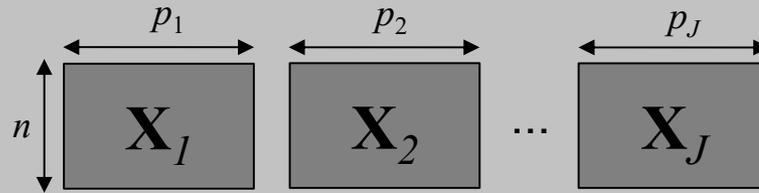


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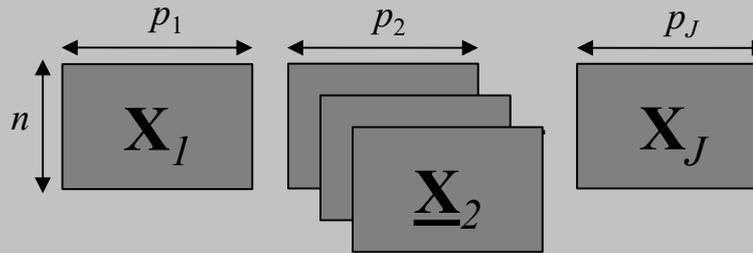
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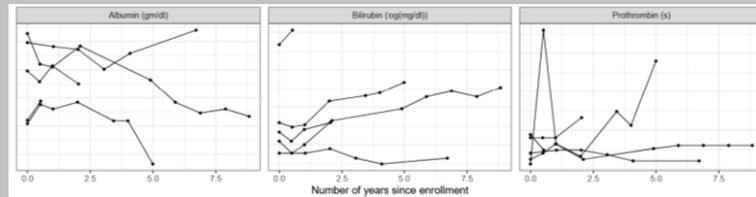
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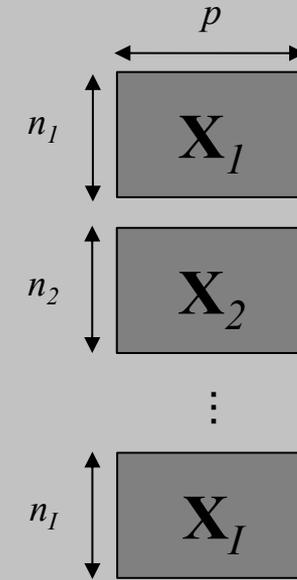
(a) multiblock structure



(b) multiblock/multiway structure



(c) longitudinal multiblock structure



(c) multigroup structure

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Economic inequality and political instability

Data from Russett (1964)

Economic inequality

Agricultural inequality

GINI : Inequality of land distributions

FARM : % farmers that own half of the land (> 50)

RENT : % farmers that rent all their land

Industrial development

GNPR : Gross national product per capita (\$ 1955)

LABO : % of labor force employed in agriculture

Political instability

INST : Instability of executive (45-61)

ECKS : Nb of violent internal war incidents (46-61)

DEAT : Nb of people killed as a result of civic group violence (50-62)

D-STAB : Stable democracy

D-UNST : Unstable democracy

DICT : Dictatorship

Economic inequality and political instability

(Data from Russett, 1964)

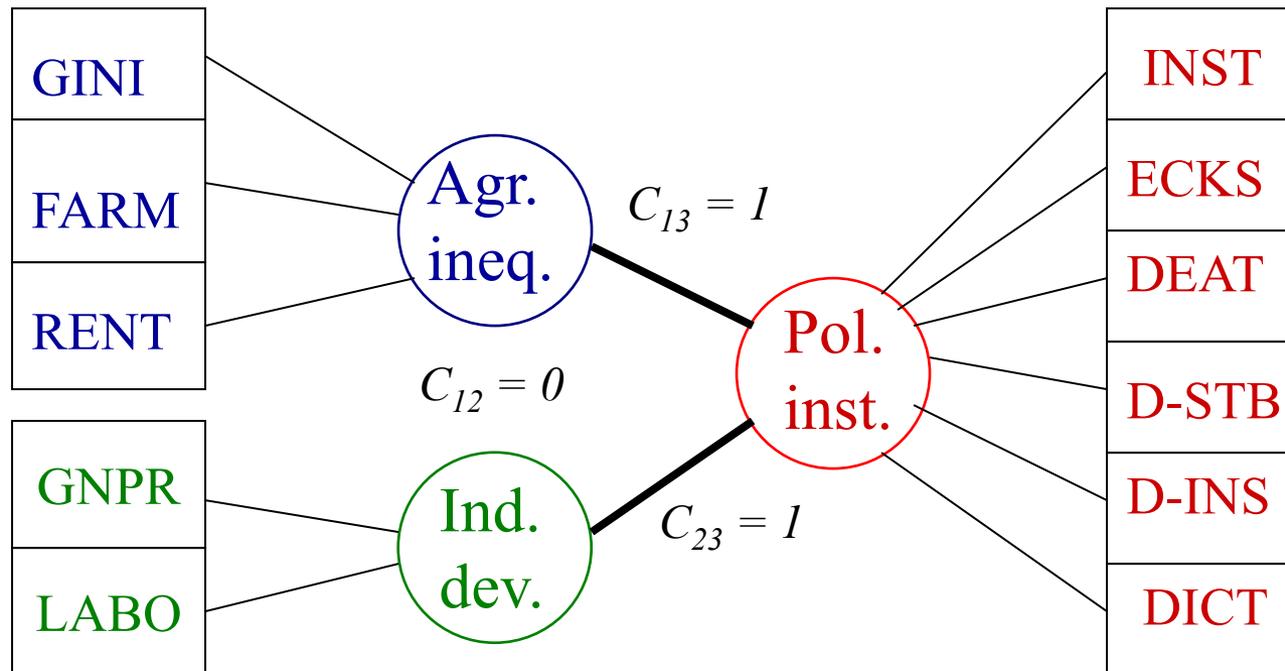
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	Gini	Farm	Rent	Gnpr	Labo	Inst	Ecks	Deat	Demo
Argentine	86.3	98.2	32.9	374	25	13.6	57	217	2
Australie	92.9	99.6	*	1215	14	11.3	0	0	1
Autriche	74.0	97.4	10.7	532	32	12.8	4	0	2
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France	58.3	86.1	26.0	1046	26	16.3	46	1	2
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Yougoslavie	43.7	79.8	0.0	297	67	0.0	9	0	3

