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On Weighted Multivariate Sign Functions: Supplementary Material

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Appendix A: Form of V_W

First observe that for F having covariance matrix $\Sigma = \Gamma \Lambda \Gamma^T$,

$$V_W = (\Gamma \otimes \Gamma) V_{W,\Lambda} (\Gamma \otimes \Gamma)^T \tag{1}$$

where $V_{W,\Lambda}$ is the covariance matrix of \mathbb{F}_{Λ} , the elliptic distribution with mean μ and covariance matrix Λ . Now,

$$V_{W,\Lambda} = \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{vec}\left\{\frac{W^{2}(Z, \mathbb{F}_{Z})\Lambda^{1/2}ZZ^{T}\Lambda^{1/2}}{Z^{T}\Lambda Z} - \tilde{\Lambda}\right\}\operatorname{vec}^{T}\left\{\frac{W^{2}(Z, \mathbb{F}_{Z})\Lambda^{1/2}ZZ^{T}\Lambda^{1/2}}{Z^{T}\Lambda Z} - \tilde{\Lambda}\right\}\right]$$

$$= \mathbb{E}\left[\operatorname{vec}\left\{W^{2}(Z, \mathbb{F}_{Z})\mathbb{S}(\Lambda^{1/2}z; \mathbf{0})\right\}\operatorname{vec}^{T}\left\{W^{2}(Z, \mathbb{F}_{Z})\mathbb{S}(\Lambda^{1/2}Z; \mathbf{0})\right\}\right]$$

$$- \operatorname{vec}(\tilde{\Lambda})\operatorname{vec}^{T}(\tilde{\Lambda})$$

The matrix $\operatorname{vec}(\tilde{\Lambda}) \operatorname{vec}^T(\tilde{\Lambda})$ consists of elements $\lambda_i \lambda_j$ at $(i,j)^{\operatorname{th}}$ position of the $(i,j)^{\operatorname{th}}$ block, and 0 otherwise. These positions correspond to variance and covariance components of on-diagonal elements. For the expectation matrix, all its elements are of the form $\mathbb{E}[\sqrt{\lambda_a\lambda_b\lambda_c\lambda_d}Z_aZ_bZ_cZ_d.W^4(Z,\mathbb{F}_Z)/(Z^T\Lambda Z)^2]$, with $1 \leq a,b,c,d \leq p$. Since $W^4(Z,\mathbb{F}_Z)/(Z^T\Lambda Z)^2$ is even in Z, which has a spherically symmetric distribution, all such expectations will be 0 unless a,b,c,d are all equal or pairwise equal. Following a similar derivation for spatial sign covariance matrices in [2], we collect the non-zero elements and write the matrix of expectations:

$$(\mathbb{I}_{p^2} + \mathbb{K}_{p,p}) \left\{ \sum_{a=1}^p \sum_{b=1}^p \tilde{\gamma}_{ab} (e_a e_a^T \otimes e_b e_b^T) - \sum_{a=1}^p \tilde{\gamma}_{aa} (e_a e_a^T \otimes e_a e_a^T) \right\} + \sum_{a=1}^p \sum_{b=1}^p \tilde{\gamma}_{ab} (e_a e_b^T \otimes e_a e_b^T)$$

where $\mathbb{I}_k = (e_1, ..., e_k)$, $\mathbb{K}_{m,n} = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n \mathbb{J}_{ij} \otimes \mathbb{J}_{ij}^T$ with $\mathbb{J}_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ having 1 as (i,j)-th element and 0 elsewhere, and $\tilde{\gamma}_{mn} = \mathbb{E}[\lambda_m \lambda_n Z_m^2 Z_n^2 . W^4(Z, \mathbb{F}_Z)/(Z^T \Lambda Z)^2]$; $1 \leq m, n \leq p$.

