# RCOX models: Graphical Gaussian models with edge and vertex symmetries 

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## Take-home message and Outline

- New types of graphical Gaussian models
- With colours; as in the logo
- Attribute specific meanings to the colours
- An R-package (gRc) for inference in these models
- Motivation
- RCO'X' models: RCON, RCOR, RCOP
- Estimation algorithms
- Software

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- Apply graphical (Gaussian) models to large matrices, e.g. in gene expression
- Problem: d >>n, many genes few replicates

Graphical model for $Y \sim \mathbf{N}_{\mathbf{d}}(\mathbf{0}, \Sigma)$

- When d >n, MLE of $\Sigma$ does not exist (in saturated model)
- I mpose restrictions on $K=\Sigma^{-1}$ to achieve more parsimonious model;
- In addition to conditional independence, restrict parameters to being identical


## Concentration and derived quantities

- Model for $y \sim N_{d}(0, \Sigma), K=\left(k^{i j}\right)=\Sigma^{-1}$.
- The partial (conditional) covariance :

$$
\operatorname{cov}\left(y_{i}, y_{j} \mid r e s t\right)=\frac{-k^{i j}}{\operatorname{det} K^{i j}} \text { where } K^{i j}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k^{i i} & k^{i j} \\
k^{i j} & k^{j j}
\end{array}\right]
$$

- The partial (conditional) correlation:

$$
\operatorname{cor}\left(y_{i}, y_{j} \mid r e s t\right)=\rho^{i j}=\frac{-k^{i j}}{\sqrt{k^{i i} k^{j j}}}
$$

- Conditional independence: $y_{i} \Perp y_{j} \mid$ rest iff $k^{i j}=0$


## Example: Mathematics marks

- Mathmark data (Mardia, Kent, Bibby): 88 students marks on (a) Igebra, a(n)alysis, ( $m$ )echanics, (v)ectors and (s)tatistics
- Stepwise backward selection gives butterfly model

- Convention: Black and white are neutral colours
- corresponding parameters are unrestricted.


## Concentrations for mathmarks



Concentrations (×1000):

|  | mechanics | vectors | algebra | analysis | statistics |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| mechanics | 5.24 | -2.44 | -2.74 | 0.01 | -0.14 |
| vectors | -2.44 | 10.43 | -4.71 | -0.79 | -0.17 |
| algebra | -2.74 | -4.71 | 26.95 | -7.05 | -4.70 |
| analysis | 0.01 | -0.79 | -7.05 | 9.88 | -2.02 |
| statistics | -0.14 | -0.17 | -4.70 | -2.02 | 6.45 |

- Some concentrations $\approx$ 0
- Some concentrations $\approx$ identical



## Partial correlations for mathmarks



Partial correlations:

|  | mechanics | vectors | algebra | analysis | statistics |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| (m)echanics | 1.00 | -0.30 | -0.20 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| (v)ectors | -0.30 | 1.00 | -0.30 | -0.10 | 0.00 |
| (a)lgebra | -0.20 | -0.30 | 1.00 | -0.40 | -0.40 |
| a(n)alysis | 0.00 | -0.10 | -0.40 | 1.00 | -0.30 |
| (s)tatistics | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.40 | -0.30 | 1.00 |
| Partial variances | 190.67 | 95.91 | 37.10 | 101.18 | 155.04 |

- Some partial correlations $\approx$ identical



## RCON (Restricted CONcentration) models



Model: $\mathbf{Y} \sim \mathbf{N}_{\mathrm{d}} \mathbf{( 0 , \Sigma )}$


$$
K=\Sigma^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
k^{11} & k^{12} & k^{13} & 0 \\
k^{12} & k^{22} & 0 & k^{24} \\
k^{13} & 0 & k^{33} & k^{34} \\
0 & k^{24} & k^{34} & k^{44}
\end{array}\right]
$$

Markov properties as for graphical Gaussian model

- Entries of K with same colour restricted to being identical $\rightarrow 4$ rather than 8 parameters.


## Implied restrictions (I): Equal contributions in regression



- Regressing $y_{1}$ on $y_{2}, y_{3}, y_{4}$

$$
y_{1}=a_{1}-\left(k^{12} / k^{11}\right) y_{2}-\left(k^{13} / k^{11}\right) y_{3}
$$

- so $y_{2}$ and $y_{3}$ contribute equally because $\mathbb{k}^{12}=\mathbb{k}^{13}$

$$
K=\Sigma^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
k^{11} & k^{12} & k^{13} & 0 \\
k^{12} & k^{22} & 0 & k^{24} \\
k^{13} & 0 & k^{33} & k^{34} \\
0 & k^{24} & k^{34} & k^{44}
\end{array}\right]
$$

