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Summary.

A factor-analytical method is proposed to evaluate two-way cross-classified observations. The suggested principle is based on a confirmatory situation of two-mode factor analysis in designed experimentation of physical sciences. The model has two-mode interactive factors, which are defined by two two-factor loading matrices. The analysis and procedure are rather simple and a complete FORTRAN program is given in this paper. The advantage of the proposed method is immediately to make clear the information structure involved in observations, by means of two-mode experimental factor evaluation.

1. Introduction.

Evaluation of individual subjects may be designed by using a rating sheet, in which a p -dimensional set of traits is well-selected in view of the objective measurements of implied attempt. Then the ratings are obtained by such a manner that each subject in a given group is measured on each trait described in a sheet.

The usual methods of factor-analytical evaluation may extract several factors involved in a group of subjects or a set of traits, as in one-way allocation. That is to say, the analytical situations have been limited only in one-dimensional consideration such as O -, P -, Q -, R -, S - or T -technique in the sense of R. B. Cattell.

On the other hand, Levin and Tucker have attempted to extend such one-way models to two- or more-way factor-analytical models and procedures, since the factors are frequently interacted from both sides of subjects and traits. In this situation, a body of observations has a two-way cross-classification with some levels of subjects and some kinds of traits. The approach in this situation is called two-mode factor analysis in terminology. However, it may be possible to say that their methods are based on two principal component analyses applied from each side of two-way. Therefore, the methods are awfully explorative, since they still stand upon an unspecified model in view of the number of factors and the structures of loading matrices in both

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sides of two-way cross-classification.

On several occasions, such observations in physical sciences may be obtained on the basis of an experimental design. We now assume such a design as a two-way layout with different numbers of levels. This implies that the meaning or interpretation of latent factors of both ways may be made confirmatorily clear under the suggested knowledge in science, and that in such designs of experiments a factor-analytical method is quantitatively needed in view of the scientific confirmation. The present paper starts straightforward from such situations of two-mode factor analysis, and gives a model and the analytical procedure. The factor-analytical method proposed here is of the most confirmatory investigation, and in terminology may be call two-mode two-factor analysis, where two-factor analysis is used in the sense of Spearman and Holzinger.

2. The model.

Let X be a $p \times n$ data matrix, where the element x_{ij} is an observation for the i -th trait and the j -th subject, $i=1, 2, \dots, p$; $j=1, 2, \dots, n$. These p traits and n subjects are assumed to be designed in a cross-classification of two-way layout with q categories of traits and m categories of subjects. These categories are physically based on scientists' insight as to what aim they had made to plan the experiment, and this presents an essential situation of two-mode factor-analytic methods. We now denote such categories as $\mathfrak{P}_1, \mathfrak{P}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{P}_q$, and $\mathfrak{N}_1, \mathfrak{N}_2, \dots, \mathfrak{N}_m$, respectively, and further denote the numbers of items belonging to these categories as $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_q$, and $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_m$, where $p = \sum_{i=1}^q p_i$ and $n = \sum_{i=1}^m n_i$. Thus the present model of the data matrix is given by

$$X = ACB + E, \quad (1)$$

where A and B are real coefficient matrices $p \times q$ and $m \times n$ of two loading matrices for traits and subjects, C is a core matrix which corresponds to a score matrix of the interactive two-way factors, and E is an error matrix. As stated above, the elements of coefficient matrices, A and B , in the present model are so arranged as to be direct products of q column subvectors and of m row subvectors with non-zero elements, respectively. That is to say, they are shown in the following way.

$$X = A C B + E. \quad (2)$$

Thus the problem is to estimate the values of A , B , C and E under the condition of structure, starting from only a given data matrix like the usual methods of factor analyses, where we assume the following standardization for A and B , without any

loss of generality,

$$A'A = I_q, \quad BB' = I_m. \quad (3)$$

3. The analysis and procedure.

Another convenient expression of the general model (1) of two-mode factor analysis is given element-wise by

$$x_{ij} = \sum_{h=1}^q \sum_{k=1}^m a_{ih} c_{hk} b_{kj} + e_{ij}, \quad \begin{matrix} i = 1, 2, \dots, p \\ j = 1, 2, \dots, n \end{matrix} \quad (4)$$

where e_{ij} is mutually independent for i and j , and $E(e_{ij}) = 0$.