- 1 = Stable democracy
- 2 = Unstable democracy
- 3 = Dictatorship

Three data blocks

Path diagram

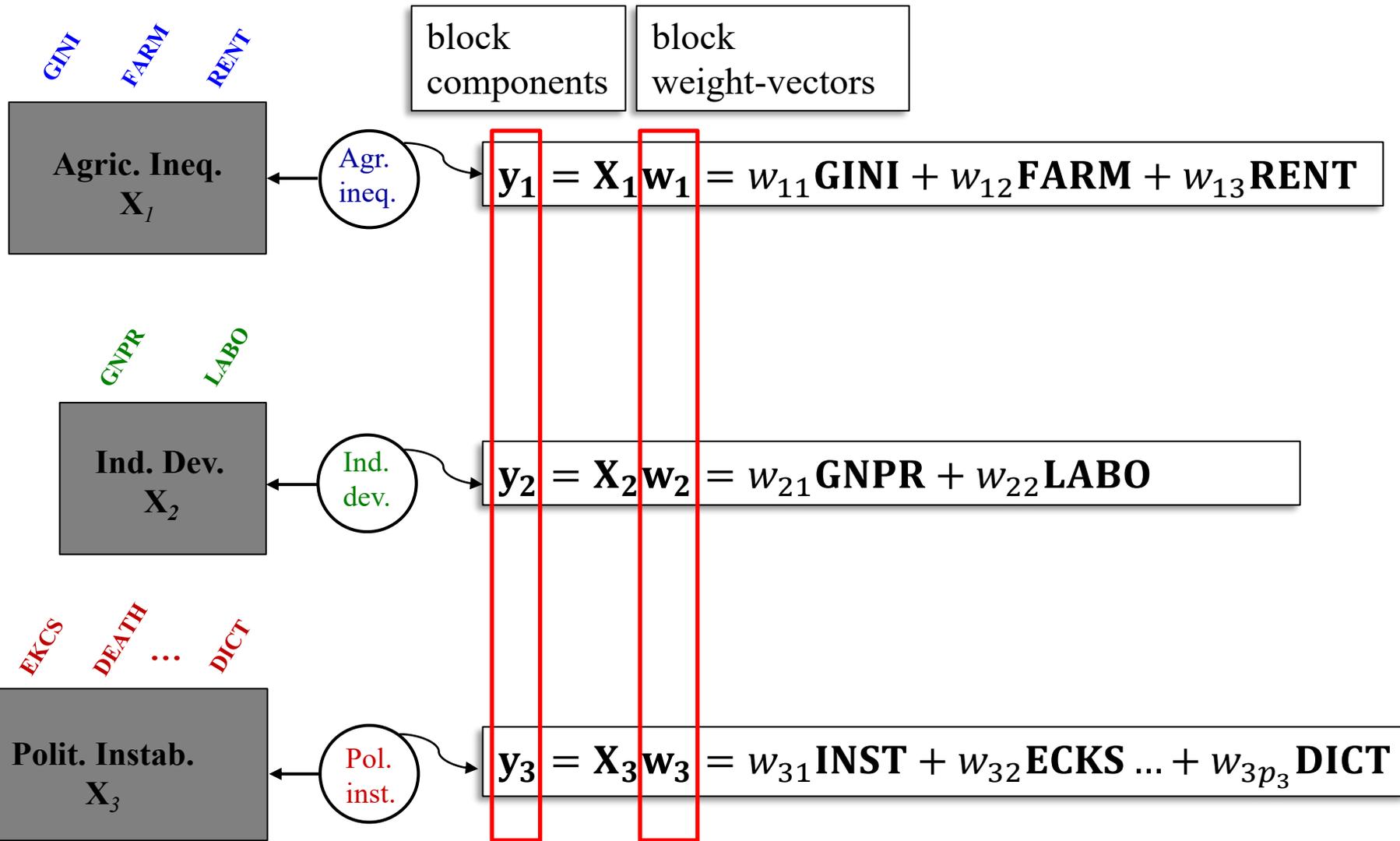
Agricultural inequality (X_1)



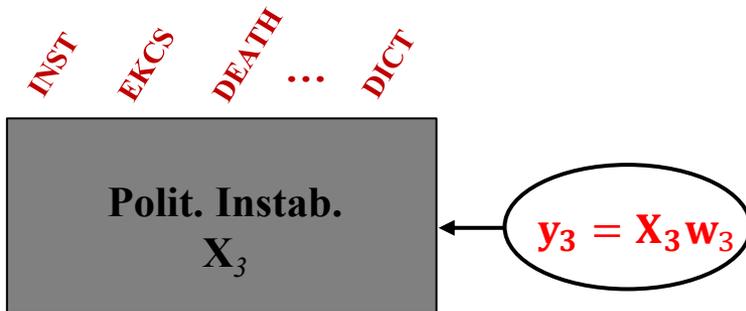
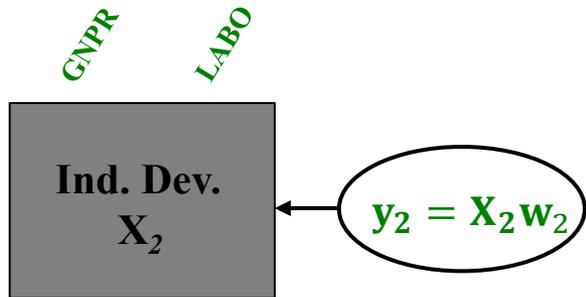
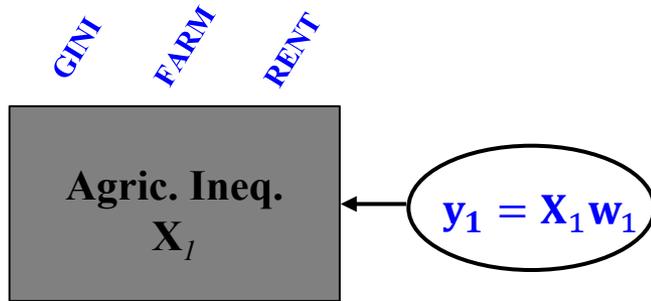
Industrial development (X_2)

Political instability (X_3)

The philosophy of multiblock component methods



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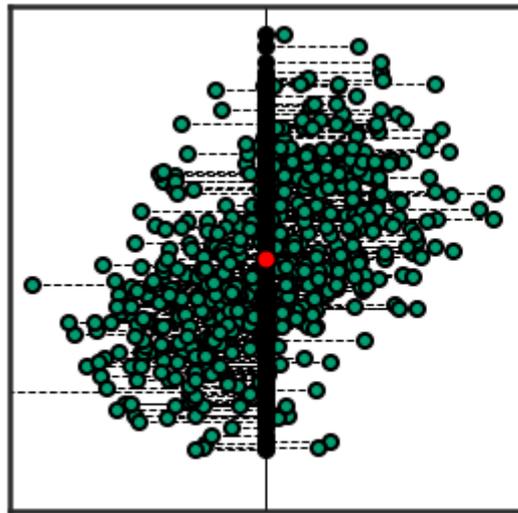
Block components should verify two properties at the same time:

1. Block components well explain their own block.
2. Block components are as correlated as possible for connected blocks.

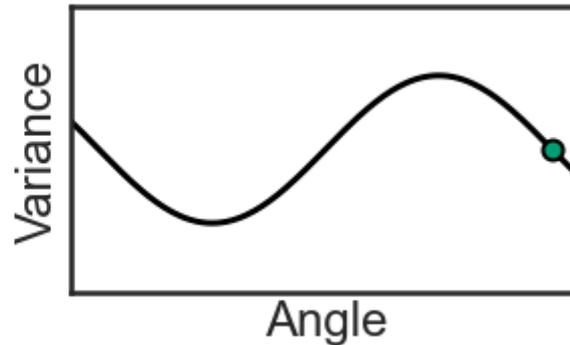
Block components well explain their own block?

Principle of Principal Component Analysis(PCA)

⇒ find direction of maximum variance



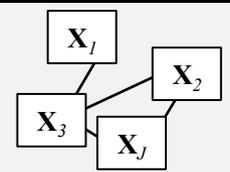
f Data, mean and projection



Block components well explain their own block = find direction of high variance!

BLOCKS ARE PARTIALLY CONNECTED

$c_{jk} = 1$ if $\mathbf{X}_j \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_k$, 0 otherwise



SUMCOR

$$\max_{\text{var}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j)=1} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)$$

SSQCOR

$$\max_{\text{var}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j)=1} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} \text{cov}^2(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)$$

SABSCOR

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RGCCA for multiblock analysis

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J} h(\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J) = \sum_{j,k}^J c_{jk} g(\text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k))$$

$$\text{s. t. } (1 - \tau_j) \text{var}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j) + \tau_j \|\mathbf{w}_j\|_2^2 = 1, j = 1, \dots, J$$

- $c_{jk} = 1$ if $\mathbf{X}_j \leftrightarrow \mathbf{X}_k$, 0 otherwise
- $g =$ any convex function – e.g. $\begin{cases} g(x) = x & \text{(Horst scheme)} \\ g(x) = x^2 & \text{(Factorial scheme)} \\ g(x) = |x| & \text{(Centroid scheme)} \end{cases}$
- $0 \leq \tau_j \leq 1$ continuum between correlation and covariance

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Two key ingredients:

- (i) Block relaxation
- (ii) Majorization by Minorization (MM)

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Block relaxation: from w^S to w^{S+1}

$$w^S = (w_1^S, w_2^S, \dots, w_j^S)$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{w_1, w_1^\top M_1 w_1 = 1} h(w_1, w_2^S, \dots, w_j^S)$$

$$\rightarrow w_1^{S+1}$$

$$\rightarrow w_2^{S+1}$$

⋮

$$\rightarrow w_j^{S+1}$$

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$$\rightarrow w_j^{S+1}$$



primal algorithm
 $n \geq p_j$



dual algorithm
 $n < p_j$

Primal/dual update for RGCCA

Primal update



$$\mathbf{w}_j^{s+1} = \frac{p_j \times p_j \left((1 - \tau_j)n^{-1}\mathbf{X}_j^\top\mathbf{X}_j + \tau_j\mathbf{I}_{p_j} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{z}_j^s}{\left(\mathbf{z}_j^{s\top} \mathbf{X}_j \left((1 - \tau_j)n^{-1}\mathbf{X}_j^\top\mathbf{X}_j + \tau_j\mathbf{I}_{p_j} \right)^{-1} \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{z}_j^s \right)^{1/2}}$$

