

Sparse covariance estimation

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1 Motivation

After decorrelation with the information of the historical data, the correlation between the covariate is reduced. However, there are still some correlation coefficients are large. That may suggest that after using the historical data, the decorrelated data still is not uncorrelated. But the correlation structure becomes a sparse and symmetric. Therefore, we could apply another decorrelation to further reduce the non-zero correlation, so that we may have a better performance on the following variance estimation procedure.

2 Simulation

2.1 Simulation procedure

2.1.1 Standardization will not change total variance

1. Standardize the X $\tilde{Z}_m = (X - \mu)A_1$
2. Generate the interaction based on the $\tilde{Z}_{int} = \tilde{Z}_m * \tilde{Z}_m$ without the square terms and set $\tilde{Z}_t = (\tilde{Z}_m, \tilde{Z}_{int})$
3. Generate the Y based on the \tilde{Z}_t
4. Estimate the $Var(\tilde{Z}_t\beta_t)$ by $Z = \tilde{Z}_tA_2$, where A_2 is for decorrelation

Note that the $Var(\tilde{Z}_t\beta_t) = Var(Z\gamma)$, $A_2 = \hat{\Sigma}_h^{-1/2}$ or $A_2 = \hat{\Sigma}_h^{-1/2}\hat{\Sigma}_s^{-1/2}$

