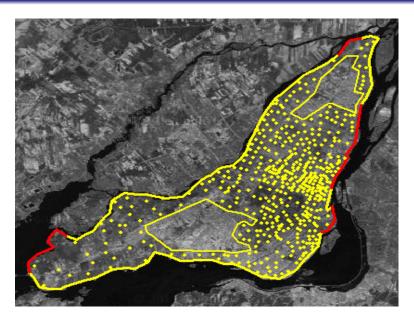
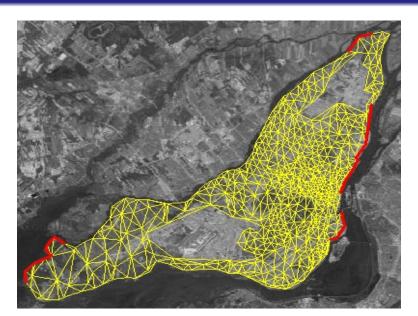
# Multivariate and Functional Principal Components without Eigenanalysis

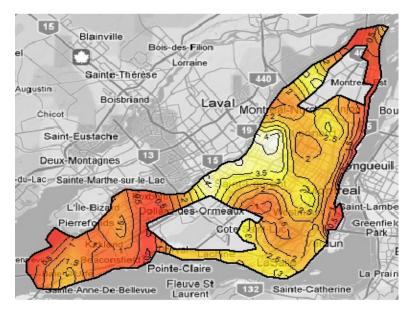
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### PCA: The essential idea (Multivariate Case)

- We have a N by n data matrix X.
- We propose the reduced rank K bilinear model

$$\boldsymbol{X} = \boldsymbol{F}\boldsymbol{A}$$

- where A is a K by n matrix of principal component coefficients, with K << n</li>
- and F is a N by K matrix of principal component scores
- Usually N >> n, and the factor scores are interesting, but it's A that tells us what the core K components of variation are, to within a full rank linear transformation.
- The fundamental goal of PCA is to identify the optimal linear subspace  $\mathcal{R}^{\mathcal{K}}$ , called a Grassmann manifold.



### PCA: The essential idea (Functional Case)

- We have a N curves  $x_i(t)$ .
- We propose the reduced rank K bilinear model

$$\mathbf{x}(t) = \mathbf{Fa}'(t)$$

- where **a** is a vector K principal component functions, and
- and F is a N by K matrix of principal component scores.
- The fundamental goal of PCA is to identify the optimal linear subspace of functions a.

### Structural parameters

- Structural parameters are typically of direct interest, for example fixed effect parameters for ME models.
- Their number is usually fixed, and typically much smaller than the number of nuisance parameters.
- Principal loading matrix A is a structural parameter in multivariate PCA.

### **Nuisance parameters**

- Nuisance parameters are required in a model to capture important variation, but are seldom themselves of direct interest. A well-known example are random effect parameters in a mixed effects (ME) model.
- The number of nuisance parameters often depends on the configuration or design of the data.
- The principal component scores matrix F contains nuisance parameters.
- Estimating nuisance and structural parameters using the same strategy risks burning up large number of degrees of freedom and rendering the structural parameter estimates unnecessarily unstable.
- ME model estimation recognizes this, for example.



#### What we'd like to do with PCA

- Provide GLM capability: PCA for mixtures of types of variables, using fitting criteria appropriate to each data type.
- Define a fitting strategy that recognizes PC scores F as nuisance parameters and PC components in A as structural parameters.
- Generalize PCA:
  - synthesize the treatment of multivariate and functional data
  - implement partial least squares: an approximation of an external vector  $\mathbf{y}$  via a K dimensional subspace  $\mathcal{R}^K$
  - combine PCA with the registration of functional data



### **Eigenanalysis and PCA**

- The singular value decomposition yields both A and F,
- But the usual procedure is to extract A from the eigenanalysis of N<sup>-1</sup>X'X or the correlation matrix R
- and then use regression analysis to obtain the least squares estimate

$$\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{A}'(\mathbf{A}'\mathbf{A})^{-1}$$

### Why eigenanalysis gets in the way

- Eigenanalysis forces us to use least squares fitting for all variables.
- Eigenanalysis treats the estimation of F and A symmetrically, but A contains structural parameters and F contains nuisance parameters. They require different estimation strategies.
- Eigenalysis inappropriately highlights the basis system rather than the subspace that it defines.
- Eigenalysis cannot accommodate extensions such as registration of functional data.