## I mplied restrictions (II): Parallel regressions

- Regressions of $y_{2}, y_{3}$ on $y_{1}, \mathbf{y}_{4}$ are parallel

$$
\begin{aligned}
{\left[\begin{array}{l}
y_{2} \\
y_{3}
\end{array}\right] } & =\left[\begin{array}{l}
a_{2} \\
a_{3}
\end{array}\right]-\left[\begin{array}{cc}
k^{22} & 0 \\
0 & k^{33}
\end{array}\right]^{-1}\left[\begin{array}{ll}
k^{21} & k^{24} \\
k^{31} & k^{34}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
y_{1} \\
y_{4}
\end{array}\right] \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{l}
a_{2} \\
a_{3}
\end{array}\right]-\left[\begin{array}{ll}
k^{21} / k^{22} & k^{24} / k^{22} \\
k^{31} / k^{33} & k^{34} / k^{33}
\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{l}
y_{1} \\
y_{4}
\end{array}\right]
\end{aligned}
$$

- because $k^{12}=k^{13}, k^{24}=k^{34}$ and $k^{22}=k^{33}$


## I mplied restrictions (|||): Partial covariances and concentrations

- This RCON model has also identical partial covariances

$$
\operatorname{cov}\left(y_{1}, y_{2} \mid y_{3}, y_{4}\right)=\frac{-k^{12}}{\left|K^{12}\right|}=\frac{-k^{13}}{\left|K^{13}\right|}=\operatorname{cov}\left(y_{1}, y_{3} \mid y_{2}, y_{4}\right)
$$

-     - and identical partial correlations

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \operatorname{cor}\left(y_{1}, y_{2} \mid y_{3}, y_{4}\right)=\frac{-k^{12}}{\sqrt{k^{11}} k^{22}}=\frac{-k^{13}}{\sqrt{k^{11} k^{33}}}=\operatorname{cor}\left(y_{1}, y_{3} \mid y_{2}, y_{4}\right) \\
& \mathrm{K}=\Sigma^{-1}=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}
k^{11} & k^{12} & k^{13} & 0 \\
k^{12} & k^{22} & 0 & k^{24} \\
k^{13} & 0 & k^{33} & k^{34} \\
0 & k^{24} & k^{34} & k^{44}
\end{array}\right] \quad \begin{array}{l}
\text { Not } \\
\text { generally } \\
\text { the case!!! }
\end{array}
\end{aligned}
$$

## Example - mathematics marks

- Focus on butterfly model
- EdgeColourClass: Edges with same colour
- VertexColourClass: Vertices with same colour
- Note: Black and white are neutral colours; no restrictions
- Successively apply (with LR-test, 5\% level)
- JoinEdgeColourClasses()
- JoinVertexColourClasses()



## Mathematics marks

Estimated / observed concentrations ( $\times 1000$ ) are


| Concentrations | mechanics | vectors | algebra | analysis | statistics |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| mechanics | 7.58 | -3.49 | -3.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| vectors | -3.49 | 7.58 | -3.49 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| algebra | -3.49 | -3.49 | 20.76 | -3.49 | -3.49 |
| analysis | 0.00 | 0.00 | -3.49 | 7.58 | -3.49 |
| statistics | 0.00 | 0.00 | -3.49 | -3.49 | 7.58 |
| mechanics | 5.24 | -2.44 | -2.74 | 0.01 | -0.14 |
| vectors | -2.44 | 10.43 | -4.71 | -0.79 | -0.17 |
| algebra | -2.74 | -4.71 | 26.95 | -7.05 | -4.70 |
| analysis | 0.01 | -0.79 | -7.05 | 9.88 | -2.02 |
| statistics | -0.14 | -0.17 | -4.70 | -2.02 | 6.45 |
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## RCOR (Restricted CORrelation) models

- Restricting concentrations not scale-invariant: Identical concentrations of $y \sim N(0, \Sigma)$ not generally preserved for $A y \sim N(0, A \Sigma A)$, where $A$ is diagonal
- Hence RCON models are only of interest in cases where the scale of measurement for different variables are comparable
- Alternatively: Focus on restricted partial correlations

RCOR (restricted correlation) models
Write -K as
$\left[\begin{array}{cccc}\eta^{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta^{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta^{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \eta^{44}\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cccc}1 & \rho^{12} & \rho^{13} & 0 \\ \rho^{12} & 1 & 0 & \rho^{24} \\ \rho^{13} & 0 & 1 & \rho^{34} \\ 0 & \rho^{24} & \rho^{34} & 1\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{cccc}\eta^{11} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \eta^{22} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \eta^{33} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \eta^{44}\end{array}\right]$
$=A_{\eta} C_{\rho} A_{\eta}$ where
$A_{\eta}$ : diagonal with positive entries (inverse partial standard deviations)
$\mathrm{C}_{\rho}$ : has 1s on diagonal (partial correlations)