Dual update



$$\mathbf{w}_j^{s+1} = \frac{n \times n \mathbf{X}_j^\top \left((1 - \tau_j)n^{-1}\mathbf{X}_j\mathbf{X}_j^\top + \tau_j\mathbf{I}_n \right)^{-1} \mathbf{z}_j^s}{\left(\mathbf{z}_j^{s\top} \mathbf{X}_j\mathbf{X}_j^\top \left((1 - \tau_j)n^{-1}\mathbf{X}_j\mathbf{X}_j^\top + \tau_j\mathbf{I}_n \right)^{-1} \mathbf{z}_j^s \right)^{1/2}}$$

Properties of the RGCCA algorithm for multiblock data

- ▶ **Monotone convergence**: $h(\mathbf{w}_1^{s+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^{s+1}) \geq h(\mathbf{w}_1^s, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^s)$.

In addition, assuming uniqueness of the solution of the MM step, the following properties hold:

- ▶ The sequence $\{\mathbf{w}^s\}$ is **asymptotically regular**: $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \|\mathbf{w}^{s+1} - \mathbf{w}^s\| = 0$.
- ▶ At convergence, a **stationary point** is obtained.

RGCCA as a general framework for multiblock analysis

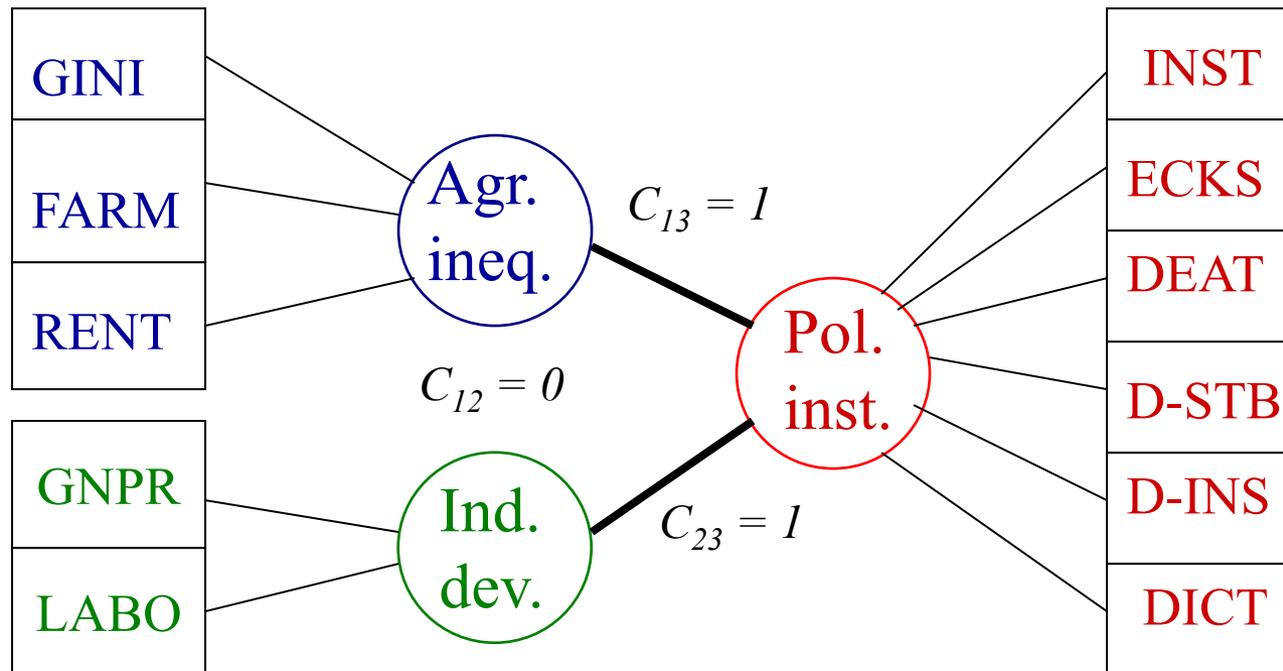
Methods	$g(x)$	τ_j or s_j	C	Orthogonality
Canonical correlation analysis cca	x	$\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 0$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Comp
Inter-battery factor analysis or PLS regression ifa/pls		$\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 1$		
sparse PLS regression spls		$\frac{1}{\sqrt{p_1}} < s_1 \leq 1;$ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{p_2}} < s_2 \leq 1$		
Redundancy analysis ra		$\tau_1 = 1 ; \tau_2 = 0$		
Regularized redundancy analysis rgcca		$0 \leq \tau_1 \leq 1 ; \tau_2 = 0$		
Regularized canonical correlation analysis rgcca		$0 \leq \tau_1 \leq 1 ;$ $0 \leq \tau_2 \leq 1$		

RGCCA as a general framework for multiblock analysis

Methods	$g(x)$	τ_j	C	Orthogonality
SUMCOR sumcor	x	$\tau_j = 0$	$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$	Comp
SSQCOR ssqcor	x^2	$\tau_j = 0$		Comp
SABSCOR sabscor	$ x $	$\tau_j = 0$		Comp
SUMCOV-1 sumcov-1	x	$\tau_j = 1$		Comp
MAXBET maxbet	x	$\tau_j = 1$		Weight
SSQCOV-1 ssqcov-1	x^2	$\tau_j = 1$		Comp
MAXBET-B maxbet-b	x^2	$\tau_j = 1$		Weight
SABSCOV-1 sabscov-1	$ x $	$\tau_j = 1$		Comp
SABSCOV-2 sabscov-2	x^2	$\tau_j = 1$		Comp
SUMCOV-2 sumcov-2	x	$\tau_j = 1$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & \ddots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \ddots & \ddots & 1 \\ 1 & \cdots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Comp
MAXDIFF maxdiff	x	$\tau_j = 1$		Weight
SSQCOV-2 ssqcov-2	x^2	$\tau_j = 1$		Comp
MAXDIFF-B maxdiff-b	x^2	$\tau_j = 1$		Weight
PLS path modeling - mode B rgcca	$ x $	$\tau_j = 0$	$c_{jk} \neq 0 \text{ for two connected blocks and } 0 \text{ otherwise}$	Comp
DIABLO sgcca	g	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{p_j}} \leq s_j \leq 1$		Comp
Regularized Generalized Canonical Correlation Analysis rgcca	g	$0 \leq \tau_j \leq 1$		Comp/Weight
Sparse Generalized Canonical Correlation Analysis sgcca	g	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{p_j}} \leq s_j \leq 1$		Comp/Weight

The Russett dataset

Agricultural inequality (X_1)



