

Bare minimum on matrix algebra

Psychology 588: Covariance structure and factor models

- Consider three notations for *linear combinations*

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & \cdots & y_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_{n1} & \cdots & y_{nm} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{n1} & \cdots & x_{np} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1m} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{p1} & \cdots & b_{pm} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$y_{ij} = x_{i1}b_{j1} + x_{i2}b_{j2} + \cdots + x_{ip}b_{jp}, \quad i = 1, \dots, n, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\mathbf{y}_j = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{b}_j, \quad j = 1, \dots, m$$

$$\mathbf{Y} = \mathbf{X}\mathbf{B}$$

- Matrix multiplication is a very efficient way of writing simultaneous equation systems (i.e., linear combinations)

- Suppose \mathbf{Y} contains p DVs as columns, \mathbf{X} contains q IVs, and \mathbf{B} contains regression weights as:

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & \cdots & y_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ y_{N1} & \cdots & y_{Np} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_{11} & \cdots & x_{1q} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ x_{N1} & \cdots & x_{Nq} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} b_{11} & \cdots & b_{1p} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ b_{q1} & \cdots & b_{qp} \end{bmatrix}$$

- Then an arbitrary y-entry for subject i and variable j is a linear combination of subject i 's X-scores weighted for the j-th variable:

$$\mathbf{Y} \equiv \{y_{ij}\}_{N \times p}, \quad y_{ij} = x_{i1}b_{1j} + x_{i2}b_{2j} + \cdots + x_{iq}b_{qj}$$

- If all entries in \mathbf{Y} are considered simultaneously, \mathbf{Y} can be shown as a sum of q outer products:

$$\mathbf{Y} = \sum_{k=1}^q \mathbf{Y}_k = \sum_{k=1}^q \mathbf{x}_k \mathbf{b}'_k$$

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- \mathbf{Y}_k accounts for a fraction of the DVs' variances, explained by the k -th IV \mathbf{x}_k with its weights \mathbf{b}_k for the p DVs

- Suppose all following multiplications are defined:

$$\mathbf{AB} \neq \mathbf{BA} \quad \text{in general}$$

$$(\mathbf{AB})\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{A}(\mathbf{BC})$$

$$\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{B} + \mathbf{C}) = \mathbf{AB} + \mathbf{AC}$$

$$c(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = c\mathbf{A} + c\mathbf{B}$$

- Trace is defined for square matrices as sum of diagonal elements:

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}_{n \times n}) \equiv \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ii}$$

- Useful for operations of sum of squares (typically of discrepancy of a model from the data) or weighted SS, along with the following properties:

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}')$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA}), \quad \text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{CAB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BCA})$$

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$$

- For example, consider a residual matrix under the principal component model

$$\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{FA}'$$

- Then, sum of squares of all residuals is:

$$F = \text{tr}(\mathbf{D}'\mathbf{D})$$

$$= \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}' - \mathbf{AF}')(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{FA}')$$

$$= \text{tr}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{X}) - 2\text{tr}(\mathbf{X}'\mathbf{FA}') + \text{tr}(\mathbf{AF}'\mathbf{FA}')$$

- The least-squares estimator of \mathbf{A} is the one that minimizes F

- Determinant of an $n \times n$ matrix $\mathbf{A} = \{a_{ij}\}$, denoted by $|\mathbf{A}|$ is defined as:

$$|\mathbf{A}| = a_{11}, \quad \text{if } n = 1$$

$$|\mathbf{A}| = \sum_{j=1}^n a_{ij} |\mathbf{A}_{ij}| (-1)^{i+j} \quad \text{for any } i, \quad \text{if } n > 1$$

where $|\mathbf{A}_{ij}|$, called “minor”, is the determinant of a submatrix of \mathbf{A} without row i and column j , and $|\mathbf{A}_{ij}|(-1)^{i+j}$ is called “cofactor” for element (i, j)

- If all rows of \mathbf{A} are linearly independent, there exists a unique $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{B} such that:

$$\mathbf{AB} = \mathbf{BA} = \mathbf{I}$$

- \mathbf{B} is denoted by \mathbf{A}^{-1} and called “the inverse of \mathbf{A} ”
- The (j,i) -th entry of \mathbf{A}^{-1} is $\frac{|\mathbf{A}_{ij}|}{|\mathbf{A}|}(-1)^{i+j}$ --- note the reversed subscripts
- Thus, it's obvious that $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$ for \mathbf{A}^{-1} to be defined

- Rank of an $m \times n$ ($m \geq n$) matrix \mathbf{A} is defined as the number of linearly independent columns of \mathbf{A} , with the following crucial properties

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}) \leq \min(m, n)$$

$$\text{rank}(\mathbf{AB}) \leq \min(\text{rank}(\mathbf{A}), \text{rank}(\mathbf{B}))$$

- A square matrix must be “full-rank” for its inverse to exist --- necessary for estimation of parameters in SEM since it involves the inverse of the data covariance matrix and its determinant
- Following are all equivalent: “full-rank”, “nonsingular”, “positive definite”, $|\mathbf{A}| \neq 0$