### The parameter cascading strategy

- Parameter cascading is a method for estimating large and varying numbers of nuisance parameters  $\mathbf{c}$  in the presence of a small fixed number of structural parameters  $\boldsymbol{\theta}$ .
- Parameter cascading defines nuisance parameters as smooth functions  $\mathbf{c}(\theta)$  of structural parameters.
- Imposing smoothness or regularizing  $\mathbf{c}(\theta)$  keeps nuisance parameters from burning up large numbers of degrees of freedom, and therefore stabilizes the structural parameter estimates.
- Nuisance parameter function  $\mathbf{c}(\theta)$  is often defined by an inner optimization of a criterion  $J(\mathbf{c}|\theta)$  each time  $\theta$  is changed in an outer optimization cycle.
- The outer optimization  $H(\theta)$  is frequently different from  $J(\mathbf{c}|\theta)$ .



## The parameter cascading strategy and the Implicit Function Theorem

 The total derivative or gradient of H with respect to θ requires the use of the Implicit Function Theorem:

$$\frac{dH}{d\theta} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \theta} - \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{c}} \left[ \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial^2 \mathbf{c}^2} \right]^{-1} \frac{\partial^2 J}{\partial \mathbf{c} \partial \theta}$$

The total Hessian is also available in this way.

## The parameter cascading strategy for multivariate PCA

 We add smoothness to the least squares criterion for F given A by attaching penalty terms:

$$J(\mathbf{F}|\mathbf{A},\mathbf{X}) = \|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{A}\|^2 + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{F}'\mathbf{P}_1\mathbf{F}\|^2 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{F}\mathbf{P}_2\mathbf{F}'\|^2.$$

- The minimizer  $\hat{\mathbf{F}}(\mathbf{A})$  has a closed form expression.
- Order K matrix P<sub>1</sub> and order N matrix P<sub>2</sub> are often projectors onto complements of some pre-defined subspaces or special patterns.
- Smoothing parameters  $\lambda_1 \geq 0$  and  $\lambda_2 \geq 0$  allow us to control the emphasis that we place on the PC scores having these particular structures.



### The fitting criterion for A

- This is defined in terms of only the PC coefficients A.
- Consequently, we can choose our fitting criteria freely, such as

$$H(\mathbf{A}) = -\sum_{j}^{n} \ln L_{j}(\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{x}_{j})$$

where  $-\ln L_j$  is the negative log likelihood appropriate to variable j and defined by data N-vector  $\mathbf{x}_i$ .

• The gradient of G will depend on A both directly through its the partial derivative, and also via the N functions  $f_i(A)$ 

$$\frac{dH}{d\mathbf{A}} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial \mathbf{A}} + \sum_{i}^{N} \frac{\partial H}{\partial F_{i}} \frac{dF_{i}}{d\mathbf{A}}$$

• PCA is now estimates Kn parameters instead of K(N+n) parameters.



### **Evaluating the fit**

- Without regularization, A and F are defined to within a nonsingular linear transformation W of order K: FWW<sup>-1</sup>A provides the same fit to the data.
- Regularization may remove some of this unidentifiability, but some will inevitably remain.
- Consequently, we cannot assess fit in term of A, but must rather focus our attention on:
  - predictive criteria assessing fit at the data level
  - geometric measures of conformity between the K-dimensional estimated subspace and some true or population subspace.
- Canonical correlation methodology serves these purposes well.



# The parameter cascading strategy for functional PCA (functional case)

- The data are now N functions  $x_i(t)$
- The principal coefficients are now functions  $a_k(t), k = 1, ..., K$ .
- The inner criterion *J* is now:

$$J(\mathbf{F}|\mathbf{a},\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i} \int [x_i(t) - \sum_{k} f_{ik} a_k(t)]^2 dt + \lambda_1 \|\mathbf{F}' \mathbf{P}_1 \mathbf{F}\|^2 + \lambda_2 \|\mathbf{F} \mathbf{P}_2 \mathbf{F}'\|^2$$

 Structural parameter A is now a K by L matrix of coefficients for a basis function of each a<sub>K</sub> in terms of L basis functions. The outer criterion could be

$$H(\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{x}) = \sum_{i} \int [x_i(t) - \sum_{k} f_{ik} a_k(t)]^2 dt + \lambda_3 \operatorname{trace}(\mathbf{AUA}')$$

where penalty matrix  ${\bf U}$  defines a roughness penalty for the  $a_k$ 's.