In the present situation of the structure (2), the x_{ij} is immediately shown as follows,

$$x_{ij} = a_{ih} c_{hk} b_{kj} + e_{ij} \quad \text{for } i \in \mathfrak{P}_h, j \in \mathfrak{N}_k. \quad (5)$$

We shall now investigate asymptotically some parametric relationship for (5). Let $\phi_{ii'}$ and $r_{ii'}$ be a parameter and the sample observation of cross-product for the i -th and the i' -th traits within a trait group in a category. Then we can express as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{ii'} &= E(r_{ii'}) = E\left\{ \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} x_{i'j} / n \right\} \\ &= a_{ih} a_{i'h} \sum_k c_{hk}^2 \quad \text{for } i, i' \in \mathfrak{P}_h \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

since $BB' = I_m$. If X is row-wise standardized, $\phi_{ii'}$ and $r_{ii'}$ are the correlation coefficients. In this context, we shall easily find out from (6) that a relationship always exists in the following ratios.

$$\frac{\phi_{ii'}}{\phi_{ii''}} = \frac{\phi_{i''i'''}}{\phi_{i''i''''}} = \dots = \frac{a_{i'h}}{a_{i''h}}, \quad \text{for } i, i', i'', i''', \dots \in \mathfrak{P}_h. \quad (7)$$

That is to say, a tetrads relationship exists for any h , and therefore this follows that

$$\phi_{ii'} = \phi_{ii''} \phi_{i''i'''} / \phi_{i''i''''} \quad \text{for } i, i', i'', i''' \in \mathfrak{P}_h. \quad (8)$$

This is a triad similarly called by Spearman. Thus the above formula gives us in a special case of $i = i'$

$$\phi_{ii} = a_{ih}^2 \sum_k c_{hk}^2 \quad \text{for } i \in \mathfrak{P}_h \quad (9)$$

and thereby

$$\sum_{i \in \mathfrak{P}_h} \phi_{ii} = \sum_{k=1}^m c_{hk}^2. \quad (10)$$

Using the above preparation, we shall now go back to estimate parameters A, B and C in the present model (3). Let t_i be a sample triad defined by

$$t_i = r_{ii''} r_{ii'''} / r_{i''i'''} \quad \text{for } i, i'', i''' \in \mathfrak{P}_h, i'', i''' \neq i \text{ (fixed)}, \quad (11)$$

corresponding to (8) in case of $i = i'$. This sample triad is, of course, distributed with a triad parameter (9) and a random deviation. Such a triad parameter can be presented for all possible combinations of i'' and i''' , belonging to $\mathfrak{P}_h$, for a fixed i . The number of the combinations, say s , is $\binom{p_h-1}{2}$ for a triad parameter. Therefore the s observed

triads are used to obtain the least square estimate for ϕ_{ii} . After doing this, the estimate is shown by

$$\hat{\phi}_{ii} = \{ \sum \sum r_{ii''} r_{ii'''} / r_{i''i'''} \} / s \quad \text{for } i, i'', i''' \in \mathfrak{P}_h, i'' < i''' . \quad (12)$$

By using the above estimate in (10), we can immediately obtain the estimate $\widehat{\sum_k c_{hk}^2}$ as follows,

$$\widehat{\sum_k c_{hk}^2} = \sum_{i \in \mathfrak{P}_h} \hat{\phi}_{ii} . \quad (13)$$

Thus the estimate of the factor loading coefficient a_{ih} is given as

$$\hat{a}_{ih} = (\hat{\phi}_{ii} / \widehat{\sum_k c_{hk}^2})^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } \forall h, i \in \mathfrak{P}_h . \quad (14)$$

