

Estimating Factor Scores (continued)

Factor scores f_i are not directly *observable*, but *can* be estimated.

Slightly modified notation:

The vector of factor scores for case i is

$$\mathbf{f}_i = [f_{i1}, f_{i2}, \dots, f_{im}]', i = 1, \dots, N.$$

The (unobservable) N by m matrix of factor scores for all N cases is

$$\mathbf{F} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{f}_1' \\ \dots \\ \mathbf{f}_N' \end{bmatrix}, \mathbf{f}_i' \text{ is row } i \text{ of } \mathbf{F}, i=1, \dots, N.$$

The factor analysis model for case i is

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \boldsymbol{\mu} + \mathbf{L}\mathbf{f}_i + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i, \mathbf{L} = [\mathbf{l}_1, \dots, \mathbf{l}_m], i = 1, \dots, N$$

$$V[\boldsymbol{\varepsilon}_i] = \boldsymbol{\Psi} = \text{diag}[\psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_p]$$

The full data matrix is

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N]' = \mathbf{1}_N \boldsymbol{\mu}' + \mathbf{F} \mathbf{L}' + \boldsymbol{\varepsilon}$$

$N \times p$ $N \times p$ $N \times m$ $m \times p$ $N \times p$

Estimates of \mathbf{f}_i and \mathbf{F} are notated $\hat{\mathbf{f}}_i$ and $\hat{\mathbf{F}}$.

For **Principal Components (PC) "factor analysis"**, factors *are* observable when parameters are known since

$$\mathbf{f} = [z_1/\sqrt{\lambda_1}, z_2/\sqrt{\lambda_2}, \dots, z_m/\sqrt{\lambda_m}]',$$

where $z_j = \mathbf{v}_j'(\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu})$, $j = 1, \dots, m$, are principal components.

Here λ_j and \mathbf{v}_j are eigenvalue and eigenvector of $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}$ or $\boldsymbol{\rho}$. For correlation PC's, replace $\mathbf{x} - \boldsymbol{\mu}$ by $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}$, with $\tilde{x}_k = (x_k - \mu_k)/\sqrt{\sigma_{kk}}$.

You estimate \mathbf{f}_i by

$$\hat{\mathbf{f}}_i = [\hat{z}_{i1}/\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_1}, \hat{z}_{i2}/\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_2}, \dots, \hat{z}_{im}/\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_m}]',$$

where $\hat{z}_{ij} = \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j'(\mathbf{x}_i - \bar{\mathbf{x}})$ or $\hat{z}_{ij} = \hat{\mathbf{v}}_j' \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_i$, $\tilde{x}_{ki} = (x_{ki} - \bar{x}_k)/\sqrt{s_{kk}}$.

The estimated matrix of factor scores is

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}} [\hat{\lambda}_1^{-1/2} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \hat{\lambda}_2^{-1/2} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_2, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_m^{-1/2} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_m]$$

where $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{1}_N \bar{\mathbf{x}}$.

These are unrotated scores.

For PC-based factor analysis, the estimated loading matrix is

$$\hat{\mathbf{L}} = [\sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_1} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_2} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_2, \dots, \sqrt{\hat{\lambda}_m} \hat{\mathbf{v}}_m]$$

Then $\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{L}} \hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}_m^{-1}$ where $\hat{\boldsymbol{\Lambda}}_m = \text{diag}[\hat{\lambda}_1, \hat{\lambda}_2, \dots, \hat{\lambda}_m] = \hat{\mathbf{L}}' \hat{\mathbf{L}}$ because the eigenvectors $\hat{\mathbf{v}}_1, \dots, \hat{\mathbf{v}}_m$ are orthonormal. Thus $\hat{\mathbf{F}} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{L}} (\hat{\mathbf{L}}' \hat{\mathbf{L}})^{-1}$.

When $\hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}} = \hat{\mathbf{L}} \mathbf{H}$, where $\mathbf{H}' \mathbf{H} = \mathbf{I}_m$, are orthogonally rotated loadings, then $\hat{\mathbf{L}} = \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}} \mathbf{H}'$.