- Entries of $\left(\mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{n}}, \mathrm{C}_{\rho}\right)$ restricted according to colouring
- Scale invariant - if vertices with same colour are rescaled identically


# RCOP models ('P’ for permution symmetry) 

Fret's head: Length and breadth of head of first and second son:


Complete symmetry between first and second son

- Both RCON and RCOR
- RCOP-model (defined by permutations)
- Studied by Helene Neufeld (poster session)

Symmetry models in nature


## Further...



## A bigger picture...

Relationships between models


Also linear in $\Sigma$

Specification of RCON / RCOR models


- Generators of model
- Edge colour classes: $E C=\{\{1,2\}\{1,3\}\}\{\{2,4\}\{3,4\}\}$
- Vertex colour classes:

VC $=\{1,4\}\{2,3\}$

- (EC,VC) specifies RCON/ RCOR model



## RCON Estimation - Sufficient statistics



For EdgeCC $s=\{\{1,2\}\{1,3\}\} \quad$ Let $\mathbf{W} \sim \mathbf{W i s h a r t}(\mathbf{f}, \Sigma)$
$T^{s}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0\end{array}\right]$
RCON regular exponential family; linear in K:

For vertexCC $s=\{1,4\}$
$T^{s}=\left[\begin{array}{llll}1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right]$
So $\left\{t^{s}=\operatorname{tr}\left(T^{s} \mathbf{W}\right)\right\}$ is a set of sufficient statistics

Equated with expectations $\left\{\mathbf{t}^{s}\right\}=\left\{f \operatorname{tr}\left(T^{s} \Sigma\right)\right\}$

## Estimation in RCON models Modified Newton

- Use convergent (!) algorithm of Jensen, J ohansen and Lauritzen (1991):
- Maximize 1/ L (instead of logL) cyclically over one parameter at the time by Newton iteration.
- In exponential families we have
- $\exp (t(y) \theta-\psi(\theta))$
- $\mathrm{I}^{*}=1 / \mathrm{L}=\exp (-\mathrm{t}(\mathrm{y}) \theta+\psi(\theta))$


## Modified Newton

- Let $\Delta=E(t(y))-t(y)$.
- Then
- ( $\left.I^{*}\right)^{\prime}=\exp (-\mathrm{t}(\mathrm{y}) \theta+\psi(\theta)) \Delta$
- ( $\left.I^{*}\right)^{\prime \prime}=\exp (-\mathrm{t}(\mathrm{y}) \theta+\psi(\theta))\left[\operatorname{Var}(\mathrm{t}(\mathrm{y}))+\Delta^{2}\right]$
- Newton step becomes:
" $\theta<-\theta-\left(I^{*}\right)^{\prime} /\left(I^{*}\right) "=\theta-\Delta /\left(\operatorname{Var}(\mathrm{t}(\mathrm{y}))+\Delta^{2}\right)$
- For RCON models
- $E\left(T^{s} W\right)=f \operatorname{tr}\left(T^{s} \Sigma\right)$
- $\operatorname{Var}\left(\mathrm{T}^{\mathrm{s}} \mathrm{W}\right)=\mathrm{f} \operatorname{tr}\left(\mathrm{T}^{s} \Sigma \mathrm{~T}^{\mathrm{s}} \Sigma\right)$


## Estimation - RCOR - short version

RCOR model is generally not a linear exponential family
$\log L=f / 2 \log \left|C_{\rho}\right|+f \log \left|A_{\eta}\right|-\operatorname{tr}\left(A_{\eta} C_{\rho} A_{\eta} W\right) / 2$
Linear exponential family for fixed $\eta$; likelihood equations quadratic for fixed $\rho$.

Existence/uniqueness of MLE not clear. But unique maximum in $\rho$ for fixed $\eta$ and unique maximum in $\eta$ for fixed $\rho$.

Suggests alternating algorithm

1. For given $\eta$, estimate $\rho$ using modified Newton as for RCON
2. For given $\rho$, estimate $\eta$ by solving system of 2 nd degree equations (cyclically)

# Larger model: Breast cancer genes 

- 58 cases, 150 genes
- 7 VCC, 10 ECC: 17 parameters
- Fitting with gRc: 0.3 sec
- 380 parms
- Fitting with gRc: 1.1 sec
- Model selection is a big issue...



## Summing up

- SH +Lauritzen: Graphical Gaussian models with edge and vertex symmetries. (RSSB, To appear)
- SH + Lauritzen (2007). Inference in graphical Gaussian models with edge and vertex symmetries with the gRc package for R (J. Stat. Soft)
- gRc package in R ('c' for colour) on CRAN

