Take Home Final - Analysis of High Dimensional Data

1a. Let $f(x) = ||x||_1$ with domain of $f = \{x : ||x||_{\infty} \le 1\}$. Note that

$$[\operatorname{prox}_{f}(x)]_{i} = \arg\min_{u} [(\|u\|_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\|u - x\|_{2}^{2})]_{i}$$

$$= \begin{cases} x_{i} - 1 & \text{if } x_{i} > 1\\ 0 & \text{if } |x_{i}| \leq 1\\ x_{i} + 1 & \text{if } x_{i} < -1 \end{cases}$$

Now for $\operatorname{prox}_f(x)$ such that $\{u: ||u||_{\infty} \leq 1\}$ we will have

$$[\operatorname{prox}_f(x)]_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x_i > 2\\ x_i - 1 & \text{if } 1 < x_i \le 2\\ 0 & \text{if } |x_i| \le 1\\ x_i + 1 & \text{if } -2 \le x_i < -1\\ -1 & \text{if } x_i < -2 \end{cases}$$

1b. Let $f(x) = \max_{k=1,...,n} x_k = ||x||_{\infty}$. Thus

$$\operatorname{prox}_{f}(x) = \arg\min_{u} (\|u\|_{\infty} + \frac{1}{2} \|u - x\|_{2}^{2})$$
$$= x - P_{C}(x)$$

where $C = \{x | ||x||_1 \le 1\}$. Note that

$$[P_C(x)]_i = \begin{cases} x_i - \lambda & \text{if } x_i > \lambda \\ 0 & \text{if } |x_i| \le \lambda \\ x_i + \lambda & \text{if } x_i < -\lambda \end{cases}$$

where $\lambda = 0$ if $||x||_1 \le 1$ and otherwise is the solution of the equation

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \max\{|x_i| - \lambda, 0\} = 1.$$

1c. Let
$$f(x) = ||Ax - b||_1$$
 where $AA' = D = \text{diag}(d_{11}, ..., d_{pp})$. Thus $\text{prox}_f(x) = \arg\min_u(||Au - b||_1 + \frac{1}{2}||u - x||_2^2)$

$$= \arg\min_{y,u}(||y||_1 + \frac{1}{2}||u - x||_2^2) \text{ subject to } Au - b = y$$

Note that as AA' = D,

$$Av = \begin{cases} d & \text{if } v \in \mathcal{C}(A') \\ 0 & \text{if } v \notin \mathcal{C}(A') \end{cases}$$

Thus for $u - x \in \mathcal{C}(A')$

$$u - x = A'(AA')^{-1}A(u - x)$$

$$= A'(AA')^{-1}(y + b - Ax)$$

$$\implies \operatorname{prox}_{f}(y) = \arg\min_{y} (\|y\|_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\|A'(AA')^{-1}(y + b - Ax)\|_{2}^{2})$$

$$= \arg\min_{y} (\|y\|_{1} + \frac{1}{2}\|D^{-\frac{1}{2}}(y + b - Ax)\|_{2}^{2})$$

$$= \arg\min_{y} (\sum_{i=1}^{p} |y_{i}| + \frac{1}{2d_{ii}}(y_{i} + b_{i} - a'_{i}x)^{2})$$

$$= \arg\min_{y} (\sum_{i=1}^{p} d_{ii}|y_{i}| + \frac{1}{2}(y_{i} + b_{i} - a'_{i}x)^{2})$$

$$\implies [\operatorname{prox}_{f}(y)]_{i} = \begin{cases} -(b_{i} - a'_{i}x) - d_{ii} & \text{if } -(b_{i} - a'_{i}x) > d_{ii} \\ 0 & \text{if } |-(b_{i} - a'_{i}x)| \leq d_{ii} \\ -(b_{i} - a'_{i}x) + d_{ii} & \text{if } -(b_{i} - a'_{i}x) < -d_{ii} \end{cases}$$