The rotated estimated factors matrix is

$$\hat{\mathbf{F}}_{\text{rot}} = \hat{\mathbf{F}} \mathbf{H} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{L}} (\hat{\mathbf{L}}' \hat{\mathbf{L}})^{-1} \mathbf{H}$$

$$= \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}} \mathbf{H}' (\mathbf{H} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}}' \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}} \mathbf{H}')^{-1} \mathbf{H} = \tilde{\mathbf{X}} \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}} (\hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}}' \hat{\mathbf{L}}_{\text{rot}})^{-1}$$

In general, estimated factors from PC-based factor analysis are $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} \boldsymbol{\beta}_{\text{pc}}$, where $\boldsymbol{\beta}_{\text{pc}} = \hat{\mathbf{L}} (\hat{\mathbf{L}}' \hat{\mathbf{L}})^{-1}$, $\hat{\mathbf{L}}$ = estimated loading matrix

Continuing with the artificial data set:

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Cmd> eigs <- eigen(r); eigs$values
(1) 2.9773 0.81302 0.65535 0.29061 0.26371

Cmd> Lhat_pc <- eigs$vector[,run(m)] * \
sqrt(eigs$values[run(m)])

Cmd> Lhat_pc # unrotated loading matrix
(1) (2)
Y1 0.65674 0.23525
Y2 0.55496 0.76752
Y3 -0.88329 0.16769
Y4 -0.86356 0.17873
Y5 0.84385 -0.32942

Cmd> Lhat_pc' %*% Lhat_pc # diagonal matrix of m eigenvalues
(1) (2)
(1) 2.9773 -8.1715e-17
(2) -8.1715e-17 0.81302

Cmd> scores_pc <- \
standardize(y) %*% Lhat_pc %*% solve(Lhat_pc' %*% Lhat_pc)

Cmd> head(scores_pc,3) # unrotated estimated factor scores
(1) (2)
(1) -0.71819 -0.67613
(2) -0.83434 -0.92947
(3) -0.82209 1.2269

Cmd> Lhat_pc_rot <- \
rotation(Lhat_pc,method:"quartimax",kaiser:T)

Cmd> Lhat_pc_rot # rotated factor loadings
(1) (2)
Y1 0.56238 0.41277
Y2 0.31304 0.89391
Y3 -0.89444 -0.091162
Y4 -0.87867 -0.074957
Y5 0.90275 -0.075098

Cmd> scores_pcr <- standardize(y) %*% Lhat_pc_rot %*% \
solve(Lhat_pc_rot' %*% Lhat_pc_rot)

Cmd> head(scores_pcr,3) # rotated estimated factor scores
(1) (2)
(1) -0.49556 -0.85286
(2) -0.53463 -1.1288
(3) -1.1378 0.94151
    
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β_{reg} is the matrix of coefficients for the multivariate linear regression of f on x .

The error in estimating f ,

$$f - \hat{f}_{reg} \equiv f - \beta_{reg}'(x - \mu) \neq 0.$$

will *not* be 0 even when β and μ are known *exactly*. This is what is meant by f being "unobservable".

A "plug in" estimate for β_{reg} is

$$\hat{\beta}_{reg} = \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{L} = (\hat{L} \hat{L}' + \hat{\Psi})^{-1} \hat{L}.$$

The matrix of estimated factor scores is

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{F}_{reg} &= \tilde{X} \hat{\beta}_{reg} = \tilde{X} \hat{\Sigma}^{-1} \hat{L} \\ N \times m & \\ &= \tilde{X} (\hat{L} \hat{L}' + \hat{\Psi})^{-1} \hat{L}, \quad \tilde{X} = X - 1_N \bar{x}' \end{aligned}$$

Because \bar{x} is subtracted from each row of X , the sample mean \bar{f} of the estimated scores is 0 .

Regression Method for estimating f

This estimates f as the conditional expectation $E[f | x]$ of f given x .

Because

$$x = [x_1, \dots, x_p]' = \mu + Lf + [\varepsilon_1, \dots, \varepsilon_p]',$$

when $V[f] = I_m$ (orthogonal factors),

- $\Sigma = LL' + \Psi$
- the joint variance matrix of x and f is

$$V \begin{bmatrix} x \\ f \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma = LL' + \Psi & L \\ L' & I_m \end{bmatrix}, \begin{matrix} p \\ m \end{matrix}$$

(p+m) x (p+m)

When x and f are jointly multivariate normal, the conditional expectation is

$$E[f | x] = \beta_{reg}'(x - \mu), \text{ with}$$

$$\beta_{reg} = \Sigma^{-1} \text{Cov}[x, f] = (LL' + \Psi)^{-1} L$$

p x m

Then $\hat{f} \equiv \hat{\beta}_{reg}'(x - \mu) = L'(LL' + \Psi)^{-1}(x - \mu)$ satisfies $E[\hat{f} - f | x] = 0$ and $V[\hat{f} - f | x]$ is as small as possible.

