Chem

$$\text{Given } \text{cov}(\underline{x}) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.83 & 0.78 \\ 0.83 & 1 & 0.67 \\ 0.78 & 0.67 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Does a 1-factor model hold for \underline{x} ?

$$\rightarrow \underline{x} - \underline{\mu} = L \underline{F}_{1 \times 1} + \underline{\varepsilon}$$

Verify whether $\Sigma = L L' + \Psi$

$$\begin{matrix} 8 \times 1 & 1 \times 3 & 3 \times 3 \end{matrix}$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} \\ l_{21} \\ l_{31} \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11}^2 + \Psi_1 & l_{11}l_{21} & l_{11}l_{31} \\ l_{21}^2 + \Psi_2 & l_{21}l_{31} & \\ l_{31}^2 + \Psi_3 & & \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} l_{11}l_{21} &= 0.83 \\ l_{11}l_{31} &= 0.78 \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{l_{21}}{l_{31}} = \frac{0.83}{0.78}$$

$$(l_{21}l_{31}) = 0.67 \Rightarrow \frac{0.83}{0.78} l_{31} - l_{31} = 0.67$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.67 \times \frac{0.78}{0.83} = l_{31}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{31} = \pm 0.793$$

Take $l_{31} = 0.793$

Ques 3

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$$\begin{aligned}
 R^2 \text{ for } (x_2, x_3) \text{ model} &= \frac{SS_{\text{Res}}(\text{None}) - SS_{\text{Res}}(x_2, x_3)}{SS_{\text{Res}}(\text{None})} \\
 &= \frac{12.808 - 4.812}{12.808} \\
 &= 0.6633 \\
 &= 66.3\% \rightarrow \text{last option is correct}
 \end{aligned}$$

Ques 4

	SS_{Res}
(x_1, x_3)	5.781
(x_1, x_4)	7.299
(x_2, x_3)	4.812
(x_3, x_4)	5.130

Choose model for which SS_{Res} is minimum ie R^2 will be maximum

Ques 7

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{\text{Adj}}^2 &= 1 - \frac{(n-1)}{SS_{\text{Res}}(\text{None})} \times \frac{SS_{\text{Res}}}{(n-p-1)} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{54-1}{12.808} \times \frac{7.4}{(54-1-1)} \\
 &= 1 - \frac{53}{12.808} \times \frac{7.4}{52} \\
 &= 0.411
 \end{aligned}$$

$n = \text{no. of data pts}$
 $= 54$
model: $y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 x_4 + \epsilon$
 $\Rightarrow p = 1$
 SS_{Res} for x_4 model
 $= 7.4$

$$\text{Now } l_{31}^2 + \psi_3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_3 = 1 - l_{31}^2 = 0.370$$

= specific variance of i^{th} specific variable.

$$\text{Further } \frac{l_{21}}{l_{31}} = \frac{0.63}{0.78}$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{21} = \frac{0.63}{0.78} = 0.845 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \psi_2 = 1 - l_{21}^2 = 0.286$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{11} = \frac{0.83}{0.845} = 0.982 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\psi_1 = 1 - l_{11}^2 = 0.036 \quad F = P$$

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} 0.982 \\ 0.845 \\ 0.793 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \varphi = \text{diag}(0.036, 0.286, 0.370)$$

$$l_{11} = \text{corr}(X_1, F_1)$$

$$l_{12} = \text{corr}(X_2, F_1)$$

$$l_{13} = \text{corr}(X_3, F_1) \approx 0.036 \quad \text{= negligible}$$

- The 3 variables can be explained through 1 common factor. This common factor can be interpreted as the general ability.
- The resultant 1-factor model is:

$$X_{-el} = LF_{x1} + \varepsilon$$

$$\text{corr}(X_1, F_1) = 0.982$$

Remark 2: When $m=p$, Σ can always be written as $\Sigma = LL' + \Psi$ with $\Psi=0$. This case is of no interest. \therefore we are using p-comm.-factors for p-variable model.

Remark 3 \Rightarrow Reduction in # of pars. for an m-fact.

Σ has $\frac{p(p+1)}{2}$ distinct elements.

$$\Sigma = LL' + \Psi$$

$$\begin{array}{l} L \rightarrow p^m \\ \Psi \rightarrow p \text{ entire} \end{array} \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \text{Total } pm+p$$

Reduction in # of pars.

$$= \frac{p(p+1)}{2} - (pm+p)$$

$$= \frac{p}{2} (p+1 - 2m-2)$$

Ex: $p=12$ and $m=2$

$$\text{Reduction} = \frac{12}{2} (12+1-4-2) = 42$$

$$\text{origin-pars of } \Sigma = \frac{p(p+1)}{2} = \frac{12 \times 13}{2} = 78$$

Remark 4: Suppose m-fact. model holds for \underline{x} and if \underline{x} is rescaled ie

$$\underline{x} \Rightarrow D\underline{x} = \underline{y}_{p \times 1}$$

where $D = \text{diag}(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p)$.