1d. For this problem, for $\Sigma = PDP' \in S_{++}^n$, $\Sigma^{\frac{1}{2}} = PD^{\frac{1}{2}}P'$. Let $f(X) = -\log \det(X), X \in S_{+}^n$ and $\operatorname{domain}(f) = S_{++}^n$.

$$\begin{aligned} \operatorname{prox}_f(X) &= \arg\min_U (-\log \det(U) + \frac{1}{2} \|U - X\|_F^2) \\ &= \arg\min_U (-\log \det(U) + \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{trace}(U - X)(U - X)') \end{aligned}$$

Note that

$$\frac{d}{dU}(\log \det(U)) = \frac{1}{\det(U)} \frac{d}{dU} \det(U)$$
$$= \frac{1}{\det(U)} \det(U)(U^{-1})$$
$$= U^{-1}$$

and

$$\frac{d}{dU}\operatorname{trace}(U-X)(U-X)') = 2U - 2X$$

which implies that

$$\frac{d}{dU}(-\log\det(U) + \frac{1}{2}\mathrm{trace}(U - X)(U - X)') = -U^{-1} + U - X = 0$$

$$\iff -I + U^2 - UX = 0$$

$$\iff U^2 - UX = I$$

$$\iff U^2 - 2U(\frac{1}{2}X) + (\frac{1}{2}X)^2 = I + (\frac{1}{2}X)^2$$

$$\iff (U - (\frac{1}{2}X))^2 = I + (\frac{1}{2}X)^2$$

$$\iff U - (\frac{1}{2}X) = (I + (\frac{1}{2}X)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\iff U = (I + (\frac{1}{2}X)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (\frac{1}{2}X) > 0.$$

Thus

$$\mathrm{prox}_f(X) = (I + (\frac{1}{2}X)^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} + (\frac{1}{2}X).$$

2 We want to solve the following problem:

Primal:
$$\min(x_1 - x_2)$$
 subject to $x \in X = \{x : x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0\}, x_1 + 1 \le 0, 1 - x_1 - x_2 \le 0$

Now the Lagrangian is

$$\mathcal{L}(x,\lambda) = (x_1 - x_2) + \lambda_1(-x_1) + \lambda_2(-x_2) + \lambda_3(x_1 + 1) + \lambda_4(1 - x_1 - x_2) = x_1(1 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4) + x_2(-1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_4) + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 \implies g(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3, \lambda_4) = \inf_x \mathcal{L}(x, \lambda) = \begin{cases} -\infty & \text{if } 1 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 \neq 0 \text{ or } -1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_4 \neq 0 \\ \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Thus the dual problem is

Dual:
$$\max_{\lambda_i \geq 0} \lambda_3 + \lambda_4$$

subject to $1 - \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 = 0$
and $-1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_4 = 0$

The constraints have infinitely many solutions. Hence this is clearly maximized when $\lambda_i = \infty$, i = 3, 4 which implies that the dual is unbounded.

3a. Let $A_j \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}, y_j \in \mathbb{R}$. We want to solve the following problem:

Primal:
$$\min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \sum_{j=1}^{J} (y_j - \operatorname{trace}(X'A_j))^2$$

subject to $||X||_* \le t$

or equivalently,

$$\min_{X \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}} \sum_{j=1}^{J} (y_j - \operatorname{trace}(X'A_j))^2 + \lambda ||X||_*$$

For our simulations we used, m=10, n=5 and J=5. In addition, A_j are matrices with elements randomly generated from $\mathcal{U}(-5,5)$. To generate the true X we generated a matrix with elements from $\mathcal{U}(-5,5)$ took the SVD as $U\Sigma V'$ and set X=UV'. We then calculated $y_j=\operatorname{trace}(X'A_j)+\epsilon_j$ where $\epsilon_j \sim \mathcal{N}(0,1)$. Note that $\frac{d}{dX}\sum_{j=1}^J (y_j-\operatorname{trace}(X'A_j))^2=-2\sum_{j=1}^J (y_j-\operatorname{trace}(X'A_j))^2$