Related to the second factor loading matrix B , it is obvious for the relation to be dual between the parameters a_{ih} and b_{kj} , in view of (1) and (2). Throughout the similar procedure, we obtain a sample triad as follows,

$$\hat{\phi}_{jj}^* = \{ \sum_{j''} \sum_{j'''} r_{jj''}^* r_{jj'''}^* / r_{j''j'''}^* \} / s^* \quad \text{for } j, j'', j''' \in \mathfrak{N}_k , \quad (15)$$

instead of (12), where $r_{jj'}^*$ denotes a mean cross product of samples between the j -th and the j' -th subjects and $s^* = \binom{n_k - 1}{2}$. Thus we obtain

$$\hat{b}_{kj} = (\hat{\phi}_{jj}^* / \sum_{j \in \mathfrak{N}_k} \hat{\phi}_{jj}^*)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{for } \forall k, j \in \mathfrak{N}_k , \quad (16)$$

where the denominator is also $\widehat{\sum_h c_{hk}^2}$.

Finally we are now going to estimate the interactive factor score element c_{hk} in the core matrix C . As it will be seen in (3), c_{hk} is common in x_{ij} 's, belonging to $\mathfrak{P}_h$ and $\mathfrak{N}_k$. Let $r_{ii}(\mathfrak{N}_k)$ be a sample cross product between the i -th and the i' -th traits, limited for $i, i' \in \mathfrak{P}_h$ and $j \in \mathfrak{N}_k$, and let $\phi_{ii}(\mathfrak{N}_k)$ be the corresponding parameter. This follows that

$$\phi_{ii'}(\mathfrak{N}_k) = a_{ih} a_{i'h} c_{hk}^2 , \quad i, i' \in \mathfrak{P}_h \quad (17)$$

and that

$$\sum_i \phi_{ii}(\mathfrak{N}_k) = c_{hk}^2 . \quad (18)$$

In case of $i = i'$, the estimate of (17) is given by

$$\hat{\phi}_{ii}(\mathfrak{N}_k) = \{ \sum_{i''} \sum_{i'''} r_{ii''}(\mathfrak{N}_k) r_{ii'''}(\mathfrak{N}_k) / r_{i''i'''}(\mathfrak{N}_k) \} / s . \quad (19)$$

Thus the estimate of the core element c_{hk} is obtained as

$$\hat{c}_{hk} = \{ n_k \sum \hat{\phi}_{ii}(\mathfrak{N}_k) \}^{\frac{1}{2}} . \quad (20)$$

It might be worth to say that the estimate (20) is equivalent, even if the procedure is starting from either side, $r_{jj'}^*(\mathfrak{P}_h)$ or $\phi_{jj'}^*(\mathfrak{P}_h)$, since $\text{trace} [\hat{\phi}_{ii}(\mathfrak{N}_k)] = \text{trace} [\hat{\phi}_{jj'}^*(\mathfrak{P}_h)]$.