2.2 Decorrelation steps

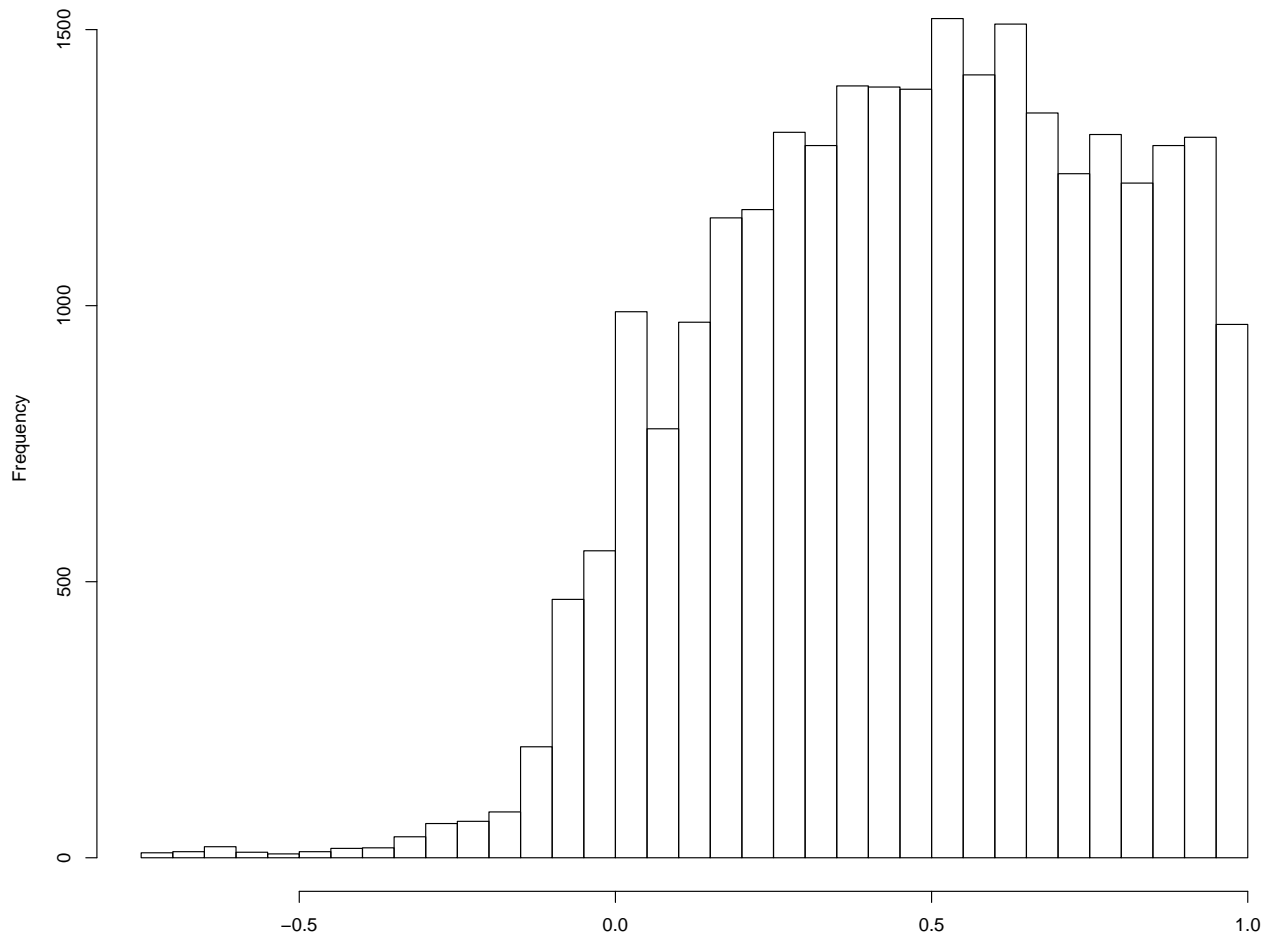
2.3 two steps decorrelation

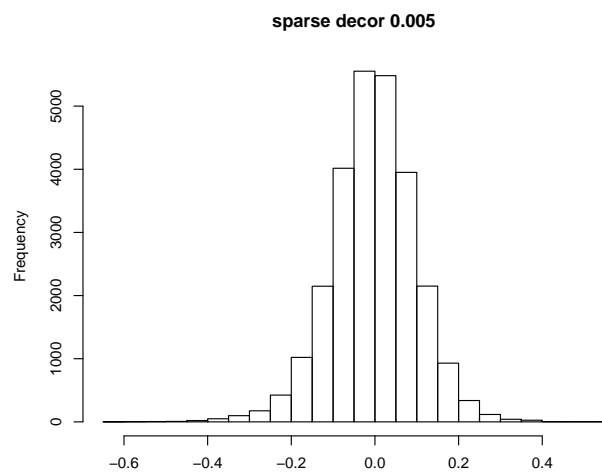
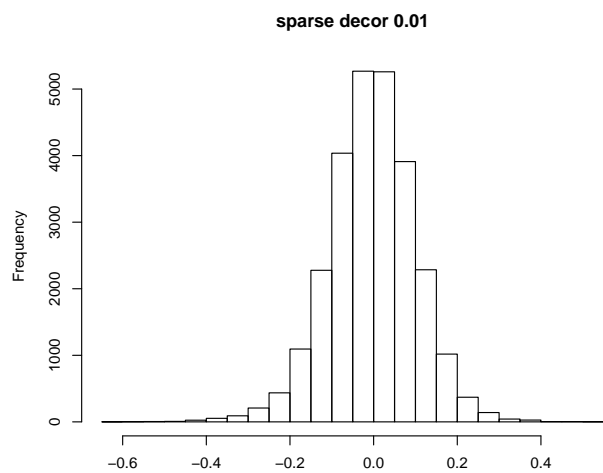
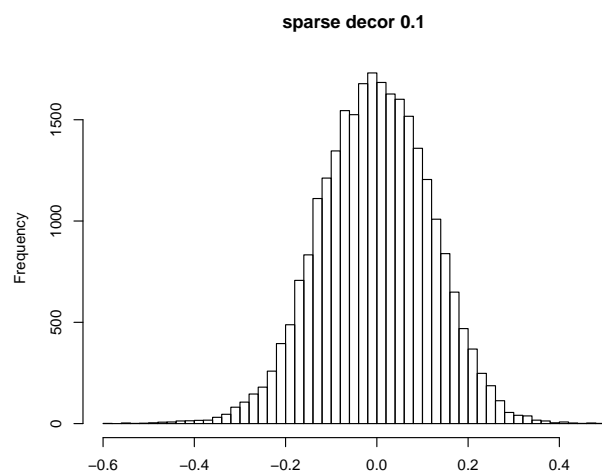
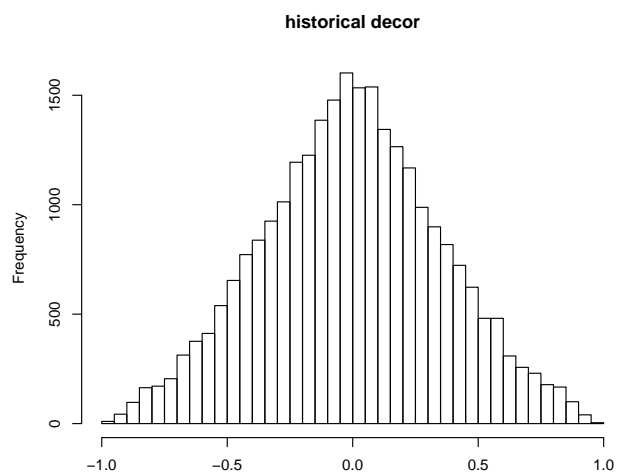
1. Decorrelation by covariance matrix estimated by historical data
2. If after the step 1, the correlation is still large, then we may need a second decorrelation by sparse precision method

