

Sparse factor models with IBP prior

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Let Σ_{0n} be a true sequence of covariance matrices. We observe

$$\mathbf{x}^{(n)} = (\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n) \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_{p_n}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_{0n})$$

where Σ_{0n} is assumed to be of the form

$$\Sigma_{0n} = \Lambda_{0n} \Lambda_{0n}^\top + \Omega_{0n}, \quad \Lambda_{0n} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n \times k_{0n}}, \quad k_{0n} < p_n, \quad \Omega_{0n} = \sigma_{0n}^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_n} \quad (\text{A0})$$

i.e., we assume the data are generated from a factor model

$$\mathbf{x}_i = \Lambda_{0n} \mathbf{f}_i + \epsilon_i, \quad \mathbf{f}_i \sim N_{k_{0n}}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}_{k_{0n}}), \quad \epsilon_i \sim N_{p_n}(\mathbf{0}, \sigma_{0n}^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_n})$$

We model the data as

$$\mathbf{x}_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_{p_n}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma_n), \quad \Sigma_n = \Lambda_n \Lambda_n^\top + \sigma_n^2 \mathbf{I}_{p_n} \quad (1)$$

ASSUMPTION. There exist sequences of positive real numbers c_n, s_n with $c_n \lesssim s_n$ (i.e., $\exists C > 0$ s.t. $c_n \leq C s_n$) such that:

(A1) Each column of $\mathbf{\Lambda}_{0n}$ belongs to $l_0[s_n; p_n] := \{\boldsymbol{\lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n} : |\text{supp}(\boldsymbol{\lambda})| \leq s_n\}$. i.e. a loading vector corresponding to each factor is s_n -sparse.

(A2) $\exists \sigma_0^{(1)}$ s.t. $\sigma_0^{(1)} \leq \sigma_{0n}^2 \leq c_n$

(A3) $\left\| \frac{1}{c_n} \mathbf{\Lambda}_{0n}^\top \mathbf{\Lambda}_{0n} - \mathbf{I}_{k_{0n}} \right\|_2 = o\left(k_{0n} \sqrt{\frac{\log k_{0n}}{n}}\right)$

(A4) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n k_{0n}^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{s_n \log p_n}{n}} \sqrt{\log n} = 0; k_{0n}^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{s_n \log p_n}{n}} (\log n)^{3/2} = O(1)$

Let \mathcal{C}_{0n} be the class of covariance matrices satisfying (A0)-(A4)

- For the residual variance σ^2 ,

$$\sigma^2 \sim \text{Gamma}(a, b)$$

- Prior distribution on the number of factors k , π_k is assumed to satisfy

$$\pi_k(k > \tilde{k}) \leq \exp(-C\tilde{k}) \quad (2)$$

for all $\tilde{k} \geq \tilde{k}_0$ for some \tilde{k}_0 and

$$\pi_k(k = k_{0n}) \geq \exp(-Cs_n k_{0n} \log n) \quad (3)$$

For example $\text{Poisson}(1)$ satisfies (2) and (3) if $\log k_{0n} \leq s_n \log n$.

For the factor loadings λ_{jh} , $j = 1, \dots, p_n$, $h = 1, \dots, k$,

- (PL1)

$$\begin{aligned}\lambda_{jh}|k, \gamma &\sim (1 - \gamma)\delta_0 + \gamma g(\cdot) \\ \gamma &\sim \text{Beta}(1, \kappa k_0 n p_n + 1)\end{aligned}$$

where g is an absolutely continuous density with exponential tails or heavier, e.g., standard double exponential density.

- (PS) for $\tilde{\lambda} = \text{vec}(\Lambda_n) \in \mathbb{R}^{p_n k}$,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\lambda}_j|k, \tau, \psi_j &\sim \text{DE}(\tau\psi_j) \\ (\psi_1, \dots, \psi_{p_n k-1}) &\sim \text{Dir}\left(\frac{\alpha}{p_n k}, \dots, \frac{\alpha}{p_n k}\right) \\ \psi_{p_n k} &= 1 - \sum_{j=1}^{p_n k-1} \psi_j \\ \tau &\sim \text{Exp}(1/2)\end{aligned}$$

where $\text{DE}(\psi)$ denotes the double-exponential density with a density $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\psi} e^{-|x|/\psi}$.

THEOREM. Suppose $\Sigma_{0n} \in \mathcal{C}_{0n}$ with $s_n k_{0n} \gtrsim \log p_n$, and model (1) is fitted with a prior distribution on the number of factors satisfying (2) and (3). Assume independent priors $\Pi(\sigma^2) = \text{Gamma}(a, b)$ on the residual variances and $\Pi(\Lambda|k) = (\text{PL1})$ (or (PS)) on the loadings. Then for any constant $M > 0$,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\Sigma_{0n}} \Pi_n \left(\|\Sigma_n - \Sigma_{0n}\|_2 > M \epsilon_n | \mathbf{x}^{(n)} \right) = 0$$

where

$$\epsilon_n = c_n k_{0n}^{3/2} \sqrt{\frac{s_n \log p_n}{n}} \sqrt{\log n}.$$

REMARK. The posterior contraction rate obtained in the above is equal to the minimax rate up to a $\sqrt{\log n}$ term.