4. A complete Fortran program*.

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C      TWO-MODE TWO-FACTOR ANALYSIS
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C      IP --- NO. OF TOTAL TRAITS
C      IQ --- NO. OF SUBGROUPS OF TRAITS
C      IN --- NO. OF TOTAL SUBJECTS
C      IM --- NO. OF SUBGROUPS OF SUBJECTS
C      IPI --- NO. OF TRAITS BELONGING TO EACH SUBGROUP
C      INI --- NO. OF SUBJECTS BELONGING TO EACH SUBGROUP
C      D --- OBSERVATIONS
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C      DIMENSION IPI(5),INI(5),D(50,50),S(50),SS(50,50)
C      READ(5,100) IP,IQ,IN,IM
C      READ(5,100) (IPI(I),I=1,IQ)
C      READ(5,100) (INI(I),I=1,IN)
C      WRITE(6,200)
C      WRITE(6,203) IP,(IPI(I),I=1,IQ)
C      WRITE(6,204) IN,(INI(I),I=1,IN)
C      WRITE(6,205)
C      DO 1 J=1,IN
C      READ(5,101) (D(I,J),I=1,IP)
C 1 WRITE(6,101) (D(I,J),I=1,IP)
C      IT=1
C 2 IIP=0
C      NP=0
C 3 IIP=IIP+1
C      IF(IIP-IQ)5,5,4
C 4 IF(IT-2)38,39,40
C 5 NP1=NP+1
C      IR=IPI(IIP)
C      NP=IR+NP
C      IIN=0
C      IF(IT-1)99,6,11
C 6 IY=0
C 7 IIN=IIN+1
C
C      IF(IIN-IM)9,9,8
C 8 IF(IT-3)3,40,40
C      IX=IY+1
C      NN1=IX
C      IY=IY+INI(IIN)
C      NN=IY
C      FF=INI(IIN)
C      IF(IT-1)99,11,10
C 10 IR=INI(IIN)
C      NP1=IX
C      NP=IY
C      NN=IP
C      NN1=1
C      FF=IP
C      IIP=0
C 11 DO 12 I=1,IR
C      S(I)=0.
C      DO 12 J=1,IR
C 12 SS(I,J)=0.
C      DO 19 K=NN1,NN
C      DO 19 I=NP1,NP
C      II=I-NP1+1
C      IF(IT-2)13,13,14
C 13 X=D(I,K)
C      GO TO 15
C 14 X=D(K,I)
C 15 S(II)=S(II)+X/FF
C      DO 18 J=NP1,NP
C      JJ=J-NP1+1
C      IF(IT-2)16,16,17
C 16 Y=D(I,K)*D(J,K)
C      GO TO 18
C 17 Y=D(K,I)*D(K,J)
C 18 SS(II,JJ)=SS(II,JJ)+Y
C 19 CONTINUE
C      WRITE(6,210) IT
C      WRITE(6,201) IIP,IIN
C      WRITE(6,202) (S(I),I=1,IR)
C      DE=(IR*(IR-1)*(IR-2))/2
C      DO 25 I=1,IR
C      S(I)=0.
C      DO 24 J=1,IR
C      IF(I-J) 20,24,20

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* This program was completed by using a FACOM U-200. The program language was shown here by the most basic FORTRAN, and the minimum equipments of computer system were used.

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20 JJ=J+1
   IF(JJ-IR) 21,21,24
21 DO 23 K=JJ,IR
   IF(I-K) 22,23,22
22 S(I)=S(I)+SS(I,K)*SS(I,J)/(SS(K,J)*DE)
23 CONTINUE
24 CONTINUE
25 CONTINUE
   C=0.
   FP=IR
   DO 26 I=1,IR
26 C=C+S(I)
   IF(IT-1)99,27,31
27 WRITE(6,208)

   IF(C)28,29,29
28 WRITE(6,212)
   X=0.0
   GO TO 30
29 X=SQRT(FP*C)
30 WRITE(6,206) X
   GO TO 37
31 WRITE(6,207)
   IV=0
   DO 34 I=1,IR
   X=S(I)/C
   IF(X)32,33,33
32 WRITE(6,211) I
   IV=IV+1
   S(I)=0.0
   GO TO 34
33 S(I)=SQRT(X)
34 CONTINUE
   IF(IV) 99,36,35
35 WRITE(6,213) IV
   GO TO 37
36 WRITE(6,206) (S(I),I=1,IR)
37 GO TO (7,3,7,40),IT
38 IT=IT+1
   NN1=1
   NN=IN
   NP1=1
   FF=IN
   GO TO 2
39 IT=IT+1
   GO TO 6
40 WRITE(6,209)
100 FORMAT(7I5)
101 FORMAT(8F10,3)
200 FORMAT(1H .28HTWO-MODE TWO-FACTOR ANALYSIS,/)
201 FORMAT(/,10X,19HTRAITS SUBGROUP NO.,I2,5X,21HSUBJECTS SUBGROUP NO.,
1,I2,/)
202 FORMAT(/,13X,18HTRAITS MEAN VECTOR,/,15X,5E12.5,/)
203 FORMAT(9X,12HTOTAL TRAITS,I4,/,14X,8HSUBGROUP,5I4)
204 FORMAT(9X,14HTOTAL SUBJECTS,I4,/,14X,8HSUBGROUP,5I4,/)
205 FORMAT(/,3X,30HINPUT DATA (TRAITS X SUBJECTS),/)
206 FORMAT(15X,5F12.5,/)
207 FORMAT(/,13X,30HCOEFFICIENTS IN LOADING MATRIX,/)
208 FORMAT(/,13X,21HVALUE OF CORE ELEMENT,/)
209 FORMAT(/,45X,25HTHE ANALYSIS IS COMPLETE,/)
210 FORMAT(/2X,4HSTEP,I2,/)
211 FORMAT(/,23X,7HINVALID,I2,23H-TH ITEM FOR THIS MODEL,/)
212 FORMAT(/,23X,35HINVALID OBSERVATIONS FOR THIS MODEL,/)
213 FORMAT(35X,I2,16H.INVALID ITEM(S))
99 STOP
END