Then m-factor model also holds for \underline{y} .

\rightarrow \therefore m-fact. model holds for \underline{x} ,

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x} - \underline{\alpha} = L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow D\underline{x} - D\underline{\alpha} = DL\underline{F} + D\underline{\varepsilon}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y} = \underline{y}^* = (DL)\underline{F} + \underline{\eta}$$

$$\underline{\eta} = D\underline{\varepsilon}, \\ \underline{y}^* = D\underline{\alpha}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{y} - \underline{y}^* = L^* \underline{F} + \underline{\eta} \\ \uparrow \\ p \times 1$$

Here $E\underline{F} = \underline{0}$, $\text{cov}(\underline{F}) = I_m$; $E\underline{\eta} = \underline{0}$

$$\text{cov}(\underline{\eta}) = D \underline{\varepsilon} D'$$

$$\text{cov}(E, \underline{\eta}) = \text{cov}(\underline{F}, D\underline{\varepsilon}) = E(\underline{F}\underline{\varepsilon}')D' = \underline{0}$$

\Rightarrow m-factor model holds for $\underline{y} = D\underline{x}$.

Remark 5: L and \underline{F} in an m-factor model are not unique.

Suppose m-fact. model holds for \underline{x} .

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x} - \underline{\alpha} = L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon}$$

$$= L\Gamma\Gamma'\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon} \quad \text{where } \Gamma\Gamma' = I$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x} - \underline{\alpha} = (L)^*\underline{F}^* + \underline{\varepsilon} \quad \text{where } L^* = L\Gamma$$

Here $F^* = \Gamma'\underline{F}$ is \exists

$$\underline{F}^* = \Gamma'\underline{F} \rightarrow ①$$

$$E(\underline{F}^*) = E(\Gamma'\underline{F}) = \Gamma'E(\underline{F}) = \underline{0}$$

$$\text{cov}(\underline{F}^*) = \text{cov}(\Gamma'\underline{F}) = \Gamma'\text{Im}\Gamma = I$$

$$\text{cov}(\underline{\varepsilon}, \underline{F}^*) = \text{cov}(\underline{\varepsilon}, \Gamma'\underline{F}) = E(\underline{\varepsilon}\underline{F}')\Gamma = \underline{0}$$

$\Rightarrow ①$ is another m-factor model for \underline{x}



Note: Some conditions are imposed so as to have the m-factor model unique.

e.g. $L' \Psi' L$ to be a diagonal matrix.

Remark 6: Nonexistence of proper solⁿ for m-factor model.

$\Sigma = LL' + \Psi$ be the m-factor that holds for X.

i) if Ψ 's are negative then solⁿ is not proper.
Such a situation is said to 'Heywood' case.

Example of Heywood. case

$$\text{Let } \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0.9 & 0.7 \\ 0.9 & 1 & 0.4 \\ 0.7 & 0.4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

To check whether 1-factor model holds for X

$$\Sigma = LL' + \Psi ; \quad L = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11} \\ l_{21} \\ l_{31} \end{pmatrix}, \quad \Psi = \begin{pmatrix} \psi_1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \psi_2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \psi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} l_{11}^2 + \psi_1 & l_{11}l_{21} + 0 & l_{11}l_{31} \\ l_{21}l_{11} + 0 & l_{21}^2 + \psi_2 & l_{21}l_{31} \\ l_{31}l_{11} & l_{31}l_{21} & l_{31}^2 + \psi_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{11}^2 + \psi_1 = 1, \quad l_{11}l_{21} = 0.9, \quad l_{11}l_{31} = 0.7 \\ l_{21}^2 + \psi_2 = 1, \quad l_{21}l_{31} = 0.4 \\ l_{31}^2 + \psi_3 = 1$$

$$\frac{l_{11}}{l_{21}} = \frac{0.7}{0.4} \Rightarrow l_{21} = \frac{0.4}{0.7} l_{11}$$

$$0.9 = l_{11}l_{21} \Rightarrow 0.9 = \frac{0.4}{0.7} l_{11}^2$$

$$\Rightarrow l_{11} = \pm 1.255 \rightarrow \text{Not feasible.}$$

Justification: Realize $V(x_1) = \sigma_{11} = 1 = V(F_1)$

$$l_{11} = \text{cov}(x_1, F_1) = \text{corr}(x_1, F_1) \quad \because V(x_1) = 1 = V(F_1)$$

$\Rightarrow l_{11} = \pm 1.255$ is an absurd value.