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Putting everything together, denote by $\hat{\Lambda}$ the sample version of $\tilde{\Lambda}$, the weighted covariance matrix obtained from \mathbb{F}_{Λ} , i.e. $\hat{\Lambda} = \sum_{i=1}^n W_n^2(Z_i, \mathbb{F}_{Z,n}) \mathbb{S}(\Lambda^{1/2}Z_i; \hat{\mu}_n)/n$. Then the different types of elements in the matrix $\hat{\Lambda}$ are as given below $(1 \leq a, b, c, d \leq p)$:

• Variance of on-diagonal elements

$$A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(a,a)) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{W^4(Z,\mathbb{F}_Z)\lambda_a^2Z_a^4}{(Z^T\Lambda Z)^2}\right] - \tilde{\lambda}_a^2$$

• Variance of off-diagonal elements $(a \neq b)$

$$A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\hat{\Lambda}}(a,b)) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{W^4(Z,\mathbb{F}_Z)\lambda_a\lambda_bZ_a^2Z_b^2}{(Z^T\Lambda Z)^2}\right]$$

• Covariance of two on-diagonal elements $(a \neq b)$

$$A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\hat{\Lambda}}(a,a),\sqrt{n}\hat{\hat{\Lambda}}(b,b)) = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{W^4(Z,\mathbb{F}_Z)\lambda_a\lambda_bZ_a^2Z_b^2}{(Z^T\Lambda Z)^2}\right] - \tilde{\lambda}_a\tilde{\lambda}_b$$

• Covariance of two off-diagonal elements $(a \neq b, c \neq d)$

$$A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(a,b),\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(c,d))=0$$

• Covariance of one off-diagonal and one on-diagonal element $(a \neq b \neq c)$

$$A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(a,b),\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(c,c))=0$$

The above give all the elements of $V_{W,\Lambda}$. We plug these in (1) to recover V_W .

Appendix B: Proofs

Proof sketch of Corollary 2.4. We start with slightly modified versions of Lemmas A.4 and A.5 in [4]:

Lemma B.1. Given that condition 1 in Corollary 2.4 holds, we have $\lambda_{\max}(\Psi_{1W}) \leq 2W_{\max} \frac{\lambda_{\max}(\Sigma)}{Tr(\Sigma)} (1 + o(1))$.

Lemma B.2. Define $\Psi_{3W} = \mathbb{E}\left[\frac{W^2(\epsilon, \mathbb{F}_{\epsilon})}{|\epsilon|^2}(\mathbb{I}_p - S(\epsilon)S(\epsilon)^T)\right]$. Then $\lambda_{\max}(\Psi_{2W}) \leq W_{\max}\mathbb{E}(|\epsilon|^{-1})$ and $\lambda_{\max}(\Psi_{3W}) \leq (W_{\max})^2\mathbb{E}(|\epsilon|^{-2})$. Further, if conditions 1 and 2 of Corollary 2.4 hold then $\lambda_{\min}(\Psi_{2W}) \geq \mathbb{E}(W(\epsilon, \mathbb{F}_{\epsilon})/|\epsilon|)(1+o(1))/\sqrt{3}$.

The lemmas can be proved using similar steps as the proofs of the original lemmas in [4] and using the upper bound on the weight function. Corollary 2.4 is now proved by applying Corollary 2.2, plugging in upper bound of $\lambda_{\max}(\Psi_{1W})$ from Lemma B.1 and lower bound of $\lambda_{\max}(\Psi_{1W})$ from Lemma B.2 into the ARE expression.

Proof of Theorem 3.4. We suppose $G_n = (g_1, \ldots, g_p), L_n = \operatorname{diag}(l_1, \ldots, l_p)$. In spirit, this corollary is similar to Theorem 13.5.1 in [1]. We start with the following result, due to [3], allows us to obtain asymptotic joint distributions of eigenvectors and eigenvalues of $\hat{\Sigma}$, provided we know the limiting distribution of $\hat{\Sigma}$ itself:

Theorem B.3. Let \mathbb{F}_{Λ} be defined as before, and \hat{C} be any positive definite symmetric $p \times p$ matrix such that at F_{Λ} the limiting distribution of $\sqrt{n} \operatorname{vec}(\hat{C} - \Lambda)$ is a p^2 -variate (singular) normal distribution with mean zero. Write the spectral decomposition of \hat{C} as $\hat{C} = \hat{P}\hat{\Lambda}\hat{P}^T$. Then the limiting distributions of $\sqrt{n} \operatorname{vec}(\hat{P} - \mathbb{I}_p)$ and $\sqrt{n} \operatorname{vec}(\hat{\Lambda} - \Lambda)$ are multivariate (singular) normal and

$$\sqrt{n}\operatorname{vec}(\hat{C} - \Lambda) = \left[(\Lambda \otimes \mathbb{I}_p) - (\mathbb{I}_p \otimes \Lambda) \right] \sqrt{n}\operatorname{vec}(\hat{P} - \mathbb{I}_p) + \sqrt{n}\operatorname{vec}(\hat{\Lambda} - \Lambda) + o_P(1)$$
(2)