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5. Numerical illustrations.

To illustrate numerically two-mode two-factor analysis presented here, and also to confirm the numerical result, let us consider the following example. Asano [1] studied some series of confirmation for the methods of factor analyses on a fictitious example, which was essentially reduced to rectangles. In his data, eight traits and fifty subjects are given. Using this example, we now assume that these traits and subjects are cross-classified on the basis of physical concerns in the following way.

[Case 1]

Trait group

 $T_1: X_1, X_2, X_3, X_4.$ $T_2: X_5, X_6, X_7, X_8.$

Subject group

 $S_1: (\text{No. 's}); 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 24, 30, 44,$ $S_2: (\text{No. 's}); 8, 9, 10, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34, 45, 49, 50,$ $S_3: (\text{No. 's}); 2, 31, 32, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48.$

Then his observations ($x_{ij} \times 10^{-4}$) are arranged in Table 1. This means that, ahead of researcher's experiments, both sets of traits and subjects are designed and selected interactively in a cross-classification, to investigate latent factors and their amounts involved. Actually each group of subjects S_i is intuitively classified to three levels of the whole shapes of subjects, and is constructed independently to T_i , where T_i is fundamentally due to the properties of test items. Thus S_1, S_2 and S_3 are categorized

Table 1. The design and observations for fifty subjects.

