ABSTRACT

In this study it has been shown that Mardia’s theorem about eigenvectors in correspondence analysis is wrong.

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1. INTRODUCTION

Mardia (1979, 1988 and 1989) has written that correspondence analysis is a way of interpreting contingency tables, which has several affinities with principal component analysis. In his referenced book he had introduced to the subject in the context of a botanical problem known as “gradient analysis”. His sentences have been written below by not changing:

“This concerns the quantification of the notion that certain species of flora prefer certain types of habitat, and that their presence in a particular location can be taken as an indicator of the local conditions. Thus one species of grass might prefer wet conditions, while another might prefer dry conditions. Other species may be indifferent. The classical approach to gradient analysis involves giving each species a “wet-preference score”, according to its known preferences. Thus a wet-loving grass may score 10, and a dry-loving grass 1, with a fickle or ambivalent grass perhaps receiving a score 5. The conditions in a given location may now be estimated by averaging the wet-preference scores of the species that are found here. To formalise this let X be the nxp one-zero matrix which represents the occurrences of n species in p locations; that is, $x_{ij}=1$ if species i occurs in location j, and $x_{ij}=0$ otherwise. If $r_i$ is the wet-preference score allocated to the $i$th species, then the average wet-preference score of the species found in location j is

$$s_j \propto \sum_i x_{ij} r_j / x_{rj} \quad \text{where} \quad x_{rj} = \sum_i x_{ij}$$

This is the estimate of wetness in location j produced by the classical method of gradient analysis.

One drawback of the above method is that the $r_i$ may be highly subjective. However, they themselves could be estimated by playing the same procedure in reverse—if $s_j$ denotes the physical conditions in location j, then $r_i$ could be estimated as the average score of the locations in which the $i$th species is found; that is

$$r_i \propto \sum_i x_{ij} s_j / x_{i*} \quad \text{where} \quad x_{i*} = \sum_j x_{ij}$$

The technique of correspondence analysis effectively takes both the above relationships simultaneously, and uses them to deduce scoring vectors r and s which
satisfy both the above equations. The vectors \( r \) and \( s \) are generated internally by the data, rather than being externally given.

Now a question arises: What is the problem in correspondence analysis? The answer is simple. The problem is firstly to find out the secret structure which represented by \( r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_n \), and \( s_1, s_2, \ldots, s_p \) scores of \( nx1 \)-dimensional vector \( r \) and \( px1 \)-dimensional vector \( s \) respectively. The solution may be explained like that:

### 2. SOLUTION

In order to find out the secret structure behind the categorical data, the following definitions, theorems and lemmas are necessary.

**Definition 1**

\[
r' = [r_1 \ r_2 \ \ldots \ r_n]
\]

(1)

**Definition 2**

\[
s' = [s_1 \ s_2 \ \ldots \ s_p]
\]

(2)

**Definition 3**

For \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \) the sum of row terms is as the following form:

\[
x_{i1} + x_{i2} + \ldots + x_{ip} = x_i
\]

(3)

**Definition 4**

For \( j = 1, 2, \ldots, p \) the sum of column terms is as the following form:

\[
x_{1j} + x_{2j} + \ldots + x_{nj} = x_j
\]

(4)

**Definition 5**

\[
1_n = [1 \ 1 \ \ldots \ 1]
\]

It is clear that \( 1_n \) is \( nx1 \)-dimensional vector.

**Definition 6**

\[
1_p = [1 \ 1 \ \ldots \ 1]
\]

It is also clear that \( 1_p \) is \( px1 \)-dimensional vector.

**Definition 7**

\[
A = \text{diag}(X'1_p)
\]

(5)

It is easily understood that \( A \) is \( nxn \)-dimensional matrix.