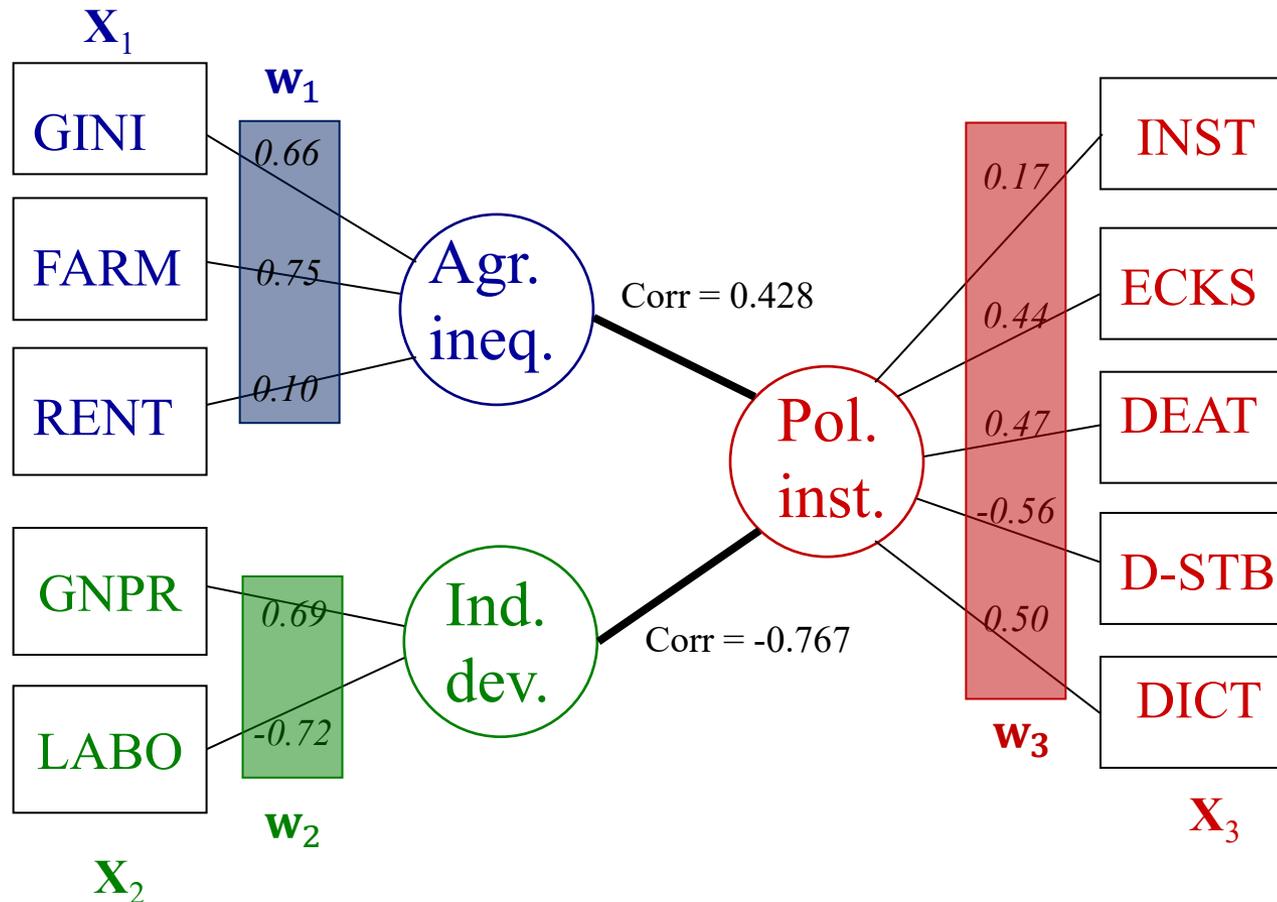
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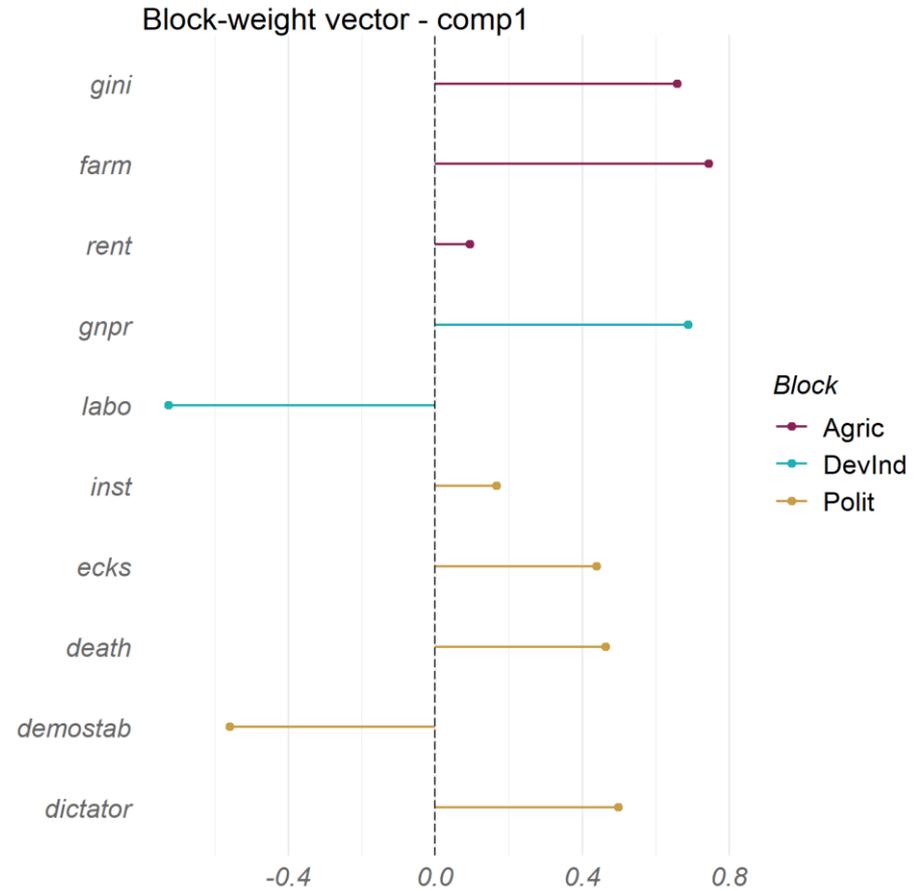
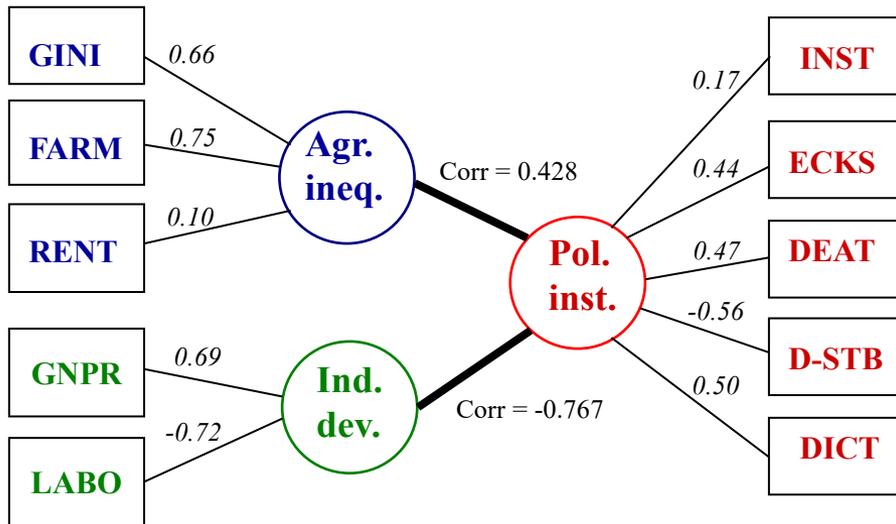
RGCCA on Russett data