SUBJECTS	TRAITS	T1				T2			
		X1	X2	X3	X4	X5	X6	X7	X8
S1	1 (1)	0.0049	0.1996	0.1531	0.0090	-0.0020	0.0021	0.0594	0.1556
	2 (3)	0.0063	0.2367	0.1810	0.0105	-0.0013	0.0039	0.0853	0.1674
	3 (4)	0.0278	1.1048	0.8409	0.0396	-0.0143	0.0136	0.2501	0.6506
	4 (5)	0.0153	0.6240	0.4773	0.0253	-0.0061	0.0095	0.1955	0.4456
	5 (6)	0.0398	1.5921	1.2191	0.0645	-0.0145	0.0246	0.5000	1.1479
	6 (7)	0.0126	0.5003	0.3798	0.0179	-0.0076	0.0050	0.0980	0.2720
	7 (11)	0.0563	2.2518	1.7016	0.0688	-0.0441	0.0125	0.2504	0.9377
	8 (12)	0.0195	0.7681	0.5853	0.0290	-0.0098	0.0083	0.1837	0.4675
	9 (13)	0.0481	1.9394	1.4605	0.0548	-0.0434	0.0055	0.1166	0.6589
	10 (14)	0.0092	0.3840	0.2927	0.0155	-0.0043	0.0053	0.1081	0.2573
	11 (15)	0.0081	0.3359	0.2549	0.0110	-0.0060	0.0032	0.0579	0.1714
	12 (16)	0.0535	2.1281	1.6008	0.0575	-0.0489	0.0041	0.0777	0.6489
	13 (17)	0.0597	2.3759	1.7873	0.0632	-0.0548	0.0041	0.0965	0.7374
	14 (18)	0.0098	0.3967	0.3030	0.0156	-0.0041	0.0066	0.1148	0.2699
	15 (19)	0.0224	0.8958	0.6829	0.0321	-0.0122	0.0104	0.2064	0.5322
	16 (20)	0.0080	0.3361	0.2567	0.0124	-0.0036	0.0044	0.0959	0.2282
	17 (21)	0.0059	0.2082	0.1609	0.0092	-0.0001	0.0047	0.0955	0.1963
	18 (24)	0.0196	0.8002	0.6193	0.0391	-0.0001	0.0189	0.3956	0.7937
	19 (30)	0.0092	0.3470	0.2692	0.0168	-0.0002	0.0084	0.1696	0.3426
	20 (44)	0.0941	3.7436	2.8355	0.1208	-0.0662	0.0274	0.5482	1.7584
S2	21 (8)	0.0050	0.2037	0.1572	0.0093	-0.0013	0.0040	0.0767	0.1649
	22 (9)	0.0241	0.9560	0.7403	0.0481	-0.0007	0.0232	0.4723	0.9475
	23 (10)	0.0506	1.9919	1.5424	0.0986	-0.0019	0.0491	0.9636	1.9436
	24 (22)	0.0165	0.6558	0.5074	0.0322	-0.0004	0.0154	0.3153	0.6374
	25 (23)	0.0262	1.0517	0.8148	0.0518	-0.0004	0.0269	0.5208	1.0423
	26 (25)	0.0505	2.0366	1.5780	0.1017	-0.0005	0.0507	1.0138	2.0299
	27 (26)	0.0031	0.1234	0.0955	0.0060	-0.0004	0.0038	0.0560	0.1146
	28 (27)	0.0056	0.2314	0.1786	0.0115	-0.0012	0.0053	0.1042	0.2144
	29 (28)	0.0055	0.2037	0.1577	0.0096	-0.0000	0.0045	0.0977	0.1982
	30 (29)	0.0038	0.1361	0.1045	0.0066	-0.0006	0.0025	0.0643	0.1299
	31 (33)	0.0331	1.2838	0.9979	0.0668	-0.0029	0.0350	0.7000	1.3708
	32 (34)	0.0542	2.1683	1.6839	0.1120	-0.0043	0.0580	1.1595	2.2616
	33 (45)	0.0087	0.3358	0.2611	0.0171	-0.0007	0.0091	0.1801	0.3547
	34 (49)	0.0096	0.3637	0.2824	0.0183	-0.0002	0.0087	0.1849	0.3666
	35 (50)	0.0065	0.2512	0.1964	0.0144	-0.0016	0.0078	0.1596	0.3027
S3	36 (2)	0.0023	0.1284	0.0991	0.0054	-0.0001	0.0035	0.0566	0.1156
	37 (31)	0.0056	0.2083	0.1689	0.0176	-0.0075	0.0124	0.2498	0.4274
	38 (32)	0.0105	0.3919	0.3295	0.0451	-0.0257	0.0354	0.7020	1.1509
	39 (35)	0.0193	0.7687	0.6024	0.0457	-0.0073	0.0268	0.5255	0.9611
	40 (36)	0.0016	0.0717	0.0572	0.0050	-0.0003	0.0032	0.0551	0.1049
	41 (37)	0.0057	0.2033	0.1611	0.0126	-0.0029	0.0077	0.1618	0.2946
	42 (38)	0.0037	0.1559	0.1271	0.0137	-0.0059	0.0096	0.1960	0.3329
	43 (39)	0.0231	0.9195	0.7197	0.0524	-0.0069	0.0293	0.5881	1.1114
	44 (40)	0.0482	1.9409	1.5526	0.1466	-0.0491	0.0985	1.9641	3.4314
	45 (41)	0.0050	0.2237	0.1766	0.0152	-0.0038	0.0094	0.1677	0.3369
	46 (42)	0.0334	1.3196	1.0724	0.1152	-0.0496	0.0820	1.6596	2.8201
	47 (43)	0.0126	0.4998	0.4289	0.0660	-0.0411	0.0534	1.0718	1.7328
	48 (46)	0.0528	2.1085	1.6696	0.1418	-0.0361	0.0895	1.7780	3.1940
	49 (47)	0.0343	1.3438	1.0650	0.0917	-0.0231	0.0571	1.1484	2.0582
	50 (48)	0.0475	1.9280	1.5021	0.1044	-0.0080	0.0558	1.1265	2.1713