**Definition 8**

\[
B = \text{diag}(X'1_n)
\]

(6)

It will be also easily understood that \( B \) is \( pxp \)-dimensional matrix. The vectors which are the arguments of \( A \) and \( B \) are as follows:

\[
X'1_p = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{12} & \ldots & X_{1p} \\ X_{21} & X_{22} & \ldots & X_{2p} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{n1} & X_{n2} & \ldots & X_{np} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

(7)

\[
X'1_n = \begin{bmatrix} X_{11} & X_{21} & \ldots & X_{nl} \\ X_{12} & X_{22} & \ldots & X_{n2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ X_{1p} & X_{2p} & \ldots & X_{np} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}
\]

(8)

Those may be simplified like that:

\[
X'1_p = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n*} \end{bmatrix}, \quad X'1_n = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{p*} \end{bmatrix}
\]

(9)

Taking equation (8) into consideration \( A \) and \( B \) may be shown like that:

\[
A = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n*} \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{p*} \end{bmatrix}
\]

(10)

Using the equation (8) and (9) the following equations may be easily written.

\[
A^{-1} \cdot X'1_p = \begin{bmatrix} 1/X_{1*} \\ 1/X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ 1/X_{n*} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{n*} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1_n
\]

(11)

\[
B^{-1} \cdot X'1_n = \begin{bmatrix} 1/X_{1*} \\ 1/X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ 1/X_{p*} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} X_{1*} \\ X_{2*} \\ \vdots \\ X_{p*} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ \vdots \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 1_p
\]

(12)

For \( i = 1, 2, \ldots, n \) the row scores may be defined in terms of column scores and reversely for \( j = 1, 2, \ldots, p \) the column scores may be defined in terms of row scores as follows:

\[
r_i \propto \frac{x_{i1} \cdot s_1 + x_{i2} \cdot s_2 + \ldots + x_{in} \cdot s_n}{x_i*}
\]

(13)

\[
s_j \propto \frac{x_{1j} \cdot r_1 + x_{2j} \cdot r_2 + \ldots + x_{mj} \cdot r_m}{x_j*}
\]

As it will be seen in the above relations that any row score is a proportion of average (weighted) of the column scores and reversely any column score is a proportion of average (weighted) of the row scores. Using
the equation (12) and (13) for \( i=1,2,\ldots,n \) and \( j=1,2,\ldots,p \) the vectors those contain the scores may be written as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{r} &\propto A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot \mathbf{s} \quad (14) \\
\mathbf{s} &\propto B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r} \quad (15)
\end{align*}
\]

Putting the relation (15) into the relation (14) and reversely the relation (14) into the relation (15) the following relations may be obtained:

\[
\begin{align*}
\mathbf{r} &\propto A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{r} \quad (16) \\
\mathbf{s} &\propto B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{s} \quad (17)
\end{align*}
\]

Taking the above relations into consideration it can be said that any row score is a proportion of a linear combination of the row scores and reversely any column score is a linear combination of the column scores. Let \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \) be some coefficients. Then above proportion relations may be transformed below equality relations as follows:

\[
\begin{align*}
A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{r} &= k_1 \cdot \mathbf{r} \\
B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{s} &= k_2 \cdot \mathbf{s}
\end{align*}
\]

Obviously \( \mathbf{r} \) is an eigenvector of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) and \( \mathbf{s} \) is an eigenvector of \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \). It is also obvious that \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \) are the eigenvalues of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) and \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \) respectively. It will be proved by the following theorem that \( k_1 \) and \( k_2 \) are equal.

**Theorem 1:**

The eigenvalue of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) is equal the eigenvalue of \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \).

**Proof**

Let the eigenvalue of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) be \( \rho \). Then

\[
A^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r} = \rho \cdot \mathbf{r}
\]

is written. Multiplying two sides by

\[
B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r} = \rho \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r}
\]

is obtained. Let it define that

\[
s = B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r}
\]

Putting the equation (22) into the equation (21)

\[
B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot \mathbf{s} = \rho \cdot \mathbf{s}
\]

is derived and the theorem is proved. So, \( k_1=k_2=\rho \).

**Lemma 1:**

For the reason of the definition in equation (22) the eigenvector of \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \) is \( \mathbf{s}=B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r} \) while the eigenvector of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) is \( \mathbf{r} \).

**Theorem 2:**

The eigenvalue of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) is the same with the eigenvalue of \( (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \cdot (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \).

**Proof**

Let the eigenvalue of \( (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \cdot (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \) be \( \rho \) and the eigenvector of the same matrix is \( \mathbf{u} \). Taking the definition of relation between eigenvalue and eigenvector into consideration the following equation is written:

\[
(A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \cdot (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \cdot \mathbf{u} = \rho \cdot \mathbf{u}
\]

Multiplying two sides by \( A^{-1/2} \)

\[
A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{u} = \rho \cdot A^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{u}
\]

Let \( \mathbf{r} = A^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{u} \) then the proof will be completed, as it will be seen in the following equation:

\[
A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot \mathbf{r} = \rho \cdot \mathbf{r}
\]

**Theorem 3:**

All the eigenvalues of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) is positive.

