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Probabilistic Latent Score Regression

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Introduction

There can be a bunch of measurements in a process, for instance of activated sludge process, BOD, COD, temperature, SVI, DO, MLSS, turbidity, color, etc. Among the measurements some are easily measurable while the others are not, e.g. BOD needs 5 days while DO for every minute. Multivariate regression method is favorable candidate to overcome the time mismatch. If there is a relation between the readily and hardly measurements, combination of the handies can be used to predict the nuisances. This research suggests a probabilistic method for the regression in which holds two critical concepts: the *latent variable* called hidden, caused, principal component or factor to represents condition of the process; and the *probabilistic reasoning* to interpret the regression results. Combining them enable engineers to analyze the process by substitution the headaches for handies.

Theory

Let's consider the standard regression formula as Eq. (1).

$$y = \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{z} + \boldsymbol{v} \tag{1}$$

where regressor variable $z \in \Re^L \sim \mathcal{N}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_z)$ and response variable $y \in \Re^1 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda_y)$ are assumed. The best linear unbiased estimator (BLUE) of *c* is the least-square estimator (LSE).

$$\boldsymbol{c}_{\mathrm{LS}}^{\mathrm{T}} = \boldsymbol{y} \cdot \boldsymbol{Z}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot (\boldsymbol{Z} \cdot \boldsymbol{Z}^{\mathrm{T}})^{-1} = \boldsymbol{y} \cdot \boldsymbol{Z}^{+}$$
⁽²⁾

where $y = \{y^{(n)}\}$ and $\mathbf{Z} = \{z^{(n)}\}$ for sample number $n \in \{1, ..., N\}$, and superscript '+' represents the Moore-Penrose generalized matrix inverse. Note that it is the result of an optimization problem, i.e. $c_{\text{LS}} = \arg_c \min: \lambda_v = \langle (y - c^{\text{T}} \cdot z)^2 \rangle$. When the LSE was used, regression error is to be $v \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \lambda_v)$ since Gaussianity is closed for linear operation, and regressed $y = c_{\text{LS}}^{\text{T}} \cdot z$. Furthermore, if $\lambda_v = \langle (y - c^{\text{T}} \cdot z)^2 \rangle \leq \delta \cdot \lambda_v$ for $\delta \in (0, 1)$ then *y* is regressible by $c^{\text{T}}_{\text{LS}} \cdot z$ with $r^2 = (1 - \delta)$ regressibility. Hence the absorption ratio of λ_v by $c_{\text{LS}}^{\text{T}} \cdot z$ is expressed by Eq.(3).

$$r^2 = \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{Z}^+ \cdot \mathbf{Z} \cdot \mathbf{y}^+ \tag{3}$$

where $0 \le r^2 \le 1$. Note that $r^2 = 1$ indicates $\lambda_v = 0$, and hence no estimation errors. H-principal 화학공학의 이론과 응용 제 8권 제 2호 2002년 emphasizes that c_{LS} should be balanced between minimizing λ_v and is robust. The robustness of c_{LS} is checked by the condition number of **Z**, denoted by η_{Z} , because Euclidian norm of it indicates $||c_{LS}||_{E}^{2} = y \cdot \mathbf{Z}^{T} \cdot (\mathbf{Z} \cdot \mathbf{Z}^{T})^{-2} \cdot \mathbf{Z} \cdot y^{T}$. Thus it is reasonable to say that "y is regressible by $c_{LS}^{T} \cdot z$ with r^2 regressibility, and if $\eta_{Z} \leq \Delta$ for a large Δ , then c_{LS} is robust".