Knowles and Ghahramani (2011)

- Infinite factor model:

$$\mathbf{x}_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_p(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma), \quad \Sigma = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{\Lambda}^\top + \mathbf{\Omega}$$

where $\mathbf{\Lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times \infty}$ and $\mathbf{\Omega} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2)$.

- IBP prior:

$$\lambda_{jh} | \gamma_{jh}, \tau_h \sim (1 - \gamma_{jh}) \delta_0 + \gamma_{jh} N(\mathbf{0}, \tau_h^{-1})$$

$$\gamma_{jh} | \alpha \sim \text{IBP}(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha \sim \text{Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_\alpha, \mathbf{b}_\alpha)$$

$$\tau_h \sim \text{Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_\tau, \mathbf{b}_\tau)$$

$$(\sigma_j^2)^{-1} \sim \text{Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_\sigma, \mathbf{b}_\sigma),$$

- Let K^+ denote the effective factor dimension of $[\Gamma]$, that is the largest index K^+ so that $\gamma_{jh} = 0$ for all $k > K^+$, $j = 1, \dots, p$. Then for fixed α

$$K^+ \sim \text{Poisson} \left(\alpha \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{j} \right)$$

which satisfies (2) and (3).

Knowles and Ghahramani (2011): Inference

Use Gibbs sampling, but with MH steps for sampling new factors.

Sample γ_{jh} For $j = 1, \dots, p$, $h = 1, \dots, K^+$,

- The ratio of posterior probabilities for γ_{jh} being 1 or 0 is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{P(\gamma_{jh} = 1 | \mathbf{X}, -)}{P(\gamma_{jh} = 0 | \mathbf{X}, -)} &= \frac{P(\gamma_{jh} = 1 | -) P(\mathbf{X} | \gamma_{jh} = 1, -)}{P(\gamma_{jh} = 0 | -) P(\mathbf{X} | \gamma_{jh} = 0, -)} \\ &= \frac{m_{-j,h}}{p - m_{-j,h}} \sqrt{\frac{\tau_h}{\tau_{jh}^*}} \exp\left(\frac{1}{2} \tau_{jh}^* (\mu_{jh}^*)^2\right), \end{aligned}$$

where $m_{-j,h} = \sum_{l \neq j} \gamma_{lh}$ and

$$\tau_{jh}^* = \frac{1}{\sigma_j^2} \sum_{i=1}^n f_{ih}^2 + \tau_h, \quad \mu_{jh}^* = \frac{1}{\sigma_j^2 (\tau_{jh}^*)^2} \sum_{i=1}^n f_{ih} (x_{ij} - \boldsymbol{\lambda}_{j,-h}^\top \mathbf{f}_{i,-h})$$

Sample λ_{jh} For $j = 1, \dots, p$, $h = 1, \dots, K^+$,

- If $\gamma_{jh} = 1$, sample $\lambda_{jh} \sim N(\mu_{jh}^*, (\tau_{jh}^*)^{-1})$.

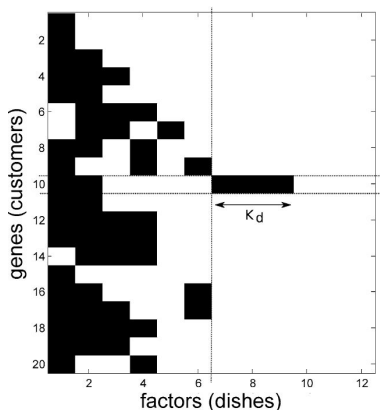
Knowles and Ghahramani (2011): Inference

Adding new factor (Sample κ_j , update K^+) For $j = 1, \dots, p$,

- Let κ_j be the number of columns of $\Gamma = (\gamma_{jh})$ which contain 1 only in row j , that is, the number of features which are active only for dimension j .
- The new κ_j^* and the corresponding $1 \times \kappa_j^*$ loading vector λ^* are proposed by a MH step with proposal distribution

$$J(\kappa_j^*) = (1 - \pi)\text{Poisson}(\phi\alpha) + \pi I(\kappa_j^* = 1)$$
$$J(\lambda^* | \kappa_j^*) = N_{\kappa_j^*}(0, \tau_h^{-1} \mathbf{I}_{\kappa_j^*}).$$

where π, ϕ are tuned parameters.



Knowles and Ghahramani (2011): Inference

Sample α

- Sample the IBP parameter α from

$$p(\alpha|-) = \text{Gamma} \left(a_\alpha + K_+, b_\alpha + \sum_{j=1}^p \frac{1}{j} \right),$$

where K_+ is the number of nonzero columns of \mathbf{Z} .