Block-weight vectors with $\tau_j = 1$ and $g(x) = x^2$

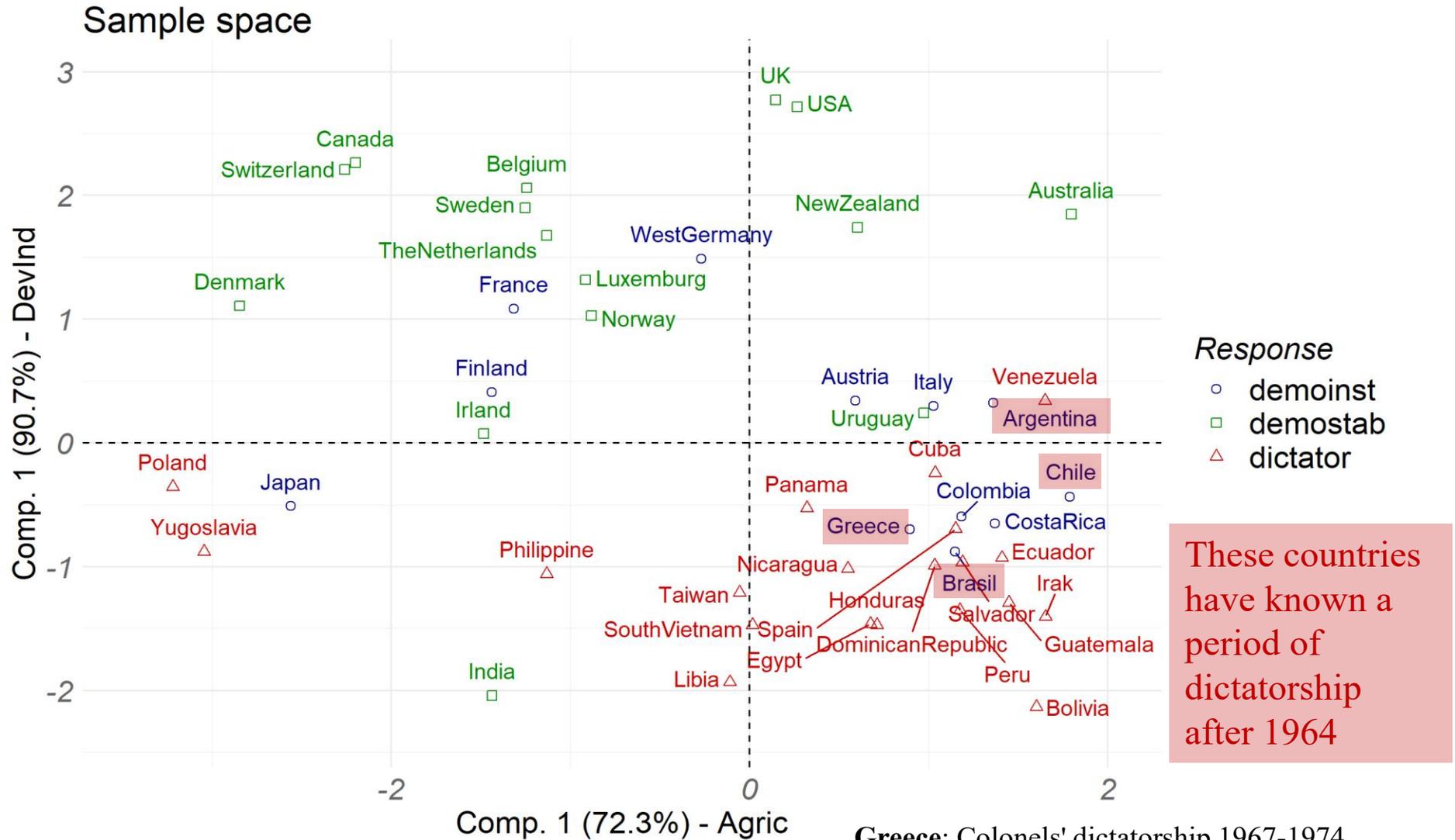
$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3} \text{cov}^2(\mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{w}_3) + \text{cov}^2(\mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{w}_3) \text{ s.t. } \|\mathbf{w}_j\| = 1, j = 1, 2, 3$$



Block-weight vectors

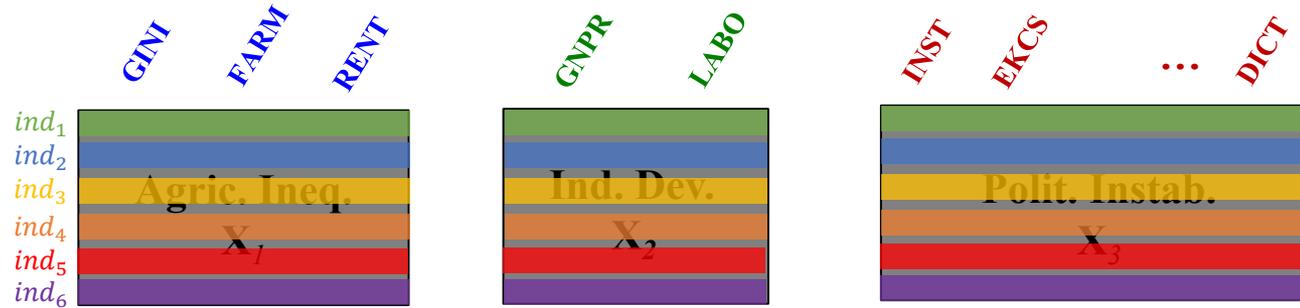


Data vizualization

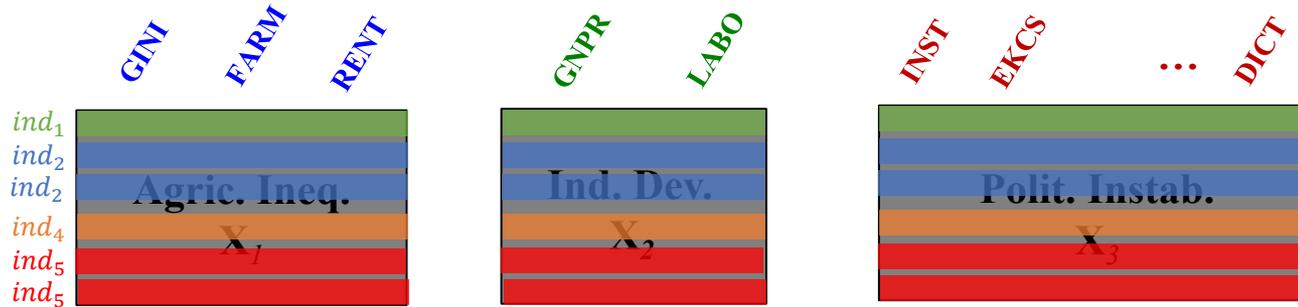


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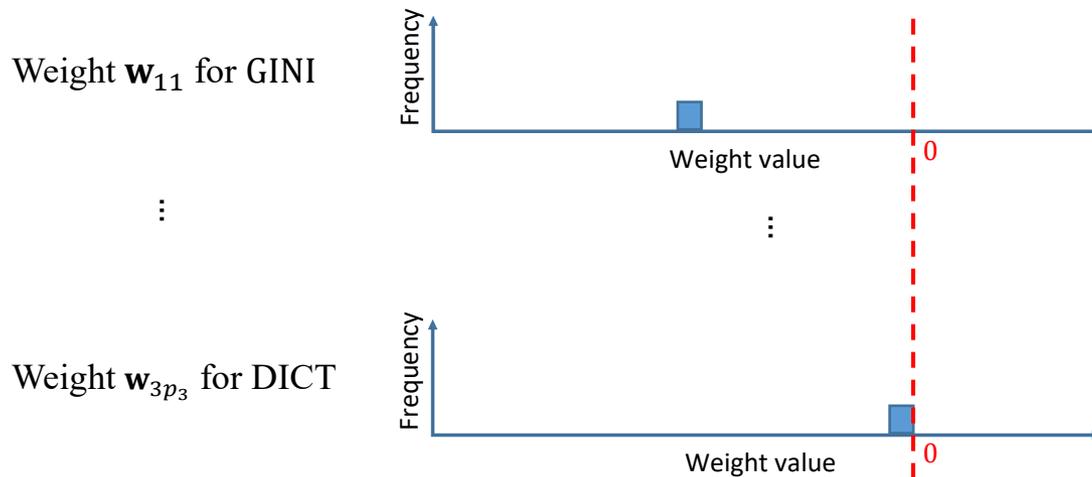
Evaluation of the model by bootstrapping



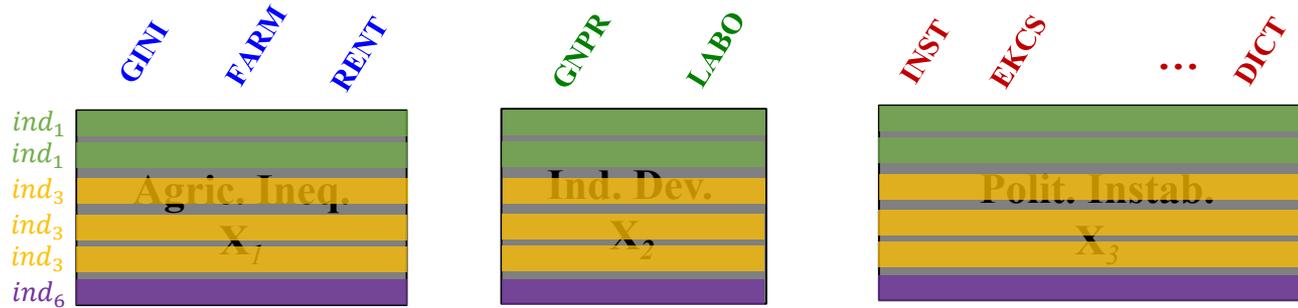
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Bootstrap sample #1