- For an $n \times n$ matrix \mathbf{A} , an eigenvalue e is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = e\mathbf{v}, \quad \mathbf{v} \neq \mathbf{0}, \quad \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{v} = 1 \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{v}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{v} = e$$

- For any symmetric matrix \mathbf{A} , all n eigenvalues are nonnegative (i.e., positive semi-definite or nonnegative definite); if collectively written,

$$\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{E}, \quad \mathbf{V}'\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}, \quad \mathbf{E} = \text{diag}(e_1, \dots, e_n)$$

$$\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{V}' \quad \leftrightarrow \quad \mathbf{V}'\mathbf{A}\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{E} \quad \text{--- spectral decomposition}$$

where eigenvalues are successively maximum, with

$$\text{tr}(\mathbf{E}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) \quad \text{cf.} \quad \prod_{j=1}^n e_j = |\mathbf{A}|$$

- While eigenvalue decomposition is defined for square matrices (spectral decomposition as a special case), SVD is defined more generally for any rectangular matrix as:

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}', \quad \mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U} = \mathbf{V}'\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$$

where \mathbf{T} is a diagonal matrix with nonnegative “singular values” on the diagonal and columns of \mathbf{U} and \mathbf{V} are orthonormal singular vectors

- For example, if \mathbf{Z} is a matrix of deviation scores, the principal component model of its sample covariance matrix has simple relationship to its SVD as:

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{F}\mathbf{V}'$$

- In terms of the data covariance matrix,

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{S} &= (N-1)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z} = (N-1)^{-1} \mathbf{V}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{U}'\mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}' \\ &= \mathbf{V} \left((N-1)^{-1} \mathbf{T}^2 \right) \mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{V}'\end{aligned}$$

- If the factor-analysis convention of scaling is desired (i.e., components/factors scaled to have variance of one),

$$\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}' = \left(\sqrt{N-1}\mathbf{U} \right) \left(\sqrt{N-1}^{-1}\mathbf{V}\mathbf{T} \right)' = \tilde{\mathbf{F}}\tilde{\mathbf{V}}'$$

- Alternatively, SVD of $\tilde{\mathbf{Z}} = \sqrt{N-1}^{-1}\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{U}\tilde{\mathbf{T}}\mathbf{V}'$ removes the constant scaling factor so that $\tilde{\mathbf{T}}^2 = \mathbf{E}$

- Suppose we want to extract R principal components from an $N \times p$, rank- p data matrix \mathbf{X} ($N \geq p > R$), then they are given by the largest R singular values and their singular vectors

$$\mathbf{X} = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{T}\mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{U}_1\mathbf{T}_1\mathbf{V}_1' + \mathbf{U}_2\mathbf{T}_2\mathbf{V}_2',$$

$$\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2], \quad \mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2], \quad \mathbf{T} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{T}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{T}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{U}_1\mathbf{T}_1\mathbf{V}_1'$ represents the R -dimensional subspace where the data variance is maximally captured and $\mathbf{U}_2\mathbf{T}_2\mathbf{V}_2'$ indicates $(p - R)$ -dimensional subspace orthogonal to $\mathbf{U}_1\mathbf{T}_1\mathbf{V}_1'$

- The R columns in \mathbf{V}_1 are orthogonal reference axes in the R -dimensional space and the rows of $\mathbf{U}_1\mathbf{T}_1$ are coordinates of the N observations projected onto this space

- Likewise, the rank- R approximation can be shown for covariance matrix $\mathbf{S} = (N-1)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}'\mathbf{Z}$ by the spectral decomposition:

$$\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{V}' = \mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{V}_1' + \mathbf{V}_2\mathbf{E}_2\mathbf{V}_2',$$

$$\mathbf{V} = [\mathbf{V}_1, \mathbf{V}_2], \quad \mathbf{E} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{E}_1 & \mathbf{0} \\ \mathbf{0} & \mathbf{E}_2 \end{bmatrix}$$

where $\mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{V}_1'$ is the R -dimensional approximation to \mathbf{S} that minimizes SS of the residuals $\mathbf{S} - \mathbf{V}_1\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{V}_1' = \mathbf{V}_2\mathbf{E}_2\mathbf{V}_2'$

- In addition, the left singular vectors of \mathbf{Z} can be found by the spectral decomposition of $(N-1)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}'$ as

$$(N-1)^{-1} \mathbf{Z}\mathbf{Z}' = \mathbf{U}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{U}' = \mathbf{U}_1\mathbf{E}_1\mathbf{U}_1' + \mathbf{U}_2\mathbf{E}_2\mathbf{U}_2',$$

$$\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{U}_1, \mathbf{U}_2]$$

- “vec” operation vectorizes a matrix stacking columns one below another

$$\text{vec } \mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{a}_1 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{a}_n \end{bmatrix}_{mn \times 1}$$

- Kronecker product of \mathbf{A} and \mathbf{B} of any order is defined as

$$\mathbf{A}_{m \times n} \otimes \mathbf{B}_{p \times q} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} a_{11} \mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{1n} \mathbf{B} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ a_{m1} \mathbf{B} & \cdots & a_{mn} \mathbf{B} \end{bmatrix}_{mp \times nq}$$