 $\operatorname{trace}(X'A_i)A_i$. Thus a proximal gradient method would be

(1)
$$X^{k+1} = X^k + t(2\sum_{j=1}^J (y_j - \text{trace}((X^k)'A_j))A_j)$$

$$(2) X^{k+1} = S_{t\lambda}(X^{k+1})$$

where t is the stepsize and $S_{t\lambda}(X^{k+1}) = US_{t\lambda}(\Sigma)V'$. Here,

$$X = U\Sigma V'$$

= $U \operatorname{diag}(\sigma_1, ..., \sigma_p) V'$

is the SVD of X and $S_{t\lambda}(\Sigma) = \operatorname{diag}(S_{t\lambda}(\sigma_1), ..., S_{t\lambda}(\sigma_p))$ is the soft thresholding operator applied elementwise to the diagonal of Σ . Using a cross-validation procedure we find that $\lambda \approx 570$ minimizes the objective function as shown in Figure 1. Doing 10 replications using this value of λ converges in about 200-300 iterations and gives us an average Frobenius norm loss of

$$F = \sum_{r=1}^{10} \frac{\|\hat{X}_r - X_r\|_F}{\|X_r\|_F} = 0.9858716.$$

We define relative error as

$$RE = \frac{\|\hat{X}^k - X_{true}\|_F}{\|X_{true}\|_F}$$

This is shown in Figure 2 for $\lambda = 570$.

In general as m, n and J increase we need to reduce the stepsize to achieve convergence. For m=50, n=30, J=100 and $\lambda=100$ with a stepsize of 10^{-7} we achieved convergence in 200-300 iterations with an average Frobenius norm loss of

$$F = \sum_{r=1}^{10} \frac{\|\hat{X}_r - X_r\|_F}{\|X_r\|_F} = 1.001247.$$

4. We propose two methods to solve this problem. We want to solve the following problem for i = 1, ..., p:

Method 1:
$$\min \|\beta^1\|_1 + \|\beta^2\|_1 + \|\beta^2 - \beta^1\|_1$$

subject to $\|S\beta^1 - e_i\|_{\infty} \le t_1, \|S\beta^2 - e_i\|_{\infty} \le t_2$

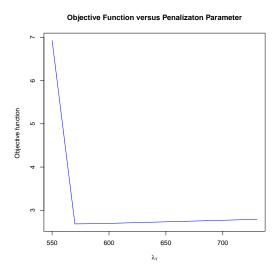


Figure 1: Value of objective function for predicted X_{λ} versus λ for trace norm constrained optimization problem

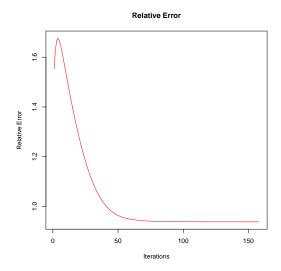


Figure 2: Relative Error plot for trace norm constrained optimization problem $\,$

Note that this is equivalent to

$$\min \|\beta^1\|_1 + \|\beta^2\|_1 + \|\beta^2 - \beta^1\|_1$$

subject to $-t_1 1 \le S\beta^1 - e_i \le t_1 1$
and $-t_2 1 \le S\beta^2 - e_i \le t_2 1$

Now reparametrize by letting $u_j^1 = |\beta_j^1|_1$, $u_j^2 = |\beta_j^2|_1$ and $z_j = |\beta_j^2 - \beta_j^1|$. Then the problem is

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^{p} u_j^1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} u_j^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} z_j$$
subject to $-\beta^1 \le u^1 \le \beta^1, -\beta^2 \le u^2 \le \beta^2$
and $\beta^1 - \beta^2 \le z \le \beta^2 - \beta^1$
and $-t_1 1 \le S\beta^1 - e_i \le t_1 1$
and $-t_2 1 \le S\beta^2 - e_i \le t_2 1$

Hence we can write the above problem as a linear programming problem:

$$\min c^T x$$

subject to $Ax \le b$
and $x \ge 0$

where

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} u^1 \\ u^2 \\ \beta^1 + u^1 \\ \beta^2 + u^2 \\ z \end{pmatrix},$$

$$c^T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$b^T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & t_1 + e_i & t_1 - e_i & t_2 + e_i & t_2 - e_i & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

