

# Estimation of Low Rank and Sparse Covariance Matrices

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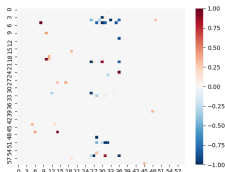
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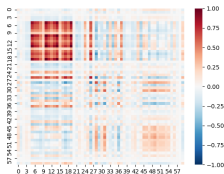
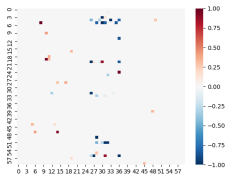
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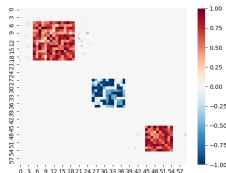
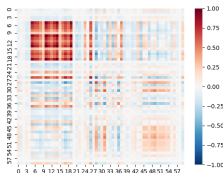
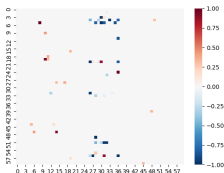
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# Introducing **Low-Rank Sparse Estimator (LoRSEr)**

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Where:

- $Y$  - empirical covariance matrix.
- $\|Y - B\|_F$  - Frobenius norm.
- $\|B\|_*$  - nuclear norm responsible for low rank.
- $W$  - matrix of weights.
- $\|\operatorname{vec}(W \circ B)\|_1$  -  $l_1$  norm responsible for sparsity.
- $\lambda_N, \lambda_L$  - scales fine-tuned in the CV process.

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## Numerical Solution

$$F(B) := \underbrace{\frac{1}{2} \|Y - B\|_F^2}_{f(B)} + \underbrace{\lambda_N \|B\|_*}_{g(B)} + \underbrace{\lambda_L \|\text{vec}(W \circ B)\|_1}_{h(B)}.$$

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 D^{[k+1]} &:= \operatorname{argmin}_D \left\{ 2h(D) + \delta_1^{[k]} \left\| D + \frac{Z_1^{[k]}}{\delta_1^{[k]}} - B^{[k+1]} \right\|_F^2 + \right. \\
 &\quad \left. \delta_2^{[k]} \left\| D + \frac{Z_2^{[k]}}{\delta_2^{[k]}} - C^{[k+1]} \right\|_F^2 \right\} \\
 \begin{cases} Z_1^{[k+1]} &:= Z_1^{[k]} + \delta_1^{[k]} (D^{[k+1]} - B^{[k+1]}) \\ Z_2^{[k+1]} &:= Z_2^{[k]} + \delta_2^{[k]} (D^{[k+1]} - C^{[k+1]}) \end{cases} .
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## Property 3

Solution is invariable under reordering applied to rows and columns of  $Y$  matrix.

## Experiments (Generating data and loss calculation)

$X$  - experiment matrix

$X_i$  -  $i$ -th row of matrix

$$X_i \sim \mathcal{N}(\mu, \Sigma).$$

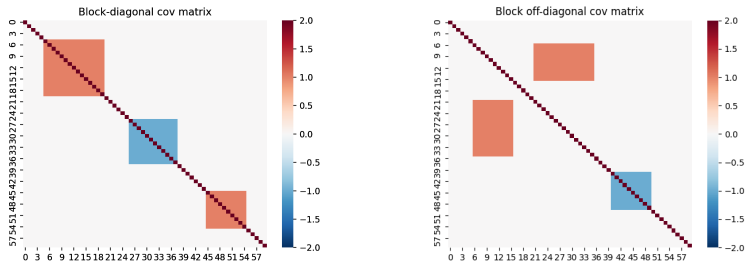
Where  $\mu$  is a zero vector and  $\Sigma$  is predefined covariance matrix we want to estimate after data generation.

### Loss Function

$$\text{MSEr} = ||\hat{B} - \Sigma||_{F^*}^2 / ||\Sigma||_{F^*}^2$$

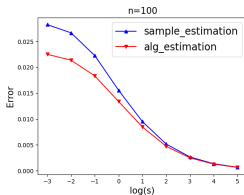
where  $||.||_*$  is Frobenius Norm of matrix with diagonal entries excluded.

# Experiments (Examples of covariance matrices)

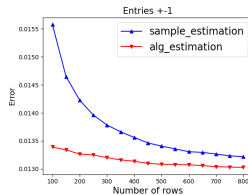


**Rysunek 1:** Examples of covariance matrices we want to recover from data

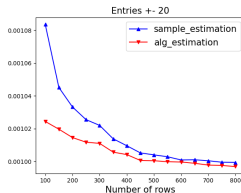
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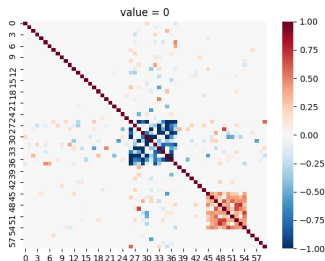
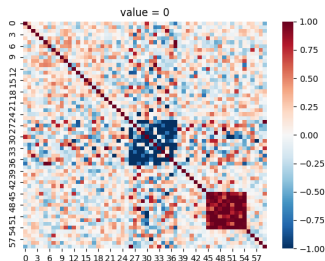


(b) Small values



(c) Big values

# Differences in outcome



Rysunek 3: Examples of covariance matrices recovered from data.

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**Thank You for Your Attention**



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Augmented Lagrangian formula:

$$L_\delta = f(B) + g(C) + h(D) + \langle Z_1, D - B \rangle + \langle Z_2, D - C \rangle +$$

$$\frac{\delta_1}{2} \|D - B\|_F^2 + \frac{\delta_2}{2} \|D - C\|_F^2.$$

# Solution to $B^{[k+1]}$

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$$B^{[k+1]} := \operatorname{argmin}_B \left\{ 2f(B) + \delta_1^{[k]} \left\| D^{[k]} + \frac{Z_1^{[k]}}{\delta_1^{[k]}} - B \right\|_F^2 \right\}$$

Solution:

$$B^{[k+1]} = \frac{Y + \delta_1^k D^{[k]} + Z_1^k}{1 + \delta_1^k}$$

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Solution:

$$\begin{cases} S^* := \operatorname{diag} \left( \left[ (s_1^{[k]} - \frac{\lambda_N}{\delta_2^{[k]}})_+, \dots, (s_p^{[k]} - \frac{\lambda_N}{\delta_2^{[k]}})_+ \right]^T \right) \\ C^{[k+1]} = U^{[k]} S^* V^{[k]T} \end{cases}$$

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Solution:

$$D_{ij}^{[k+1]} = \operatorname{sgn} \left( Q_{ij}^{[k+1]} \right) \cdot \left( |Q_{ij}^{[k+1]}| - \frac{\lambda_L W_{ij}}{\Delta^{[k]}} \right)_+, \quad \text{for } i, j \in \{1, \dots, p\}$$