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Cmd> facanal(r,m,method:"mle",rotation:"quartimax")
Convergence in 26 iterations by criterion 2
estimated uniquenesses:
      Y1      Y2      Y3      Y4      Y5
quartimax rotated estimated loadings:
Factor 1  Factor 2
Y1 0.51052 0.1326
Y2 0.39154 0.92016
Y3 -0.86747 -0.042402
Y4 -0.8327 -0.054116
Y5 0.83799 -0.064357
minimized mle criterion:
(1) 0.0035949

Cmd> rhatat_mle <- LOADINGS %*% LOADINGS' + dmat(PSI)

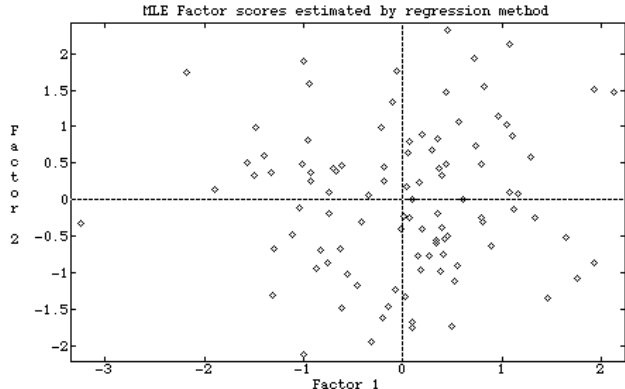
Cmd> betahat_reg <- solve(rhatat_mle, LOADINGS);betahat_reg
      Factor 1  Factor 2  Coefficients to compute
Y1 0.069041 -0.029377  estimated rotated factor
Y2 0.028727 1.0745  scores
Y3 -0.37938 0.16143
Y4 -0.2926 0.1245
Y5 0.32341 -0.13761

Cmd> scores_reg <- standardize(y) %*% betahat_reg

Cmd> list(scores_reg)
scores REAL 100 2 (labels)

Cmd> scores[run(10),] # estimated rotated scores for cases 1-10
(1) -0.56509 -1.0167
(2) -0.42147 -0.30271
(3) -0.96222 0.82245
(4) -2.1753 1.7447
(5) 1.3287 -0.23539
(6) 0.021364 -1.3216
(7) 1.0515 1.036
(8) -0.10595 1.3347
(9) -0.6242 -0.65937
(10) 1.9332 1.5097
    
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Cmd> plot(scores_reg[,1],scores_reg[,2],symbols:"\|11",\
xlab:"Factor 1", ylab:"Factor 2",\
title:"MLE Factor scores estimated by regression method")
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Because the sample correlation matrix R is another estimate for ρ , an alternate estimate for $\beta_{reg} = \rho^{-1}L$ is

$$\tilde{\beta}_{reg} \equiv R^{-1}\hat{L}$$

using the unrestricted estimate R for ρ instead of the factor analytic estimate $\hat{\rho} = \hat{L}\hat{L}' + \hat{\Psi}$.

Weighted least squares method

This estimates vectors \hat{f} of factor scores in such a way that the vector $\hat{\epsilon} = (x - \bar{x}) - L\hat{f}$ of estimated *unique* factor scores is as small as possible. This may make sense in a context where the unique factors ϵ_i are considered as errors.

What is minimized is a *weighted* sum of squares of estimated unique factor scores, with weights for the i^{th} unique factor score proportional to $\hat{\psi}_i^{-1}$.

The solution is *weighted least squares* estimated coefficients

$$\begin{aligned} \beta_{LS} &= \hat{\Psi}^{-1}\hat{L}\hat{\Delta}^{-1} = \beta_{reg}(I_m + \hat{\Delta}^{-1}) \\ \hat{\Delta} &= \hat{L}'\hat{\Psi}^{-1}\hat{L} \\ \hat{f}_{LS} &= (x - \bar{x})\beta_{LS} \end{aligned}$$

When all $\hat{\psi}_i$ are small, $\hat{\Delta}$ is large, $\hat{\Delta}^{-1}$ is small and $\beta_{LS} \approx \beta_{reg}$ so that both types of factor scores are essentially the same.