Various multivariate calibration methods

All measurements $x \in \Re^P \sim \mathcal{N}(\theta, \Sigma_x)$ can be used for the regressor variable *z*. It is the well-known multiple linear regression (MLR) method. Let's denote the regression coefficient vector of *x* as *b*. Then $b = c_{\text{LS}}$, and hence $\underline{y} = b^T \cdot x$ in MLR. Additionally, suppose a unitary matrix **P** that rotates *z*, and the rotation result is *x*, e.g. $x = \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{z}$ where $\mathbf{P}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_P$. Then *z* can be recovered by latent score filter $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^{-1} = \mathbf{P}^T$ such as $\underline{z} = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{x}$, and hence Eq. (4) represents.

$$\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathrm{T}} = \boldsymbol{c}^{\mathrm{T}}_{\mathrm{LS}} \cdot \mathbf{Q} \tag{4}$$

Suppose $\mathbf{x} \in \Re^P = \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{e}$, where $\mathbf{z} \in \Re^L \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_z)$, $\mathbf{e} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{\Sigma}_e)$, $\mathbf{P}^T \cdot \mathbf{P} = \mathbf{I}_L$, and $L \leq P$. It implies a high dimensional measurement vector is the results of a transform of a low dimensional latent vector. If (P-L) elements of which small variances are eliminated from \mathbf{x} , the robustness of \mathbf{c}_{LS} is guaranteed, i.e. $\eta_Z \leq \Delta$. In this case, the hidden signals are recovered by Eq. (5).

$$\underline{z} = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \underline{e} = \mathbf{W} \cdot \mathbf{x} \tag{5}$$

where $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{P}^+ = (\mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{P})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} = \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}})$. Note that $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_z = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x \cdot \mathbf{Q}^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_e = \mathbf{W} \cdot \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_x \cdot \mathbf{W}^{\mathrm{T}}$. Therefore *y* is regressible by $\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}$ with $r^2(L) = \boldsymbol{y} \cdot (\mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{X}) \cdot \boldsymbol{y}^+$ regressibility. Note that $r^2(i) \leq r^2(j)$ for $i < j, r^2(P) = \boldsymbol{y} \cdot \mathbf{X}^+ \cdot \mathbf{X} \cdot \boldsymbol{y}^+$, and $L = \arg_l \min: |r^2_{\text{desire}} - r^2(l)|$. (See also Figure 1).

If an orthogonal basis set **P** were set, then **Q**, **W**, c^{T} and b^{T} are uniquely determined, and \underline{z} and \underline{e} are found from **Q** and **W**, respectively. There is an abundance methods to find **P**, e.g. **P** = any unitary matrix is MLR, **P** = { $u^{(l)}$ } is PCR, **P** = { $g^{(l)}$ } is PLS1, where $u^{(l)}$ and $g^{(l)}$ are the l^{th} left singular vectors of **X**, and PLS basis vector of **X**, respectively. CPR finds **P** by input modifying $\mathbf{X}_{\alpha} = \mathbf{U} \cdot \mathbf{S}^{\alpha} \cdot \mathbf{V}^{T}$ to PLS algorithm, and it results MLR if $\alpha = 0$, PLS1 if $\alpha = 1$, PCR if $\alpha \approx \infty$. CSR obtains **P** by running PLS algorithm with approximated \mathbf{X}_{L}^{J} , it represents MLR if L = J = P, PLS1 if L = P, PCR if L = J. Refer to [1].

PPCR calibration method

Probabilistic principal component regression (PPCR) has its foundation on probabilistic PCA (PPCA) proposed by [2]. It has a model that $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{z} + \mathbf{e}$, where $\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$ and $\mathbf{e} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \lambda \cdot \mathbf{I})$. PPCA seeks to find the most probable parameter set $\theta = \{\mathbf{P}, \lambda\}$ in the model under given experience **X** by the expectation and maximization (EM) algorithm [3]. In brief, EM is an iterative algorithm that maximizes the complete data log likelihood function. Let's denote log likelihood of the *i*th θ as $\mathcal{L}(\theta_i) =$