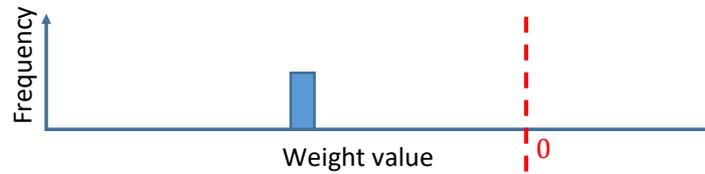


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Bootstrap samle #2

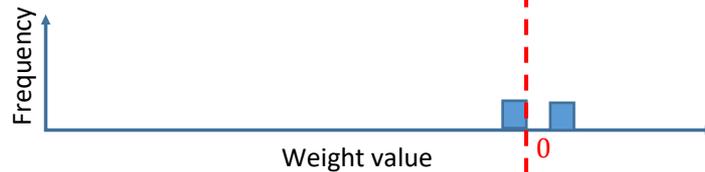
Weight w_{11} for GINI



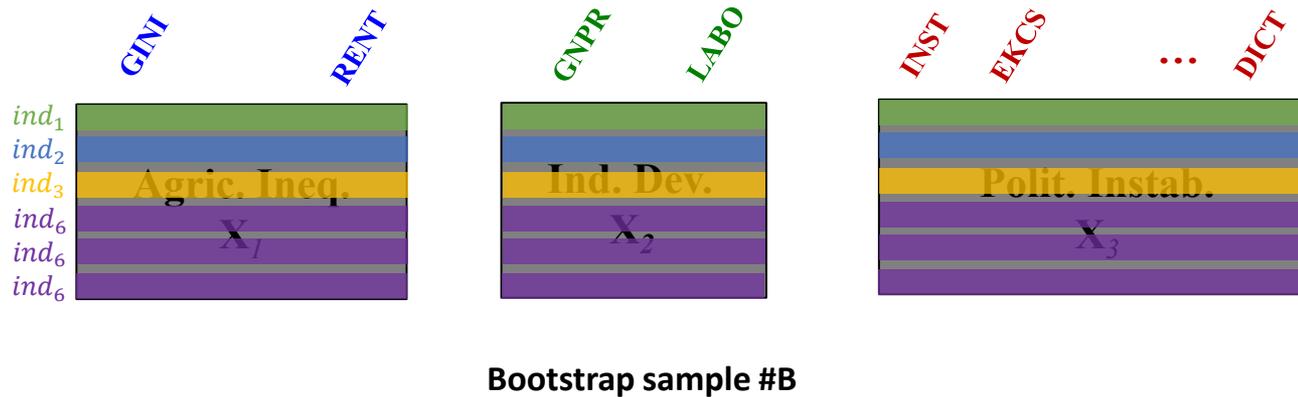
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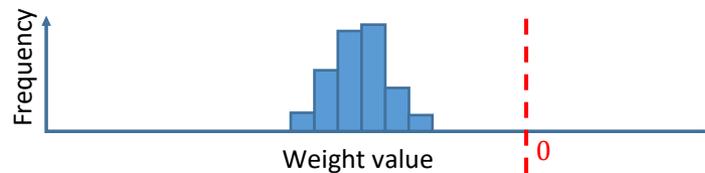
Weight w_{3p_3} for DICT



Evaluation of the model by bootstrapping



Weight w_{11} for GINI



⇒ The weight is likely to be considered as significantly different from 0.

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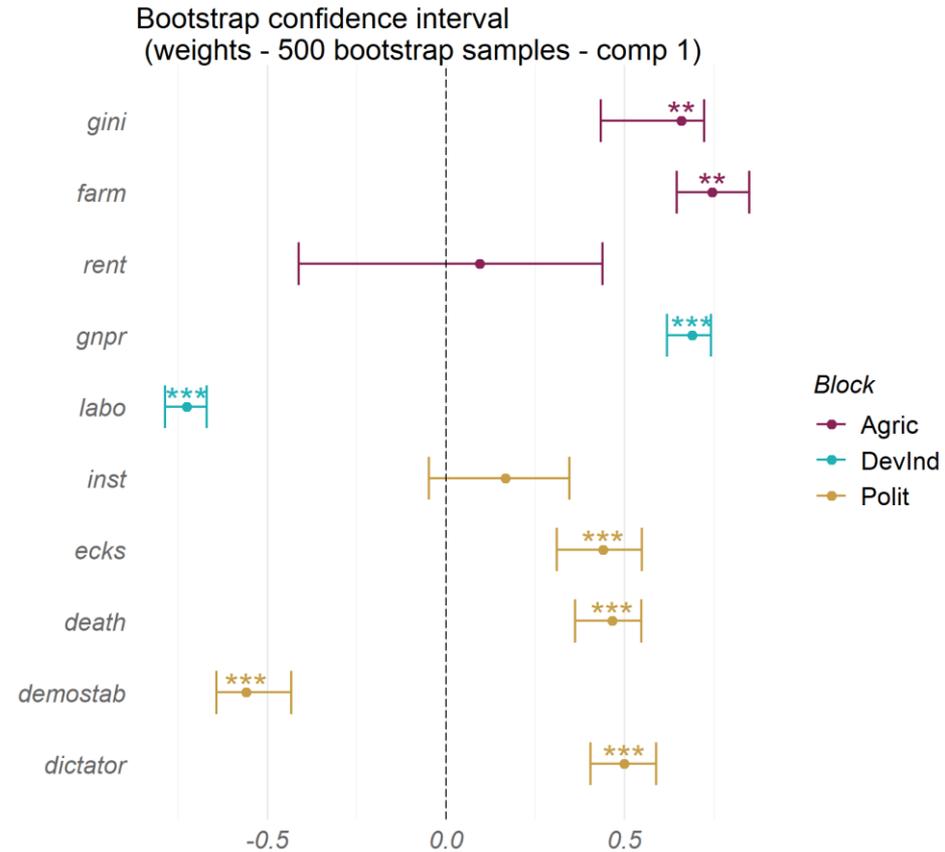
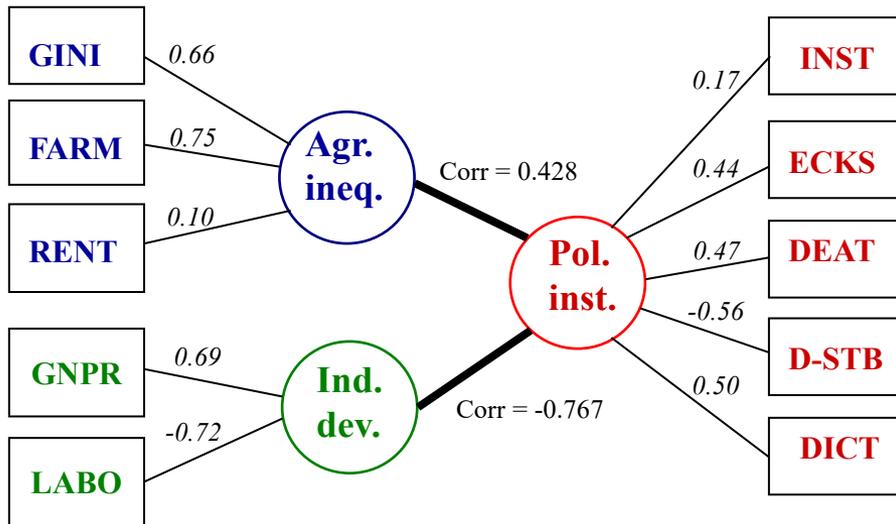
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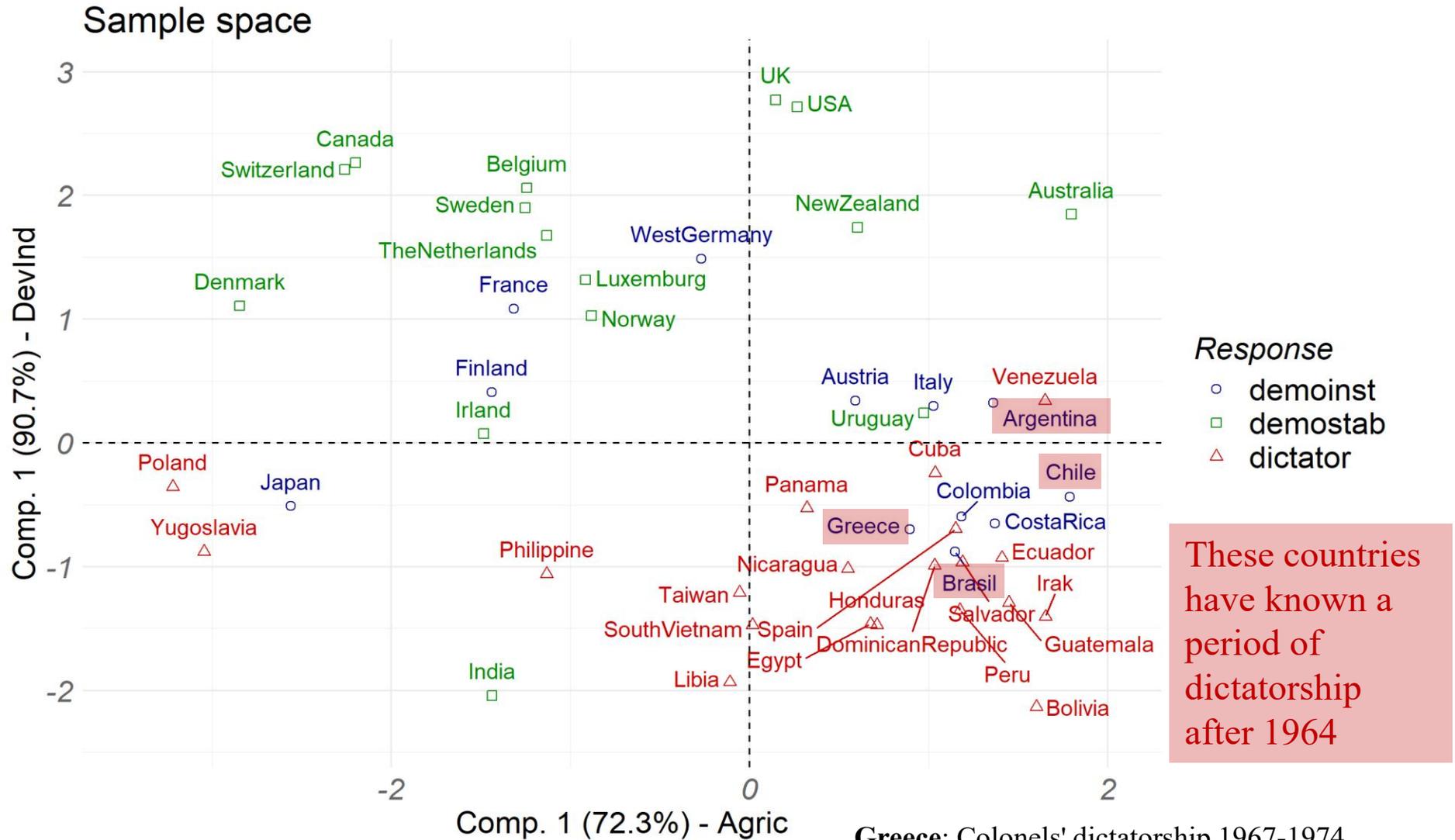
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From these distributions, we can derive non-parametric confidence intervals $[q_{0.025}, q_{0.975}]$