**Proof**

Let \( C \) denote \( A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2} \). Let \( \rho \) denote eigenvalue of \( C \cdot C' \). And let \( \mathbf{u} \) denote eigenvector of \( C \cdot C' \). It is obvious that \( \mathbf{u} \cdot C \cdot C' \cdot \mathbf{u} \) may be characterised as a quadratic form, which symbolised as \( Q \). Now let \( \mathbf{v} \) define as \( C' \cdot \mathbf{u} \). The following equation comes immediately:

\[
Q = \mathbf{v}' \cdot \mathbf{v} = v_1^2 + v_2^2 + \ldots + v_p^2
\]

Obviously this is greater than or equal to zero. On the other side the mentioned quadratic form may be written as follows:

\[
Q = \mathbf{u}' \cdot C \cdot C' \cdot \mathbf{u} = \rho \cdot \mathbf{u}' \cdot \mathbf{u}
\]

As it will be understood that the quadratic form \( \mathbf{u}' \cdot \mathbf{u} \) and \( Q \) are positive altogether, for the reason of that the eigenvalue \( \rho \) must be positive. This means that the eigenvalue \( \rho \) is greater than or equal to zero. So, the proof is completed.

**Lemma 2:**

If the eigenvector of \( (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \cdot (A^{-1/2} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1/2}) \) is \( \mathbf{u} \) and the eigenvector of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) is \( \mathbf{r} \) then \( \mathbf{r} = A^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{u} \) and \( \mathbf{u} = A^{-1/2} \cdot \mathbf{u} \).
Theorem 4:

One of the eigenvectors of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$ is $l_n$ while the eigenvalue is 1.

Proof

$A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X' l_n = A^{-1}X' p = l_n$

This means that $l_n$ is an eigenvector of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$ while the eigenvalue is 1. This also means that all the sums of the rows of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$ is 1.

Lemma 3:

Using Lemma 2 it can be derived that one of the eigenvector of $(A^{-1/2}X'B^{-1/2}) (A^{-1/2}X'B^{-1/2})'$ is $A^{1/2} l_n$ while the eigenvalue is 1.

Lemma 4:

Let $r$ be the eigenvector of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$ while the eigenvalue is different from 1. It is because that the eigenvectors of symmetric matrix are orthogonal, then the eigenvectors $A^{1/2} r$ and $A^{1/2} l_n$ of $(A^{-1/2}X'B^{-1/2}) (A^{-1/2}X'B^{-1/2})'$ are orthogonal. Their inner product is zero. So,

$$r' A^{-1} l_n = 0 \quad (24)$$

Similarly the following equation may be proved too. The proof is omitted.

$$s' B^{-1} l_p = 0 \quad (25)$$

Theorem 5:

The greatest eigenvalue of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$ is 1.

Proof:

Consider the following equation:

$$A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X' r = \rho \cdot r \quad (26)$$

Suppose that all the scores of $r$ are positive. All the sums of the rows of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$ are 1 because of the theorem 4. The vector scores of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X' r$ are a linear combination of $r$ scores, which the sum of linear combination coefficients is 1 for the reason of the theorem 4. So, any linear combination of the scores of $r$ is between the minimum and maximum scores of the same vector. Suppose that $r' = [1 \ 2]$. Obviously the minimum is 1 while maximum is 2. Let the coefficients of linear combination be 0, 3 and 0,7 (Obviously their sum is 1). So, the linear combination may be computed as $1 \cdot 0,3 + 2 \cdot 0,7 = 1,7$. As it will be seen that the linear combination is smaller than the maximum and is greater than minimum. It may be generally argued that any linear combination is between the minimum and maximum.

