

# Iterative methods for solving GEE

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In [1]: import numpy as np
import pandas as pd
from scipy import linalg
from typing import List, NamedTuple

class CovarianceParameters(NamedTuple('CovarianceParameters', [
    ('alpha', np.float64),
    ('sigma2', np.float64),
])):
    def make_correlation_matrix(self, size):
        correlation_matrix = np.eye(size)
        for i in range(size - 1):
            for j in range(i + 1, size):
                correlation_matrix[i, j] = correlation_matrix[j, i] = np.power(self.alpha, j - i)
        return correlation_matrix

    def make_covariance_matrix(self, size):
        return self.make_correlation_matrix(size)*self.sigma2

class Cluster(NamedTuple('Cluster', [
    ('X', np.array),
    ('y', np.array),
    ('covariance', np.array),
])):
    """Cluster covariates, response, and covariance structure."""
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In [2]: def estimate_covariance_parameters(clusters, beta):
    def _estimate_covariance_parameters(X, y, beta):
        epsilon = y - X.dot(beta)
        covariance_matrix = np.outer(epsilon, epsilon)
        sigma2 = np.diag(covariance_matrix)
        rho = [covariance_matrix[i, i + 1] for i in range(len(covariance_matrix) -
1)]

        return sigma2, rho

    sigma2 = []
    rho = []
    for cluster in clusters:
        cluster_sigma2, cluster_rho = _estimate_covariance_parameters(
            cluster.X, cluster.y, beta)
        sigma2.extend(cluster_sigma2)
        rho.extend(cluster_rho)
    sigma2 = np.mean(sigma2)
    return CovarianceParameters(alpha=np.mean(rho)/sigma2, sigma2=sigma2)

def estimate_beta(clusters: List[Cluster]):
    """Estimate beta under the assumption that clusters."""
    cluster_weights = [
        linalg.cho_solve(linalg.cho_factor(cluster.covariance), np.eye(len(cluster
.y))) for cluster in clusters
    ]
    projected_X = np.sum([
        cluster.X.T.dot(weights).dot(cluster.X)
        for cluster, weights in zip(clusters, cluster_weights)
    ], 0)
    projected_y = np.sum([
        cluster.X.T.dot(weights).dot(cluster.y)
        for cluster, weights in zip(clusters, cluster_weights)
    ], 0)
    beta = linalg.cho_solve(linalg.cho_factor(projected_X), projected_y)

    bread = linalg.cho_solve(linalg.cho_factor(projected_X), np.eye(len(projected_
X)))
    residuals = [cluster.y - cluster.X.dot(beta) for cluster in clusters]
    sigma = np.mean([np.outer(residual, residual) for residual in residuals], 0)
    meat = np.sum([
        cluster.X.T.dot(weights).dot(sigma).dot(weights).dot(cluster.X)
        for cluster, residual, weights in zip(clusters, residuals, cluster_weights
    )
    ], 0)
    return beta, bread.dot(meat).dot(bread)

def update_clusters(clusters, covariance_parameters):
    return [
        Cluster(X=cluster.X, y=cluster.y,
            covariance=covariance_parameters.make_covariance_matrix(len(cluste
r.y)))
        for cluster in clusters]

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In [3]: orthodont_data = pd.read_csv('orthodont.csv')
orthodont_data = orthodont_data.set_index('Subject')
orthodont_data.head(8)
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|         | distance | age | Sex  |
|---------|----------|-----|------|
| Subject |          |     |      |
| M01     | 26.0     | 8   | Male |
| M01     | 25.0     | 10  | Male |
| M01     | 29.0     | 12  | Male |
| M01     | 31.0     | 14  | Male |
| M02     | 21.5     | 8   | Male |
| M02     | 22.5     | 10  | Male |
| M02     | 23.0     | 12  | Male |
| M02     | 26.5     | 14  | Male |

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In [4]: def make_covariates(data_frame):
age = (data_frame['age'] - 8).values
is_female = (data_frame['Sex'] == 'Female').values.astype(np.float64)
return np.column_stack((
    np.ones(len(data_frame)),
    age,
    is_female,
    age*is_female,
))

def make_response(data_frame):
return data_frame['distance'].values
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In [5]: def make_table(beta, beta_covariance):
std_errors = np.sqrt(np.diag(beta_covariance))
return pd.DataFrame(list(zip(beta, std_errors)),
    columns=['Estimate', 'Standard error'],
    index=['$\beta_0$', '$\beta_1$', '$\beta_2$', '$\beta_3$'])
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Initially, we assume no covariance.

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In [6]: clusters = [
    Cluster(
        X=make_covariates(orthodont_data.loc[i]),
        y=make_response(orthodont_data.loc[i]),
        covariance=np.eye(len(orthodont_data.loc[i])),
    )
    for i in orthodont_data.index
]

beta, beta_covariance = estimate_beta(clusters)
with open('beta0_estimate.tex', 'w') as f:
    f.write(make_table(beta, beta_covariance).to_latex(escape=False))
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In each iteration, we estimate covariance parameters with  $\hat{\beta}$ . We compute a new correlation structure for each cluster, and use it to get a better estimate for  $\beta$ .

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In [7]: def _update_estimates(clusters, beta):
        covariance_parameters = estimate_covariance_parameters(clusters, beta)
        clusters = update_clusters(clusters, covariance_parameters)
        return covariance_parameters, clusters, estimate_beta(clusters)

        previous_beta, (covariance_parameters, clusters, (beta, beta_covariance)) = (
            beta, _update_estimates(clusters, beta))

        with open('beta1_estimate.tex', 'w') as f:
            f.write(make_table(beta, beta_covariance).to_latex(escape=False))
        covariance_parameters
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Out[7]: CovarianceParameters(alpha=0.6113624114825353, sigma2=4.905158354377104)
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In [8]: while np.sum(np.abs(previous_beta - beta)) > 1e-12:
        previous_beta, (covariance_parameters, clusters, (beta, beta_covariance)) = (
            beta, _update_estimates(clusters, beta))
        print(beta, covariance_parameters)
        print(np.sqrt(np.diag(beta_covariance)))

[22.75026233  0.76945687 -1.55885764 -0.28569215] CovarianceParameters(alpha=0.61
3518833989525, sigma2=4.910599805251229)
[0.26779157  0.04369856  0.41954876  0.06846249]
[22.7502655  0.76945666 -1.55886113 -0.28569188] CovarianceParameters(alpha=0.61
35308146270477, sigma2=4.91065185077109)
[0.2677919  0.04369862  0.41954928  0.06846258]
[22.75026552  0.76945666 -1.55886115 -0.28569188] CovarianceParameters(alpha=0.61
35308813311675, sigma2=4.910652141021696)
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35308817046278, sigma2=4.910652142646753)
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35308817046404, sigma2=4.91065214264681)
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The final, converged estimates are below.

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In [9]: with open('beta_final_estimate.tex', 'w') as f:
        f.write(make_table(beta, beta_covariance).to_latex(escape=False))
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