Bootstrap confidence intervals



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Higher-level block components

$$\mathbf{w}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{(1)} = \underset{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} g(\operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)) \quad \text{s. t. } \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J$$

Higher level block components are obtained by considering the following optimization problem:

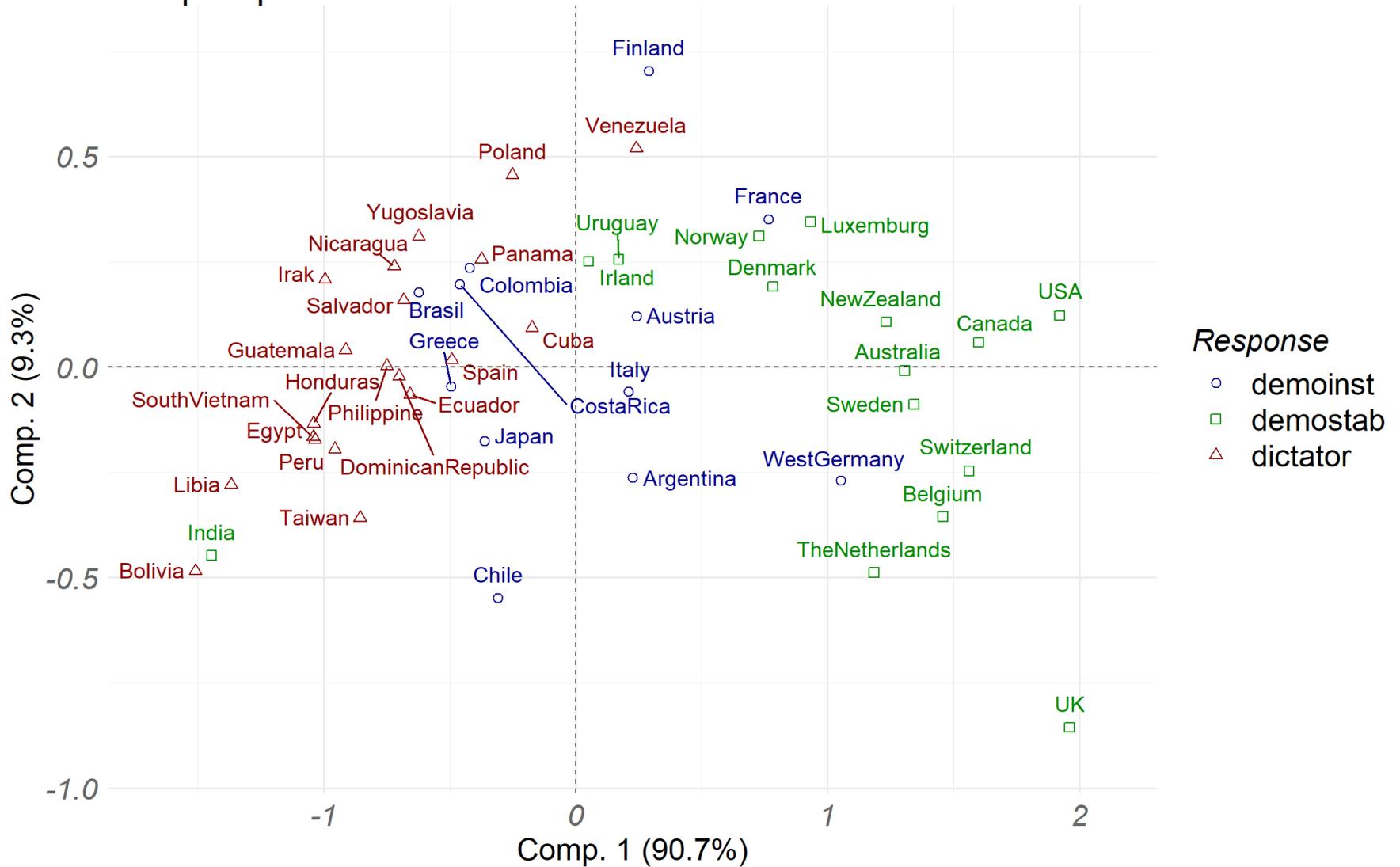
$$\mathbf{w}_1^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{(2)} = \underset{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J}{\operatorname{argmax}} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} g(\operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)) \quad \text{s. t. } \begin{aligned} &\mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J \\ &\mathbf{y}_j^{(1)\top} \mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, J \end{aligned}$$