When $\hat{\Psi}$ and \hat{L} are fully converged *maximum likelihood* (ML) estimates,

$$\tilde{\beta}_{reg} = R^{-1}\hat{L} = \hat{\beta}_{reg} = \hat{\rho}^{-1}\hat{L} = (\hat{L}\hat{L}' + \hat{\Psi})^{-1}\hat{L}$$

$\begin{matrix} p \times m & p \times p & p \times m \end{matrix}$

so that $\tilde{F} = \hat{F}_{reg}$.

```
Cmd> solve(r,LOADINGS)
Factor 1      Factor 2
Y1  0.069041   -0.029377
Y2  0.028727    1.0745
Y3 -0.37938    0.16143
Y4 -0.2926     0.1245
Y5  0.32341    -0.13761
```

Same as before

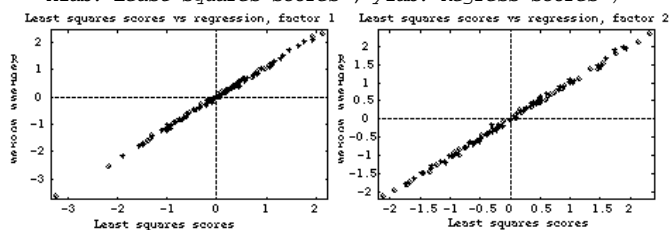
```
Cmd> delthat <- LOADINGS' %*% dmat(1/PSI) %*% LOADINGS
Cmd> solve(delta)
Factor 1      Factor 2
Factor 1  0.003507  -0.005517
Factor 2 -0.005517  0.009226
Cmd> betahat_ls <- betahat_reg %*% (dmat(2,1)+solve(delta))
Cmd> betahat_ls # coeffs for computing LS factor estimates
Factor 1      Factor 2
Y1  0.079322   -0.033752
Y2 -0.025299    1.0975
Y3 -0.43588    0.18547
Y4 -0.33617    0.14304
Y5  0.37157    -0.15811
Cmd> scores_ls <- standardize(y) %*% betahat_ls
Cmd> head(scores_ls[run(10),],5) # Weighted LS scores
Factor 1      Factor 2
(1)  -0.5818   -1.0096
(2)  -0.45837  -0.28701
(3)  -1.1277   0.89285
(4)  -2.5432   1.9012
(5)   1.5088  -0.31204
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These are almost the same as the regression matrix scores.

You can see how similar the scores are by plotting Regression scores vs least squares scores.

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Cmd> plot(scores[,1],scores_ls[,1],symbols:"\1",\
title:"Least squares scores vs regression, factor 1",\
xlab:"Least squares scores", ylab:"Regress scores")
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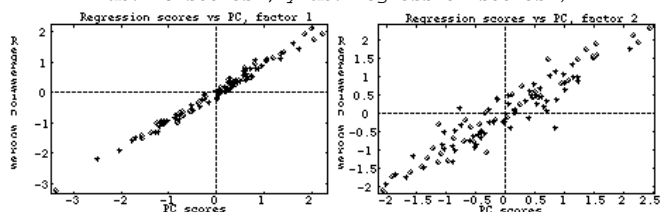
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Cmd> plot(scores[,2],scores_ls[,2],symbols:"\1",\
title:"Least squares scores vs regression, factor 2",\
xlab:"Least squares scores", ylab:"Regress scores")
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Regression vs PC scores (rotated):

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Cmd> plot(scores_pcrot[,1],scores_regs[,1],symbols:"\1",\
title:"Regression scores vs PC, factor 1",\
xlab:"PC scores", ylab:"Regression scores")
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Cmd> plot(scores_pcrot[,2],scores_regs[,2],symbols:"\1",\
title:"Regression scores vs PC, factor 2",\
xlab:"PC scores", ylab:"Regression scores")
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Combine $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ in a single vector

$\mathbf{x} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \\ \mathbf{x}^{(2)} \end{bmatrix}$, a length $p + q$ multivariate observation with $p+q$ by $p+q$ variance matrix $\Sigma = V[\mathbf{x}]$ and correlation matrix $\rho = \text{Corr}[\mathbf{x}]$.

Partition Σ and ρ in the natural way.

$$\Sigma = \begin{bmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} p \\ q \end{matrix}, \quad \rho = \begin{bmatrix} \rho_{11} & \rho_{12} \\ \rho_{21} & \rho_{22} \end{bmatrix} \begin{matrix} p \\ q \end{matrix},$$

- $\Sigma_{11} = V[\mathbf{x}^{(1)}] = [\sigma_{ij}^{11}]$ ($p \times p$)
- $\rho_{11} = \text{Corr}[\mathbf{x}^{(1)}] = [\rho_{ij}^{11}]$ ($p \times p$)
- $\Sigma_{12} = [\sigma_{ij}^{12}] = \Sigma_{21}'$ ($p \times q$)
- $\rho_{12} = [\rho_{ij}^{12}] = \rho_{21}'$ ($p \times q$)
- $\Sigma_{22} = V[\mathbf{x}^{(2)}] = [\sigma_{ij}^{22}]$ ($q \times q$)
- $\rho_{22} = \text{Corr}[\mathbf{x}^{(2)}] = [\rho_{ij}^{22}]$ ($q \times q$).

Correlation between two sets of variables

Suppose

$$\mathbf{x}^{(1)} = [x_1^{(1)}, \dots, x_p^{(1)}]' \text{ and } \mathbf{x}^{(2)} = [x_1^{(2)}, \dots, x_q^{(2)}]'$$

are two sets of measurements on the same subject or case.

Typically $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ each represent a natural grouping of variables.