For the reason of that any linear combination of $r$ is less than or equal to the maximum score of the same vector. According to the equation (26) it may be obviously argued that the greatest linear combination is $\rho \cdot r_{\text{max}}$ while the maximum score of $r$ is $r_{\text{max}}$. It is also obvious that the mentioned linear combination is less than or equal to $r_{\text{max}}$. For the reason of that the following equation may be easily written:

$$\rho \cdot r_{\text{max}} \leq r_{\text{max}}$$

This means that $\rho \leq 1$ and the proof is completed. Similarly it can be argued that the greatest eigenvalue of $B^{-1}X'$. $A^{-1}X$ is 1. The proof is omitted. The similar proof method may be found in (Hill, 1974).

As it will be conveniently understood that the greatest eigenvalue determine the first axis. For the greatest eigenvalue the standardised eigenvectors $r$ and $s$ are $r = \frac{l_n}{\sqrt{n}}$ and $s = \frac{l_p}{\sqrt{p}}$ respectively. As it is known in principal component analysis the first axis is usually most significant axis but surprisingly it may be said that these solutions found according to first axis of correspondence analysis are not the most meaningful solutions (Hill, 1974). These solutions accept that the row and column categories are the same wet-loving or dry-loving property (Mardia, 1979). However the purpose of corresponding analysis is to find out a secret structure such as the wet-loving or dry-loving differences among the row or column categories in a contingency table has been explained in the beginning. Taking this reality into consideration it may be said that the most meaningful solution in corresponding analysis can be found for the eigenvalue less than 1.

3.GRAPHICAL REPRESENTATION

The main purpose of corresponding analysis is to discover the reality behind the cross table about categorical data. This reality behind the cross table about categorical data of certain species and habitants may be explained as wet-loving score. In other situations of categorical data the explanation must obviously change. Suppose that $\rho_1$ and $\rho_2$ are two eigenvalues less than 1 of $A^{-1}X'B^{-1}X'$. According to these eigenvalues $r_1$ and $r_2$ may be found as the standardised eigenvectors of the same matrix. The reality behind the cross table about categorical data may be represented by the way of $r_1$ and $r_2$ or as well as $s_1$ and $s_2$. The scores of $r_1$ and $r_2$ are the levels of the quantity about mentioned reality. These vectors are the axes of corresponding analysis and they define a plane. It is clear that $r_{11}, r_{12}, \ldots , r_{1n}$ and $r_{21}, r_{22}, \ldots , r_{2n}$ are the scores of the certain species in the
MARDIA'S THEOREM

Mardia (1979, 1988 and 1989) has written: «It is not difficult to show that if \( r \) is a standardised eigenvector of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) with eigenvalue \( \rho (\rho > 0) \), then \( s = \rho^{1/2} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot r \) is a standardised eigenvector of \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \) with the same eigenvalue.» In addition he has given the proof as an exercise for the reader: «If \( r \) is a standardised eigenvector of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) with eigenvalue \( \rho (\rho > 0) \), show that \( \rho^{1/2} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot r \) is a standardised eigenvector of \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \) with the same eigenvalue.» However it is easy to prove that Mardia’s theorem is not true.

The standardised eigenvector of \( A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \) is \( r = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \) while the eigenvalue is 1. According to Mardia while the eigenvalue is 1 the standardised eigenvector of \( B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \) may be computed as \( s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \). Simplifying the relation \( s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \) is obtained. Because of the equation (11) the following result may be written as \( s = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \cdot B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot A^{-1} \cdot X \). It is a pity that the result obtained is not a standardised eigenvector while \( \rho = 1 \). For the reason of that the equations (30) cannot be generalised for all the eigenvectors. These are specific coefficients which are valid only while \( \rho = 1 \). As a final thought it can be said that Mardia’s mentioned transition relations for the standardised eigenvectors \( r \) and \( s \) are not valid. The transition relations such as the equation (27) and (28) may be looked for but cannot be found with the known \( c_1 \) and \( c_2 \) for all the eigenvalues. It can be argued that it is vine to look for the true transition relations between the standardised eigenvectors \( r \) and \( s \) except the followings:

\[
\begin{align*}
r &= \frac{A^{-1} \cdot X \cdot s}{\sqrt{s' \cdot X' \cdot A^{-2} \cdot X \cdot s}} \\
s &= \frac{B^{-1} \cdot X' \cdot s}{\sqrt{r' \cdot X' \cdot B^{-2} \cdot X' \cdot r}}
\end{align*}
\]

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