Method of estimation of L and Ψ

Method I: Principal Comp. method.

Let $(x_i, e_i), i=1, \dots, p$ be e-value-e-vector-pairs

$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 > \lambda_2 \dots > \lambda_p \geq 0$ and

e_1, e_2, \dots, e_p are the orthonormalized e-vectors.

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma = \lambda_1 e_1 e_1' + \dots + \lambda_p e_p e_p'$$

$$= (\sqrt{\lambda_1} e_1, \sqrt{\lambda_2} e_2, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_p} e_p) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} e_1' \\ \sqrt{\lambda_2} e_2' \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{\lambda_p} e_p' \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= L L'$$

$$\text{where } L = (\sqrt{\lambda_1} e_1, \sqrt{\lambda_2} e_2, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_p} e_p)$$

Fits the factor model with as many factors as the number of variables, with $\Psi = 0$: Null matrix.

We can get m-factor model with $m < p$.

Consider the situation where last $p-m$ e-values of Σ are negligible i.e. $\lambda_{m+1}, \dots, \lambda_p$ are close to zero.

$$\text{Then } \Sigma \approx \lambda_1 e_1 e_1' + \dots + \lambda_m e_m e_m'$$

$$\approx (\sqrt{\lambda_1} e_1, \dots, \sqrt{\lambda_m} e_m)_{p \times m} \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} e_1' \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{\lambda_m} e_m' \end{pmatrix}_{m \times p} = L L'$$

\therefore Variance of the specific factors can be taken as diagonal entries of $\Sigma - L L'$

$$\text{i.e. } \psi_i = r_{ii} - \sum_{j=1}^m d_{ij}^2 \quad i=1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$\therefore \Sigma \approx L L' + \Psi \rightarrow \text{approximation}$$

Algorithm: Applying above procedure to given dataset :

Dataset : $[\underline{x}_1, \underline{x}_2, \dots, \underline{x}_n]$

Steps: i) compute \bar{x} , S : sample v-c-m.

ii) compute $(\hat{\lambda}_i, \hat{e}_i), i=1, 2, \dots, p$ e-value-e-vector pairs

iii) The matrix of factor loading with m -var. is estimated as

$$\hat{L} = [\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_1} \hat{e}_1, \dots, \sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_m} \hat{e}_m]$$

iv) The estimated specific variances $\hat{\psi}_i$ are given by
diagonal entries of $S - \hat{L}\hat{L}'$

$$\text{ie } \hat{\psi}_i = s_{ii} - \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{a}_{ij}^2, i=1, 2, \dots, p$$

$$x) \quad \hat{\Psi} = \text{diag}(\hat{\psi}_1, \hat{\psi}_2, \dots, \hat{\psi}_p)$$

v) The communalities are estimated as

$$\hat{h}_i^2 = \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{a}_{ij}^2$$

Note: i) For a principal comp. soln, the estimated factor loadings do not change as the number of factors are increased.

$$\text{eg. For } m=1, \hat{L}_{(1)} = (\sqrt{\lambda_1} \hat{e}_1)$$

$$\text{For } m=2, \hat{L}_{(2)} = [\sqrt{\lambda_1} \hat{e}_1 \quad \sqrt{\lambda_2} \hat{e}_2]$$

In general for $m=k$,

$$\hat{L}_{(k)} = [\sqrt{\lambda_1} \hat{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \sqrt{\lambda_k} \hat{e}_k]$$

$$\text{and for } m=k+1, \hat{L}_{(k+1)} = [\sqrt{\lambda_1} \hat{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \sqrt{\lambda_k} \hat{e}_k \quad \sqrt{\lambda_{k+1}} \hat{e}_{k+1}]$$

Measure of approximation:

$$S \approx \hat{L}\hat{L}' + \Psi$$

Result: If $\Delta = S - (\hat{L}\hat{L}' + \Psi) = ((\delta_{ij}))$

$$\text{then } \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{ij}^2 = \text{tr}(\Delta^2) \leq \sum_{i=m+1}^p \hat{a}_i^2$$