The first matrix picks only off-diagonal elements of the left-hand side and the second one only diagonal elements. We shall now use this as well as the form of the asymptotic covariance matrix of the vectorized $\hat{\Sigma}$, i.e. V_W to obtain limiting variance and covariances of eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

Due to the decomposition (2) we have, for \mathbb{F}_{Λ} , the following relation between any off-diagonal element of $\hat{\Lambda}$ and the corresponding element in the estimate of eigenvectors, say $\hat{\Gamma}_{\Lambda}$:

$$\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_{\Lambda,ij} = \sqrt{n}\frac{\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(i,j)}{\tilde{\lambda}_i - \tilde{\lambda}_j}; \quad i \neq j$$

So that for eigenvector estimates of the original \mathbb{F} we have

$$\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_i - \gamma_i) = \sqrt{n}\Gamma(\hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_{\Lambda,i} - e_i) = \sqrt{n}\left[\sum_{k=1; k \neq i}^p \hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_{\Lambda,i,k}\gamma_k + (\hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_{\Lambda,i,i} - 1)\gamma_i\right]$$
(3)

Now $\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_{\Lambda,i,i}-1)=o_P(1)$ and $A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(i,k),\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(i,l))=0$ for $k\neq l$, so the above equation implies

$$A\mathbb{V}(g_i) = A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\tilde{\gamma}}_i - \gamma_i)) = \sum_{k=1; k \neq i}^p \frac{A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(i, k))}{(\tilde{\lambda}_i - \tilde{\lambda}_k)^2} \gamma_k \gamma_k^T$$

For the covariance terms, from (3) we get, for $i \neq j$,

$$A\mathbb{V}(g_{i},g_{j}) = A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma}_{i}-\gamma_{i}),\sqrt{n}(\hat{\gamma}_{j}-\gamma_{j}))$$

$$= A\mathbb{V}\left(\sum_{k=1;k\neq i}^{p} \sqrt{n}\hat{\gamma}_{\Lambda,ik}\gamma_{k},\sum_{k=1;k\neq j}^{p} \sqrt{n}\hat{\gamma}_{\Lambda,jk}\gamma_{k}\right)$$

$$= A\mathbb{V}\left(\sqrt{n}\hat{\gamma}_{\Lambda,ik}\gamma_{j},\sqrt{n}\hat{\gamma}_{\Lambda,ik}\gamma_{i}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\Lambda}(i,j))}{(\tilde{\lambda}_{i}-\tilde{\lambda}_{j})^{2}}\gamma_{j}\gamma_{i}^{T}$$

The exact forms given in the statement of the corollary now follows from the Form of V_W in Section A.

For the on-diagonal elements of $\hat{\Lambda}$, using Theorem B.3 we have for the i^{th} eigenvalue of $\hat{\Lambda}$, say $\lambda_{\Lambda,i}$,

$$\sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\lambda}}_{\Lambda,i} = \sqrt{n}\hat{\tilde{\Lambda}}(i,i),$$

for i = 1, ..., p. Hence

$$A\mathbb{V}(l_i) = A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda}_{\Lambda,i} - \tilde{\lambda}_i))$$
$$= A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}(\hat{\lambda}_{\Lambda,i} - \tilde{\lambda}_{\Lambda,i}))$$
$$= A\mathbb{V}(\sqrt{n}\hat{\Lambda}(i,i))$$

A similar derivation gives the expression for $A\mathbb{V}(l_i,l_j)$; $i\neq j$. Finally, since the asymptotic covariance between an on-diagonal and an off-diagonal element of $\hat{\Lambda}$, it follows that the elements of G_n and diagonal elements of L_n are independent.

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