### The PCA/PLS hybrid criterion

 Keeping to LS fitting for illustration, we now use fitting criterion

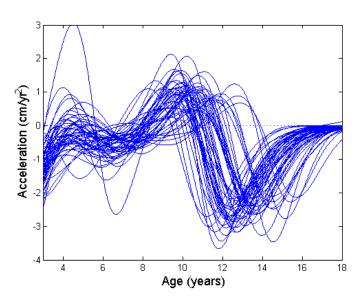
$$G(\mathbf{A}|\mathbf{X},\mathbf{y}) = (1-\gamma)\|\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{F}\mathbf{A}\|^2 + \gamma\|\mathbf{y}'\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{A})\mathbf{y}\|^2.$$

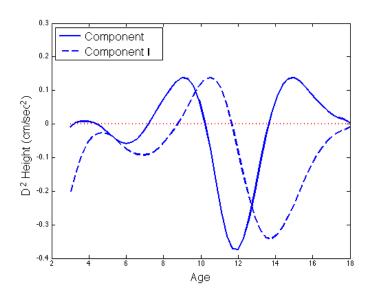
where the relaxation parameter  $\gamma \in [0, 1]$  and

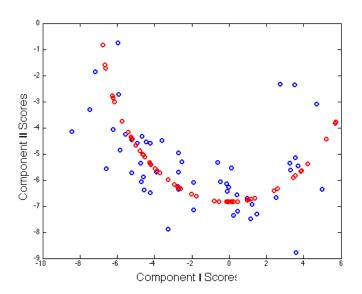
$$\mathbf{Q}(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{I} - \mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A})[\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A})'\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A})]^{-1}\mathbf{F}(\mathbf{A})'.$$

- The second term measures the extent to which external variable y is unpredictable from within the subspace defined by the PC loadings in A.
- The boundary conditions  $\gamma = 0$  and  $\gamma = 1$  correspond to pure PCA and pure partial least saquares, respectively.
- The unregularized version criterion was first developed by de Jong and Kiers (1992).



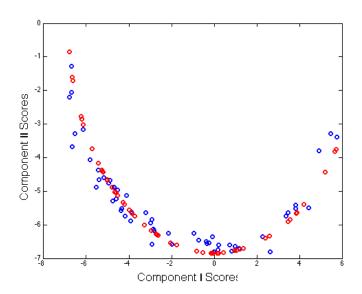




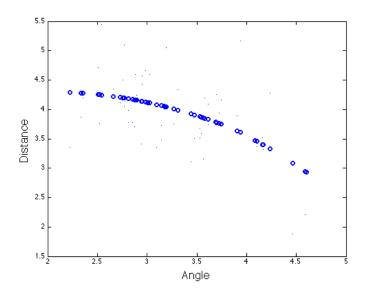


## Regularized PCA of the children's acceleration curves

- The principal component scores in F are close to being on a circle, indicated by the red dots.
- We would like to explore the use of scores that are required to be close to or on the circle.
- The penalty term  $\lambda_2 \|\mathbf{FP}_2\mathbf{F}'\|^2$ , where projection matrix **P** projects scores on to the circle of red dots, will serve that purpose.
- Here are the scores resulting from using  $\lambda_2 = 1$ .



- The unconstrained error sum of squares was 127.2 and the contrained value was 138.2, corresponding to a squared multiple correlation of 0.08.
- A heavier penalty puts the scores nearly exactly on the circle, corresponding to  $R^2 = 0.12$ .
- The angle associated with each pair of scores measures phase variation, which is how early or late the pubertal growth spurt is.
- But, we might have missed something ...



- The scores of the girls in the upper left are outside of the constant distance curve, and the girls on the bottom and lower right are inside.
- The upper left girls have earlier puberty, and also more intense spurts; the late puberty girls have milder growth spurts.
- Early puberty girls are compensated for losing out on a few years of growth by having more intense spurts.
- It looks like principal component scores for uncentered functional observations should be represented in hyperspherical coordinates!

#### **Conclusions**

- PCA via eigenanalysis restricts the extendability and versatility of PCA.
- Parameter cascading re-defines PCA as a much lower dimensional fitting problem,
- and greatly extends its capacity of represent data in a lower dimensional space.