Sample \mathbf{f}_i For $i = 1, \dots, n$,

- Sample the latent factors \mathbf{f}_i from

$$\begin{aligned} p(\mathbf{f}_i|-) &\propto p(\mathbf{x}_i|\mathbf{f}_i, -)p(\mathbf{f}_i) \\ &= \text{N}((\mathbf{\Lambda}^\top \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda} + \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda}^\top \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{x}_i, (\mathbf{\Lambda}^\top \mathbf{\Omega}^{-1} \mathbf{\Lambda} + \mathbf{I})^{-1}). \end{aligned}$$

Sample τ_h For $h = 1, \dots, K_+$,

- Sample the factor precisions τ_h from

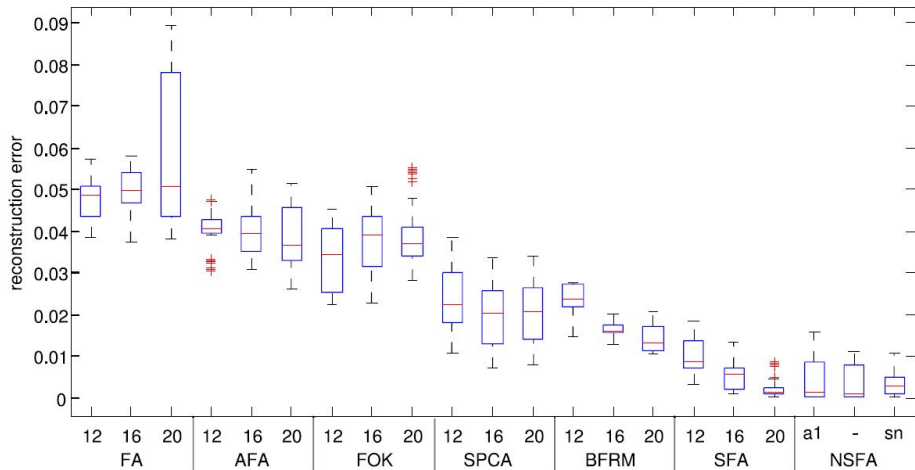
$$p(\tau_h|-) = \text{Gamma} \left(a_\tau + \frac{m_h}{2}, b_\tau + \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_{jh}^2 \right)$$

Sample σ_j^2 For $j = 1, \dots, p$,

- Sample the noise variances σ_j^2 from

$$p((\sigma_j^2)^{-1}|-) = \text{Gamma} \left(a_\sigma + \frac{n}{2}, b_\sigma + \sum_{i=1}^n (x_{ij} - \lambda_j^\top \mathbf{f}_i)^2 \right)$$

Knowles and Ghahramani (2011): Simulation



- Infinite factor model:

$$\mathbf{x}_i \stackrel{iid}{\sim} N_p(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma), \quad \Sigma = \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{\Lambda}^\top + \mathbf{\Omega}$$

where $\mathbf{\Lambda} \in \mathbb{R}^{p \times \infty}$ and $\mathbf{\Omega} = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_p^2)$.

- Spike and slab Lasso prior:

$$\begin{aligned} \lambda_{jh} | \gamma_{jh} &\sim (1 - \gamma_{jh}) \text{DE}(\psi_{0k}) + \gamma_{jh} \text{DE}(\psi_1) \\ \gamma_{jh} &\sim \text{IBP}(\alpha) \\ (\sigma_j^2)^{-1} &\sim \text{Gamma}(\mathbf{a}_\sigma, \mathbf{b}_\sigma), \end{aligned}$$

with $\psi_1 \gg \psi_{0k}$. $\text{DE}(\psi)$ denotes the double-exponential density with a density $f(x) = \frac{1}{2\psi} e^{-|x|/\psi}$.

- ψ_{0k} , ψ_1 and α are fixed (e.g., $\psi_{0k} = 1/20$, $\psi_1 = 1000$, $\alpha = 1/p$).
- If $\psi_{0k} \rightarrow 0$, we obtain a point mass mixture prior.

Appendix

LEMMA 1. If $\Sigma_{0n} \in \mathcal{C}_{0n}$, then for $\eta_n = \sqrt{s_n k_{0n}/n}$,

$$\Pi_n(\|\Sigma_n - \Sigma_{0n}\| \leq \eta_n) \geq \exp(-Cs_n k_{0n} \log n)$$

LEMMA 2. Let

$$e_n = s_n k_{0n} \log n, \quad t_n = Ce_n^2, \quad \delta_n = \epsilon_n / (e_n t_n), \quad \delta'_n = \delta_n / (p_n e_n)$$

and

$$W_n = \{|\text{supp}_{\delta'_n}(\Lambda_n) \leq He_n, \|\Lambda_n\|_1 \leq t_n, \sigma^2 \leq t_n\}, \quad V_n = \{k \leq Ce_n\}$$

Then there exist the event $A_n \in \sigma(\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_n)$ with $\mathbb{P}_{\Sigma_{0n}}(A_n) \rightarrow 1$ and constants $H, C > 0$ such that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\Sigma_{0n}}[\Pi_n(W_n^c \cap V_n | \mathbf{x}^{(n)}) \mathbf{1}_{A_n}] = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mathbb{E}_{\Sigma_{0n}}[\Pi_n(V_n^c | \mathbf{x}^{(n)}) \mathbf{1}_{A_n}] = 0$$