Proof: The Δ matrix is $\Rightarrow \Delta_{ii} = 0$

ss of entries of $(S - \hat{L}\hat{L}' - \Psi) \leq$ ss of entries of $(S - \hat{L}\hat{L}')$

$$\Rightarrow \text{tr}(\Delta^2) = \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{ij}^2 \leq \text{tr}$$

$$S = (\sqrt{\lambda_1} \hat{e}_1 \quad \dots \quad \sqrt{\lambda_p} \hat{e}_p) \begin{pmatrix} \sqrt{\lambda_1} \hat{e}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{\lambda_p} \hat{e}_p \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\lambda}_i \hat{e}_i \hat{e}_i'$$

$$= \hat{L}\hat{L}' + \sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j \hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j'$$

$$\Rightarrow S - \hat{L}\hat{L}' = \sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j \hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j'$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{tr}(\Delta^2) &\leq \text{tr}(S - \hat{L}\hat{L}')^2 \\
 &= \text{tr} \left(\left[\sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j \hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j' \right] [] \right) \\
 &= \text{tr} \sum_{j=m+1}^p (\hat{\lambda}_j \hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j') (\hat{\lambda}_j \hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j') \\
 &= \text{tr} \sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j^2 \hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j' \\
 &= \sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j^2 \text{tr}(\hat{e}_j \hat{e}_j') \\
 &= \sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j^2 \text{tr}(\hat{e}_j e_j)
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus $\text{tr}(\Delta^2) = \sum_{i,j} \Delta_{ij}^2 \leq \sum_{j=m+1}^p \hat{\lambda}_j^2$

Note: Contribution of factors to total sample variance.

Recall. $s_{ii} = \sum_{j=1}^m \hat{\lambda}_{ij}^2 + \hat{\psi}_i$

• Contribution of first factor to $s_{ii} = \hat{\lambda}_{i1}^2$

cont. \rightarrow \rightarrow to total sample var. ($\text{tr}(S) = \sum_{i=1}^p s_{ii}$)

$$= (\hat{\lambda}_{11}^2 + \hat{\lambda}_{21}^2 + \dots + \hat{\lambda}_{p1}^2)$$

$$\hat{L} = (\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_1} \hat{e}_1, \dots, \sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_m} \hat{e}_m)$$

where $\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_j} \hat{e}_j = \begin{pmatrix} \hat{\lambda}_{1j} \\ \hat{\lambda}_{2j} \\ \vdots \\ \hat{\lambda}_{pj} \end{pmatrix}$

$$\sum_{i=1}^p \hat{\lambda}_{ij}^2 = \hat{\lambda}_j \quad j=1, 2, \dots, p$$

• Proportion of TSV explained through 1st fact = $\frac{\hat{\lambda}_1}{\text{tr}(S)}$
 $= \frac{\hat{\lambda}_1}{\sum_{i=1}^p s_{ii}}$

Method II

Estimation of L and Ψ
maximum likelihood estimation of

$$\underline{x} - \underline{u} = L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \underline{F} \\ \underline{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} \sim N_{m+p} \left(\begin{pmatrix} \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \Psi \end{pmatrix} \right)$$

$$\underline{x} - \underline{u} = L\underline{F} + \underline{\varepsilon} = (L \quad I_p) \begin{pmatrix} \underline{F} \\ \underline{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x} - \underline{u} &\sim N_p (\underline{0}, \Sigma) \quad \therefore \text{cov}(L \quad I_p) \begin{pmatrix} \underline{F} \\ \underline{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (L \quad I_p) \begin{pmatrix} I_m & \underline{0} \\ \underline{0} & \Psi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \underline{F} \\ \underline{\varepsilon} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= LL' + \Psi = \Sigma \end{aligned}$$

∴ $L\underline{F}$ is given by -

$$\begin{aligned} L(\underline{u}, \Sigma | \underline{x}_1, \dots, \underline{x}_n) &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log |\Sigma| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}(\Sigma^{-1} A) \\ &\quad - \frac{n}{2} (\bar{\underline{x}} - \underline{u})' \Sigma^{-1} (\bar{\underline{x}} - \underline{u}) \\ &= -\frac{n}{2} \log(2\pi) - \frac{n}{2} \log |LL' + \Psi| - \frac{1}{2} \text{tr}((LL' + \Psi)^{-1} A) \\ &\quad - \frac{n}{2} (\bar{\underline{x}} - \underline{u})' (LL' + \Psi)^{-1} (\bar{\underline{x}} - \underline{u}) \end{aligned}$$

∴ choice of L is not unique we impose cond. like

$L'\Psi^{-1}L = A$ -- a diagonal matrix so that L is unique

∴ we maximize L s.t. $L'\Psi^{-1}L = A$ given mle of $L + \Psi$ with $\text{trace } \Sigma = \bar{\Sigma}$