2.4 Dpglasso: The Graphical Lasso: New Insights and Alternatives

1. An Alternatives for Glasso
2. Glasso works on W the covariance matrix, but its alg cannot make sure the precision matrix Θ is positive definite.
3. Dpglasso can provide both W and Θ be positive definite

Histogram of correlations of PCBs with sample size 150





2.5 PCB

2.5.1 None

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var_main_effect var_inter_effect cov_main_inter_effect var_total_effect
1:              8                2                0.62                11
  structure decor x_dist
1:          un FALSE  1999

  n MSE est_var est_mean NA_total  method
1: 100 206    112     21      3 EigenPrism
2: 100 153    108     18      0      GCTA
3: 150 304    112     25      0 EigenPrism
4: 150 278    149     23      0      GCTA
5: 231 276     83     25      0 EigenPrism
6: 231 217     86     23      0      GCTA
7: 500 NaN     NA     NaN    100 EigenPrism
8: 500 472    166     29      0      GCTA
9: 1000 NaN     NA     NaN    100 EigenPrism
10: 1000 495    113     31      0      GCTA
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2.5.2 None with hist

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var_main_effect var_inter_effect cov_main_inter_effect var_total_effect
1:              8                2                0.62                11
  structure decor x_dist
1:          un  TRUE  1999

  n MSE est_var est_mean NA_total  method
1: 100 31     32     11      3 EigenPrism
2: 100 22     22     11      0      GCTA
3: 150 26     26     11      0 EigenPrism
4: 150 21     21     11      0      GCTA
5: 231 19     20     11      0 EigenPrism
6: 231 14     14     11      0      GCTA
7: 500 NaN     NA     NaN    100 EigenPrism
8: 500 31     31     12      0      GCTA
9: 1000 NaN     NA     NaN    100 EigenPrism
10: 1000 44     39     13      1      GCTA
```

2.5.3 None with hist + sparse

```
var_main_effect var_inter_effect cov_main_inter_effect var_total_effect
1:              8                2                0.62                11
  structure decor x_dist
1:          un  TRUE  1999

  n MSE est_var est_mean NA_total  method
1: 100 14.6  14.68   11.4      0 EigenPrism
2: 100 14.0  14.11   11.2      0      GCTA
3: 150 8.6   7.91   10.4      0 EigenPrism
4: 150 6.9   6.78   10.8      0      GCTA
5: 231 11.6  7.42    9.2      0 EigenPrism
6: 231 5.2   4.37   10.3      0      GCTA
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7:	500	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
8:	500	3.1	1.53	10.0	0	GCTA
9:	1000	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
10:	1000	2.4	0.99	10.1	1	GCTA

2.6 Chi

2.6.1 None

	var_main_effect	var_inter_effect	cov_main_inter_effect	var_total_effect	
1:	8		2	1.8	14
	structure	decor	x_dist		
1:	un	FALSE	chi		

	n	MSE	est_var	est_mean	NA_total	method
1:	100	108	67	20	3	EigenPrism
2:	100	77	68	17	0	GCTA
3:	200	213	90	25	7	EigenPrism
4:	200	189	109	23	0	GCTA
5:	500	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
6:	500	131	31	24	0	GCTA
7:	1000	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
8:	1000	134	20	24	0	GCTA

2.6.2 hist

	var_main_effect	var_inter_effect	cov_main_inter_effect	var_total_effect	
1:	8		2	1.8	14
	structure	decor	x_dist		
1:	un	TRUE	chi		

	n	MSE	est_var	est_mean	NA_total	method
1:	100	23.4	21.5	12	0	EigenPrism
2:	100	18.5	16.5	12	0	GCTA
3:	200	15.5	12.9	12	0	EigenPrism
4:	200	9.3	8.2	13	0	GCTA
5:	500	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
6:	500	4.1	2.8	13	0	GCTA
7:	1000	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
8:	1000	3.0	1.3	12	1	GCTA

2.6.3 hist + sparse

	var_main_effect	var_inter_effect	cov_main_inter_effect	var_total_effect	
1:	8		2	1.8	14
	structure	decor	x_dist		
1:	un	TRUE	chi		

	n	MSE	est_var	est_mean	NA_total	method
1:	100	27.7	27.6	14	0	EigenPrism
2:	100	26.9	27.1	14	0	GCTA
3:	200	12.4	10.7	12	0	EigenPrism
4:	200	8.9	8.8	13	0	GCTA

5:	500	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
6:	500	4.5	2.5	12	0	GCTA
7:	1000	NaN	NA	NaN	100	EigenPrism
8:	1000	4.1	1.8	12	0	GCTA