For the second method we want to solve the following problem for i = 1, ..., p:

Method 2:
$$\min \|\beta^1\|_1 + \|\beta^2\|_1$$

subject to $\|S\beta^1 - e_i\|_{\infty} \le t_1$, $\|S\beta^2 - e_i\|_{\infty} \le t_2$
and $\|\beta^2 - \beta^1\|_{\infty} \le t_3$

Note that this is equivalent to

$$\min \|\beta^1\|_1 + \|\beta^2\|_1$$

subject to $-t_1 1 \le S\beta^1 - e_i \le t_1 1$
and $-t_2 1 \le S\beta^2 - e_i \le t_2 1$
and $-t_3 1 \le \beta^2 - \beta^1 \le t_3 1$

Now reparametrize by letting $u^1 = |\beta^1|_1$ and $u^2 = |\beta^2|_1$. Then the problem is

$$\min \sum_{j=1}^{p} u_j^1 + \sum_{j=1}^{p} u_j^2$$
subject to $-\beta^1 \le u^1 \le \beta^1, -\beta^2 \le u^2 \le \beta^2$
and $-t_1 1 \le S\beta^1 - e_i \le t_1 1$
and $-t_2 1 \le S\beta^2 - e_i \le t_2 1$
and $-t_3 1 \le \beta^2 - \beta^1 \le t_3 1$

or equivalently,

$$\begin{aligned} &\min \sum_{j=1}^p u_j^1 + \sum_{j=1}^p u_j^2 \\ &\text{subject to } 0 \leq 2u^1 + (\beta^1 - u^1) \leq 2\beta^1, 0 \leq 2u^2 + (\beta^2 - u^2) \leq 2\beta^2 \\ &\text{and } S(\beta^1 + u^1) - Su^1 \leq e_i + t_1 1 \\ &\text{and } - (S(\beta^1 + u^1) - Su^1) \leq t_1 1 - e_i \\ &\text{and } S(\beta^2 + u^2) - Su^2 \leq e_i + t_2 1 \\ &\text{and } - (S(\beta^2 + u^2) - Su^2) \leq t_2 1 - e_i \\ &\text{and } (\beta^1 - u^1) - (\beta^2 - u^2) + u^1 - u^2 \leq -t_3 1 \\ &\text{and } (\beta^2 - u^2) - (\beta^1 - u^1) - u^1 + u^2 \leq t_3 1 \end{aligned}$$

Hence we can write the above problem as a linear programming problem:

$$\min c^T x$$

subject to $Ax \le b$
and $x \ge 0$

where

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} u^{1} \\ u^{2} \\ \beta^{1} + u^{1} \\ \beta^{2} + u^{2} \end{pmatrix},$$

$$c^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix},$$

$$c^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -I & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -I \\ -S & 0 & S & 0 \\ S & 0 & -S & 0 \\ S & 0 & -S & 0 \\ 0 & S & 0 & -S \\ I & -I & -I & I \\ -I & I & I & -I \end{pmatrix},$$

and

$$b^{T} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & t_{1}1 + e_{i} & t_{1}1 - e_{i} & t_{2}1 + e_{i} & t_{2}1 - e_{i} & t_{3}1 & -t_{3}1 \end{pmatrix}$$

For both methods set $\hat{\beta}^1 = (\hat{\beta}^1 + \hat{u}^1) - \hat{u}^1$ and $\hat{\beta}^2 = (\hat{\beta}^2 + \hat{u}^2) - \hat{u}^2$ and let the solutions to the *i*-th problem be the *i*-th columns of $\hat{\Omega}^1$ and $\hat{\Omega}^2$. Finally we symmetrized $\hat{\Omega}^k$ by taking $\hat{\Omega}^k_{ij} = \min(\hat{\Omega}^k_{ij}, \hat{\Omega}^k_{ji})$ as recomended by Cai et. al (2011). For method 1, we tried values of $t_1 = t_2$ from a grid between 0.05 and 0.95 and settled on 0.1 as that minimized the distance between the false positive and false negative rates for the values we tried. We tried a similar approach for method 2, except that we first searched for the optimal $t_1 = t_2$ and then for t_3 .