by an impression of subjects being long height, almost square and long width, respectively.

The analytical result is obtained as follows,

$$\hat{A} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.02 \\ 0.79 \\ 0.61 \\ 0.04 \\ 0.01 \\ 0.03 \\ 0.57 \\ 0.82 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \hat{C} = \begin{bmatrix} 7.96 & 5.28 & 5.35 \\ 3.34 & 4.70 & 7.76 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$\hat{B}' = [\hat{b}_1 \otimes \hat{b}_2 \otimes \hat{b}_3],$$

where $\otimes$ denotes direct product, and where

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{b}'_1 &= [0.03 \ 0.04 \ 0.18 \ 0.11 \ 0.28 \ 0.08 \ 0.35 \ \cdots \ 0.59], \\ \hat{b}'_2 &= [0.04 \ 0.23 \ 0.47 \ 0.15 \ 0.25 \ 0.48 \ 0.03 \ \cdots \ 0.07], \\ \hat{b}'_3 &= [0.02 \ 0.06 \ 0.15 \ 0.16 \ 0.02 \ 0.05 \ 0.05 \ \cdots \ 0.36]. \end{aligned}$$

It will be easily able to interpret some physical meanings by the values of elements in $\hat{A}$ and $\hat{B}$. Only limiting in $\hat{C}$, we shall find out an interactive relationship between T_i and S_j , since the values of elements in $\hat{C}$ show us a reverse trend row-wisely.

[Case 2]

We will now change only the grouping of subjects in the same example as follows,

Subject group

$$S_1: (\text{No. 's}); 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, \\ 36, 37, 38, 50,$$

$$S_2: (\text{No. 's}); 4, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 24, 30, 32, 35, 41, 45, 49,$$

$$S_3: (\text{No. 's}); 6, 9, 10, 23, 25, 33, 34, 39, 40, 42, 43, 44, 46, 47, 48.$$

This grouping is due to the global sizes of subjects, namely S_1 : slightly, S_2 : moderately, S_3 : heavily.

Then the analytical result is as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{A} &= [\text{all the same as in Case 1}], \\ \hat{C} &= \begin{bmatrix} 2.88 & 5.65 & 8.93 \\ 1.86 & 5.95 & 8.75 \end{bmatrix}, \\ \hat{b}'_1 &= [0.10 \ 0.07 \ 0.12 \ 0.31 \ 0.22 \ 0.11 \ 0.77 \ 0.19 \ \cdots \ 0.16], \\ \hat{b}'_2 &= [0.26 \ 0.48 \ 0.18 \ 0.42 \ 0.47 \ 0.10 \ 0.21 \ 0.18 \ \cdots \ 0.10], \\ \hat{b}'_3 &= [0.18 \ 0.13 \ 0.27 \ 0.14 \ 0.28 \ 0.18 \ 0.30 \ 0.14 \ \cdots \ 0.28]. \end{aligned}$$

In view of $\hat{C}$, it seems to us that the row-wise values in C are comparatively parallel. This suggests us that T_1 and T_2 do not show any interaction to S_1, S_2 and S_3 , excepting the respective factors in subject groups and trait groups.

Finally it will be convenient to confirm the results for us to see the true patterns of subjects in this illustration by rectangles like in Figure 1.

Figure 1. The true patterns only God knows for subjects.

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