- $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ might consist of *demographic* variables while $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ consists of results of *medical tests*.

Because $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ are variables associated with the same subject, you must presume that they are correlated.

Q How do you test the hypothesis

$$H_0: \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \text{ and } \mathbf{x}^{(2)} \text{ are uncorrelated?}$$

Q How should you describe any association between $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$?

Notation:

$$\rho_{ij}^{k\ell} \equiv \text{corr}[x_i^{(k)}, x_j^{(\ell)}]$$

- $k = 1, 2$ and $\ell = 1, 2$ index the sets of variables
- i and j index variables within a set.

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} \rho_{22}^{12} &= \text{corr}[x_2^{(1)}, x_2^{(2)}] \\ \rho_{23}^{11} &= \text{corr}[x_2^{(1)}, x_3^{(1)}] \\ \rho_{ii}^{11} &= 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, p \\ \rho_{ii}^{22} &= 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, q \\ \rho_{ii}^{12} &= \text{corr}[x_i^{(1)}, x_i^{(2)}] \neq 1. \end{aligned}$$

$\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ are uncorrelated if and only if all $p \times q$ correlations $\rho_{ij}^{12} = 0$, that is if the null hypothesis

$$H_0: \rho_{ij}^{12} = 0, i = 1, \dots, p, j = 1, \dots, q$$

is true.

In terms of matrices,

$$H_0: \Sigma_{12} = \rho_{12} = \mathbf{0}.$$

When \mathbf{x} is $N_{p+q}(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$, $\rho_{12} = \mathbf{0}$ is equivalent to

$$\tilde{H}_0: \mathbf{x}^{(1)} \text{ and } \mathbf{x}^{(2)} \text{ are independent}$$

Usually \tilde{H}_0 is the real hypothesis of interest rather than $\rho_{12} = \mathbf{0}$, but it's almost impossible to test without assuming multivariate normality.

- When you think of $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ as depending on $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$, $\beta_{2,1}$ is often a good way to summarize association between $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$.
- When you think of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ as depending on $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$, $\beta_{1,2}$ is often a good way to summarize association between $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$.

$\beta_{2,1}$ and $\beta_{1,2}$ both treat $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ *asymmetrically*.

When you think of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ *symmetrically*, then you would usually prefer ρ_{12} to $\beta_{2,1}$ or $\beta_{1,2}$ as a summary of the dependence.

"Symmetric" means that swapping $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ will not effect how you view the relationship.

There are other ways to state H_0 :

H_0 in terms of regression coefficients

- $\beta_{2,1} \equiv \Sigma_{21} \Sigma_{11}^{-1} = q$ by p matrix of (true) multivariate regression coefficients of $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ on $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ ($E[\mathbf{x}^{(2)} | \mathbf{x}^{(1)}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 + \beta_{2,1}'(\mathbf{x}^{(1)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_1)$)
- $\beta_{1,2} \equiv \Sigma_{12} \Sigma_{22}^{-1} = p$ by q matrix of (true) multivariate regression coefficients of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ on $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ ($E[\mathbf{x}^{(1)} | \mathbf{x}^{(2)}] = \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 + \beta_{1,2}'(\mathbf{x}^{(2)} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_2)$)

$H_0: \rho_{12} = \mathbf{0}$ is equivalent to either of