For both Ω^1 and Ω^2 we calculate the following statistics.

$$F(\hat{\Omega}) = \frac{1}{20} \sum_{k=1}^{20} \frac{\|\Omega^{(k)} - \Omega^{(k)}\|_F^2}{\|\Omega^{(k)}\|_F^2}$$

$$F_{mle}(\hat{\Omega}) = \frac{1}{20} \sum_{k=1}^{20} \frac{\|\Omega_{mle}^{(k)} - \Omega^{(k)}\|_F^2}{\|\Omega^{(k)}\|_F^2}$$

$$FP(\hat{\Omega}) = \frac{1}{20} \sum_{k=1}^{20} \frac{\sum_{i,j} I(\omega_{ij}^{(k)} = 0, \hat{\omega}_{ij}^{(k)} \neq 0)}{\sum_{i,j} I(\omega_{ij}^{(k)} = 0)}$$

$$FN(\hat{\Omega}) = \frac{1}{20} \sum_{k=1}^{20} \frac{\sum_{i,j} I(\omega_{ij}^{(k)} \neq 0, \hat{\omega}_{ij}^{(k)} = 0)}{\sum_{i,j} I(\omega_{ij}^{(k)} \neq 0)}$$

Note that F_{mle} was calculated by finding the corresponding graph first and then solving the following problem:

(3)
$$\max_{\Omega \succ 0} \log |\Omega| - tr(\Omega S)$$
 subject to $(i, j) \notin E \implies \omega_{ij} = 0$.

In the tables below we report the average for Ω^1 and Ω^2 for each case.

	Chain $(t_i = .1)$	Nearest Neighbor $(t_i = .1)$	Scale-free $(t_i = .1)$
F	0.05329148	0.05972657	0.06793882
F_{mle}	0.1681349	0.1722356	0.1898157
FP	0.2646804	0.2794095	0.2772885
FN	0.7228644	0.6645634	0.695503

Table 1: A comparison of the Dantzig Selector Joint estimation method for Chain, Nearest Neighbor network and Scale-free network graphs with $\rho=\frac{1}{4}$ using Method 1. Estimation for all types of graphs is fairly similar as the values of F, FN and FP indicate. Method 1 is better if we are more interested in FP than FN.

	Chain $t_1/t_2 = .25, t_3 = .005$	Nearest Neighbor $t_1/t_2 = .25, t_3 = .025$	Scale-free $t_1/t_2 = .15, t_3 = .02$
F	0.04923219	0.06669798	0.03500943
F_{mle}	0.165453	0.1761309	0.1970076
FP	0.6177833	0.6310923	0.73976
FN	0.3400952	0.3453805	0.279942

Table 2: A comparison of the Dantzig Selector Joint estimation method for Chain, Nearest Neighbor network and Scale-free network graphs with $\rho=\frac{1}{4}$ using Method 2. Estimation for all types of graphs is fairly similar as the values of F,FN and FP indicate. Method 2 is better if we are more interested in FN than FP.

Appendix 1: R code for problem 3

```
proxmialgradient3 <- function</pre>
(y,A,lambda,stepsize,initialX,maxiter,tol){
oldX = initialX
iter = 1
eps = 1
while(eps>tol&iter<maxiter){</pre>
(cat('Iter:', iter, 'Eps:', eps, '\n'))
(newX = oldX - stepsize*grad(y,oldX,A))
(svdnewX = svd(newX))
(threshd = sign(svdnewX$d)*max(abs(svdnewX$d)-stepsize*lambda,0))
(newX = svdnewX$u%*%diag(threshd)%*%t(svdnewX$v))
(eps = norm(newX-oldX,type=c('F'))/norm(oldX,type=c('F')))
(iter = iter + 1)
(oldX = newX)
return(list(X = newX, iter=iter, eps = eps))
}
```