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log{ $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{X} | \theta_i)$ }, and its difference for a new estimate as $\Delta \mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}(\theta) - \mathcal{L}(\theta_i)$. Then $\Delta \mathcal{L}(\theta) = \log \int \mathcal{P}(z | \mathbf{X}, \theta_i) \cdot \mathcal{P}(z, \mathbf{X} | \theta_i) \cdot \mathcal{P}(z, \mathbf{X} | \theta_i)^{-1} dz$ in which contains the probability density information of latent variable. EM optimize the lower bound of $\Delta \mathcal{L}(\theta)$, that is $Q(\theta) = \int \mathcal{P}(z | \mathbf{X}, \theta_i) \cdot \log \{\mathcal{P}(z, \mathbf{X} | \theta) \cdot \mathcal{P}(z, \mathbf{X} | \theta_i)^{-1}\} dz$, instead of $\Delta \mathcal{L}(\theta)$ itself since $0 = Q(\theta_i | \theta_i) \leq Q(\theta_{i+1} | \theta_i) \leq \mathcal{L}(\theta_{i+1}) - \mathcal{L}(\theta_i) = \Delta \mathcal{L}$. It is the reason that EM can never decrease the log likelihood as iteration proceeds. The optimum is calculated by both solving $(\partial/\partial \mathbf{P}) \cdot Q(\mathbf{P}, \lambda) = 0$ that results Eq.(6.1), and $(\partial/\partial \lambda) \cdot Q(\mathbf{P}, \lambda) = 0$ which produces Eq.(6.2) iteratively.

$$\mathbf{P} = \mathbf{X} \cdot \mathbf{Z}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot (N \cdot \lambda \cdot \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{Z} \cdot \mathbf{Z}^{\mathrm{T}})^{-1}$$
(6-1)

$$\lambda = (P \cdot N)^{-1} \cdot \operatorname{Tr}(\mathbf{X}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{E})$$
(6-2)

where $\mathbf{M} = (\mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{P} + \lambda \cdot \mathbf{I})^{-1}$, $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{E} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}) \cdot \mathbf{X}$. EM also results two posteriors, i.e. $z | \mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{x}, \lambda \cdot \mathbf{M})$ and $e | \mathbf{x} \sim \mathcal{N}(\{\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}\} \cdot \mathbf{x}, \lambda \cdot \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}})$. So, Eq.(7) is obtained.

$$\underline{z} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{x} \text{ and } \underline{e} = \{\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}\} \cdot \mathbf{x}$$
(7)

Therefore $\mathbf{Q} = \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}}$ and $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{I} - \mathbf{P} \cdot \mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}})$. In case of PPCR, *y* is regressible by $\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}$ with $r^{2}(L)$ regressibility, where $r^{2}(L) = \boldsymbol{y} \cdot (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{X})^{+} \cdot (\mathbf{M} \cdot \mathbf{P}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{X}) \cdot \boldsymbol{y}^{+}$, and here $\eta_{\mathbf{Z}} = 1$.

Suppose a new measurement set $\{\boldsymbol{x}, \boldsymbol{y}\}$ is obtained from the process. Is \boldsymbol{y} regressible by $\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}$? If $\boldsymbol{\varrho} = \mathbf{W} \cdot \boldsymbol{x} \sim \mathcal{M}(\boldsymbol{\theta}, \lambda \cdot \mathbf{I})$ then \boldsymbol{x} follows the PPCA model. Therefore \boldsymbol{y} is expected to be regressible by $\boldsymbol{b}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \boldsymbol{x}$ with α level of significance. Eq.(8) is the test statistics for the regressibility of \boldsymbol{y} .