$$H_0: \beta_{2,1} = \mathbf{0} \text{ or } H_0: \beta_{1,2} = \mathbf{0}$$

$\beta_{1,2}$ and $\beta_{2,1}$ are related by identities:

- $\beta_{1,2} = \Sigma_{11} \beta_{2,1}' \Sigma_{22}^{-1}$
- $\beta_{2,1} = \Sigma_{22} \beta_{1,2}' \Sigma_{11}^{-1}$

This generalizes the bivariate regression identity ($p = q = 1$)

$$\beta_{x,y} = (\sigma_x^2 / \sigma_y^2) \beta_{y,x}$$

Data: Usually a random sample:

$$\mathbf{x}_i = [\mathbf{x}_i^{(1)'}, \mathbf{x}_i^{(2)'}]', i = 1, \dots, n,$$

from a $p+q$ dimensional population.

Consequence: *Both* $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ are random.

Suppose either $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ or $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ is *not* random.

- Population correlations between elements of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and elements of $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ are *not defined*.
- $\beta_{1,2}$ ($\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ random but not $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$) or $\beta_{2,1}$ ($\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ random but not $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$) may be defined.

In either of the following, be suspicious of any correlation-based analysis:

- Values of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and/or $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ are subject to manipulation or control
- Values of $\mathbf{x}^{(1)}$ and/or $\mathbf{x}^{(2)}$ are affected by a data selection procedure.

Either implies the sample is not random.

Tests of $H_0: \rho_{12} = 0$

Bonferronized $\{r_{ij}^{12}\}_{1 \leq i \leq p, 1 \leq j \leq q}$

This uses the pq sample correlations

$r_{ij} \equiv r_{ij}^{12} = \widehat{\text{Corr}} [x_i^{(1)}, x_j^{(2)}] = s_{ij} / \sqrt{\{s_{ii}s_{jj}\}}$
 computed from **S** with f_e d.f.

A standard *bivariate* test statistic of

$$H_0^{(ij)}: \rho_{ij}^{12} = 0$$

is

$$t_{ij} = \sqrt{(f_e - 1)r_{ij} / \sqrt{(1 - r_{ij}^2)}}$$

whose null distribution is Student's t on $f_e - 1$ degrees of freedom.

$f_e = n - 1$ for $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ from a random sample.

$f_e = n - g$ for $\hat{\boldsymbol{\mu}}$ from a pooled estimate **S** = $(n-g)^{-1}\mathbf{E}$ from a MANOVA with g-groups.

When $(x_i^{(1)}, x_j^{(2)})$ is not bivariate normal, $\rho_{ij}^{12} = 0$ is not enough to ensure that t_{ij} is t_{f_e-1} . You need actual independence.

Since there are $K = pq$ t-statistics t_{ij} , one for each $r_{ij}^{(12)}$ in \mathbf{R}_{12} you should Bonferronize them using $K = p \times q$ to test

$H_0: \boldsymbol{\rho}_{12} = \mathbf{0}.$

Reject H_0 when

$$\max_{i,j} |t_{ij}| > t_{f_e-1}((\alpha/(pq))/2)$$

or when $pq \times \min_{i,j} P_{ij} < \alpha$, P_{ij} = two-tail P-value based on t_{ij}

And, for all i and j such that

$$|t_{ij}| > t_{f_e-1}((\alpha/(pq))/2) \text{ or } pq \times P_{ij} < \alpha$$

you can reject $H_0^{(ij)}: \rho_{ij}^{12} = 0$ and declare that $x_i^{(1)}$ and $x_j^{(2)}$ are apparently correlated.

You reject $H_0^{(ij)}$ when

$$|t_{ij}| > t_{f_e-1}(\alpha/2)$$

Since you can recover r_{ij} from t_{ij} as

$$r_{ij} = t_{ij} / \sqrt{\{f_e - 1 + t_{ij}^2\}}$$

you can reject $H_0^{(ij)}$ when

$$|r_{ij}| > t_{f_e-1}(\alpha/2) / \sqrt{\{f_e - 1 + t_{f_e-1}(\alpha/2)^2\}}.$$

Assumptions required for Student's t

1. Either $\{x_{i1}^{(1)}, x_{i2}^{(1)}, \dots, x_{in}^{(1)}\}$ or $\{x_{j1}^{(2)}, x_{j2}^{(2)}, \dots, x_{jn}^{(2)}\}$ or both is a random sample
2. Either $x_i^{(1)}$ or $x_i^{(2)}$ (or both) is univariate normal
3. $x_i^{(1)}$ and $x_i^{(2)}$ are independent,

Under these conditions,

$$t_{ij} = t_{f_e-1} = t_{n-2}, \text{ Student's } t$$

In particular, *Bivariate normality is not required to test independence.*