Appendix 2: R code for problem 4

```
###method 2 for scale-free network
scaleestimatem1 <- function(p,n,t1,t2,t3){</pre>
Scale = scalefree2(p)
Sigma = round(Scale$sigma1,10)
Omega = round(Scale$omega1,10)
mu = rep(0,p)
Y1 = mvrnorm(n, mu, Sigma, tol = 1e-6,
empirical = FALSE, EISPACK = FALSE)
S1 = (1/n)*t(Y1)%*%Y1
Sigma2 = round(Scale$sigma2,10)
Omega2 = round(Scale$omega2,10)
Y2 = mvrnorm(n, mu, Sigma2, tol = 1e-6,
empirical = FALSE, EISPACK = FALSE)
S2 = (1/n)*t(Y2)%*%Y2
A = makeA(S1,S2,p)
c1 = matrix(1,ncol = 1,nrow = 2*p)
c2 = matrix(0,ncol = 1,nrow = 2*p)
(c = rbind(c1,c2))
(f.dir = rep("<=",dim(A)[1]))
omegahat1 = matrix(0,nrow=p,ncol=p)
omegahat2 = matrix(0,nrow=p,ncol=p)
for(i in 1:p){
    #i=1
    (b = makeb(p,i,t1,t2,t3))
    linearprog = lp("min", t(c), A, f.dir, b)
    x = linearprog$solution
    u1 = x[1:p]
    u2 = x[(p+1):(2*p)]
    b1pu1 = x[(2*p+1):(3*p)]
    b2pu2 = x[(3*p+1):(4*p)]
    omegahat1[,i] = b1pu1-u1
    omegahat2[,i] = b2pu2-u2
}
omegahat1 = makeSymmetricMin(omegahat1)
omegahat2 = makeSymmetricMin(omegahat2)
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return(list(Omega1 = Omega, Omega2 = Omega2,
omegahat1 = omegahat1, omegahat2 = omegahat2,
S1 = S1, S2 = S2)
}
###method 1 for scale-free network
scalestimate <- function(p,n,t1,t2){</pre>
Scale = scalefree2(p)
Sigma = round(Scale$sigma1,10)
Omega = round(Scale$omega1,10)
mu = rep(0,p)
Y1 = mvrnorm(n, mu, Sigma, tol = 1e-6,
empirical = FALSE, EISPACK = FALSE)
S1 = (1/n)*t(Y1)%*%Y1
Sigma2 = round(Scale$sigma2,10)
Omega2 = round(Scale$omega2,10)
Y2 = mvrnorm(n, mu, Sigma2, tol = 1e-6,
empirical = FALSE, EISPACK = FALSE)
S2 = (1/n)*t(Y2)%*%Y2
A = makeA(S1,S2,p)
c1 = matrix(1,ncol = 1,nrow = p)
c2 = matrix(1,ncol = 1,nrow = p)
c3 = matrix(0,ncol = 1,nrow = p)
c4 = matrix(0,ncol = 1,nrow = p)
c5 = matrix(1,ncol = 1,nrow = p)
(c = rbind(c1,c2,c3,c4,c5))
(f.dir = rep("<=",dim(A)[1]))
omegahat1 = matrix(0,nrow=p,ncol=p)
omegahat2 = matrix(0,nrow=p,ncol=p)
for(i in 1:p){
    #i=1
    (b = makeb(p,i,t1,t2))
    linearprog = lp("min", t(c), A, f.dir, b)
    x = linearprog$solution
    u1 = x[1:p]
    u2 = x[(p+1):(2*p)]
    b1pu1 = x[(2*p+1):(3*p)]
    b2pu2 = x[(3*p+1):(4*p)]
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omegahat1[,i] = b1pu1-u1
  omegahat2[,i] = b2pu2-u2
}
omegahat1 = makeSymmetricMin(omegahat1)
omegahat2 = makeSymmetricMin(omegahat2)
return(list(Omega1 = Omega,Omega2 = Omega2,
omegahat1 = omegahat1,
omegahat2 = omegahat2,S1 = S1, S2= S2))
}
```