$$\left\|\underline{\boldsymbol{e}}\right\|_{M}^{2} \in \left[0, \chi^{-2}_{(1-\alpha, P)}\right] \text{ or } \lambda^{-0.5} \cdot \underline{\boldsymbol{e}}_{p} \in \left[\mathcal{N}_{s}^{-1}_{(0.5\cdot\alpha)}, \mathcal{N}_{s}^{-1}_{(1-0.5\cdot\alpha)}\right] \forall p$$

$$\tag{8}$$

where $\|\underline{\boldsymbol{e}}\|_{M^{2}}^{2} = \lambda^{-1} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{W}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{W} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi}$, and $\underline{\boldsymbol{e}}_{p} = (\mathbf{W} \cdot \boldsymbol{\chi})_{p}$ denotes the p^{th} element of $\underline{\boldsymbol{e}}$. Additionally, in-control criterion can also be set as Eq. (9).

$$\left\|\underline{z}\right\|_{M}^{2} \in \left[0, \chi^{-2}_{(1-\alpha, L)}\right) \text{ or } \underline{z}_{l} \in \left[\mathcal{N}_{s}^{-1}_{(0.5 \cdot \alpha)}, \mathcal{N}_{s}^{-1}_{(1-0.5 \cdot \alpha)}\right)$$

$$\tag{9}$$

where $\|\underline{z}\|_{M^{2}} = \chi^{T} \cdot \mathbf{Q}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{Q} \cdot \chi$ and \underline{z}_{l} denotes the l^{th} element of $\underline{z} = \mathbf{Q} \cdot \chi$.

Results and Discussion

Various types of multivariate regression methods can be unified by the block diagram shown in the left of Figure 1 not only the orthogonal basis methods but also the probabilistic method, i.e. PPCR. If the mixing matrix **P** were set, then all of the filters **Q**, **W**, c_{LS} and b, and the recovered scores \underline{z} and \underline{e} are uniquely determined by Eq. (5) for the orthogonal methods, and Eq.(7) for the probabilistic method. Figure 2 shows an illustrative example for the PPCR with respect to the test set {x, y}. As shown in the figure, the main advantage of PPCR over the other methods is that it can suggest the regressibility for a new comer whether z is still the common factor both of x and y or not. If z is the common factor then $\overline{x} = \overline{x} = 2 = 0$ ($\overline{z} = \overline{x} = 2 = \overline{x} = \overline{x} = 2002 = \overline{z}$ y can be expected to regressible, else irregressible.

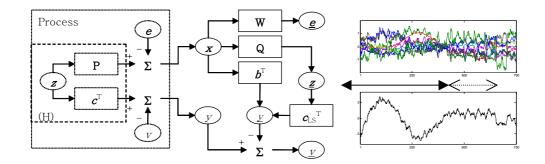


Figure 1: (Left) Block diagram for multivariate regression methods under the assumption that latent variable exists. If r^2 is sufficiently large then it implies (H) block in the figure is correct, else there is another latent sources which were not measured by x. (Right) Data set for model calibration $\{x^{(n)}, y^{(n)}\}$ for $n=\{1,...,500\}$, and validation $\{x^{(k)}, y^{(k)}\}$ for $k=\{1,...,250\}$.

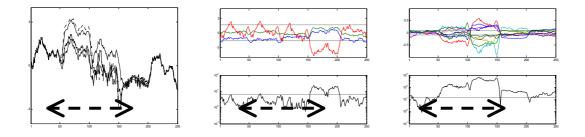


Figure 2: (Left) Regression results for the test set $\{\mathbf{x}^{(k)}, \mathbf{y}^{(k)}\}$ for $k=\{1,...,250\}$ by MLR, PCR, PLS1 and PPCR. Dotted arrow indicates the irregressible region. (Middle) Process monitoring result to check whether the process is under in-control or not, e.g. $\|\mathbf{z}\|_{M}^{2}$ for the top and $\mathbf{z}_{l} \forall l$ for the bottom. (Right) Regressibility test plot to check whether \mathbf{x} is still useful to estimate y or not, where $\|\mathbf{e}\|_{M}^{2}$ for the top and $\lambda^{-0.5} \cdot \mathbf{e}_{p} \forall p$ for the bottom.

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