⇒ Solved by deflation

Orthogonality constraints

Higher-level block components

Sample space: DevInd

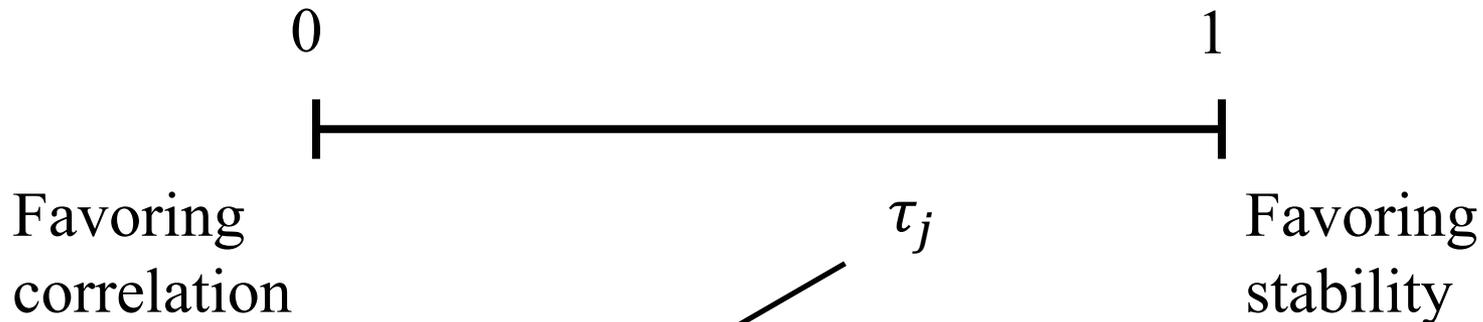


Choice of the shrinkage constant : τ_j

(analytical formula)

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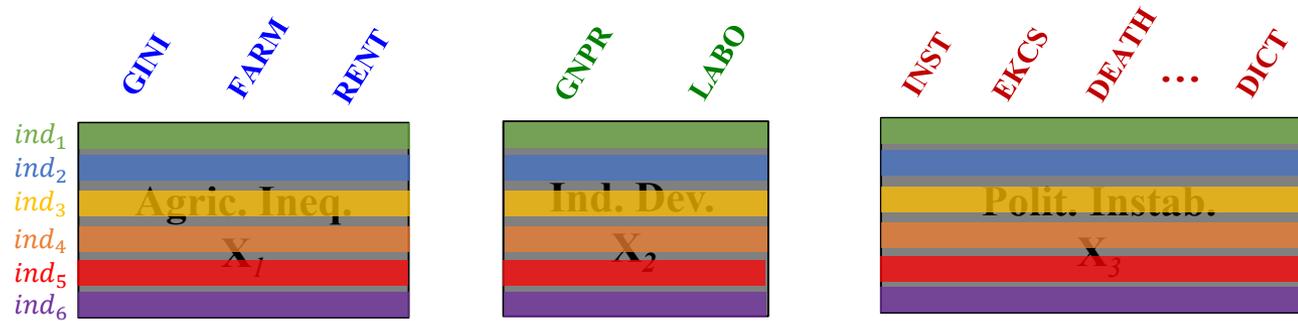
$$\text{s. t. } \mathbf{w}_j^\top \left((1 - \tau_j) n^{-1} \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{X}_j + \tau_j \mathbf{I}_{p_j} \right) \mathbf{w}_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J$$



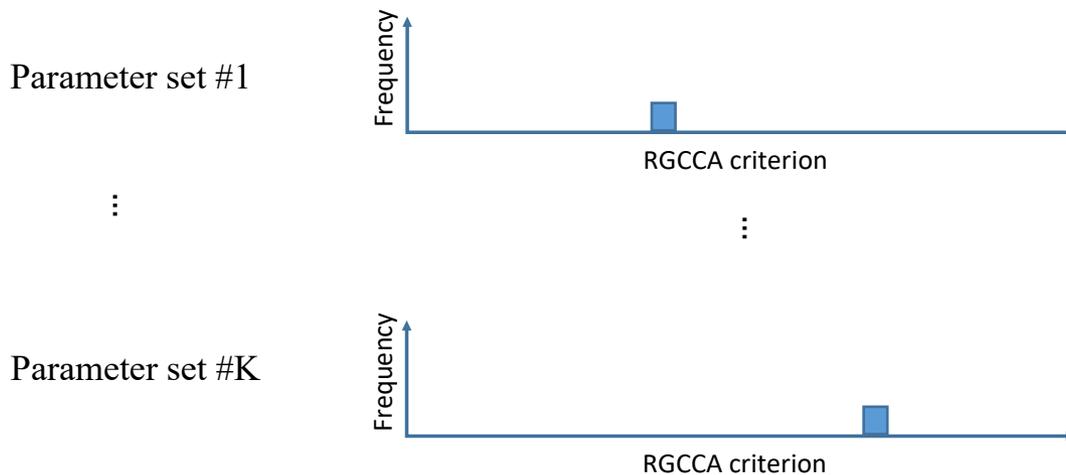
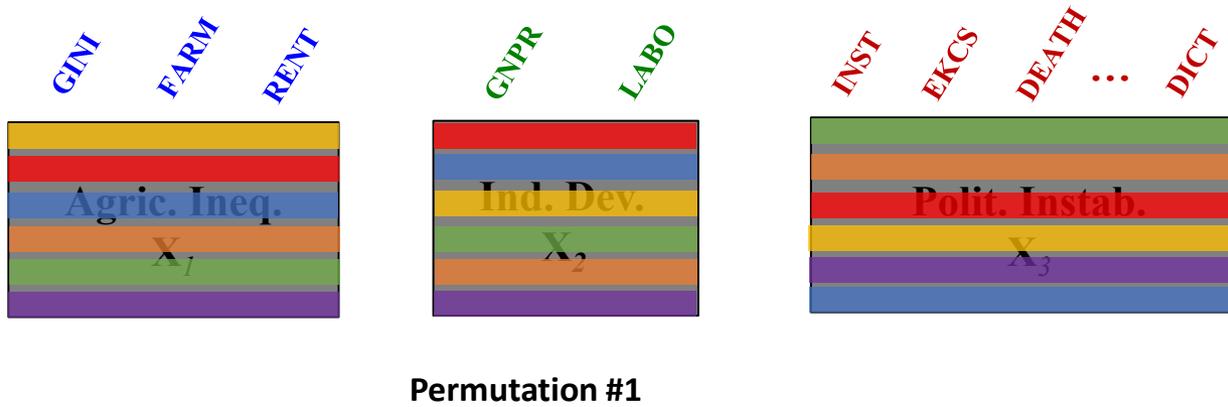
$$\tau_j^* = \underset{\tau_j}{\operatorname{argmin}} \mathbb{E} \left[\left\| \hat{\Sigma}_j(\tau_j) - \Sigma_j \right\|_F^2 \right]$$

Schäfer & Strimmer formula can be used for an optimal determination of the shrinkage constants

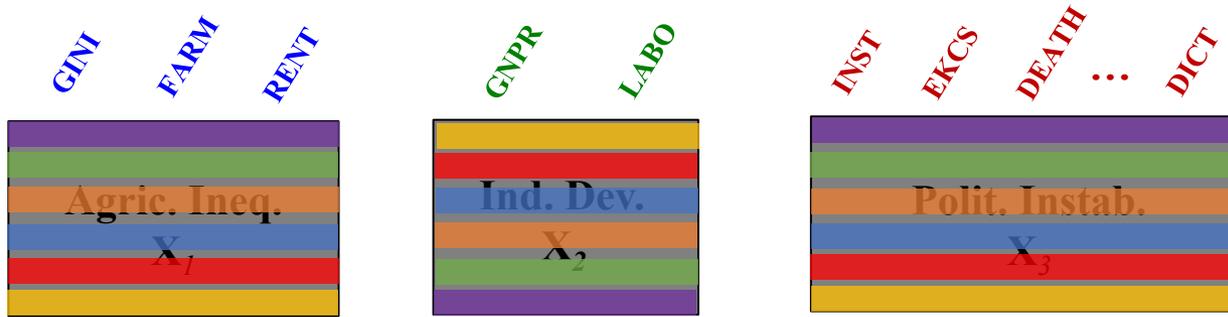
Choice of the shrinkage constant : τ_j (permutation procedure)



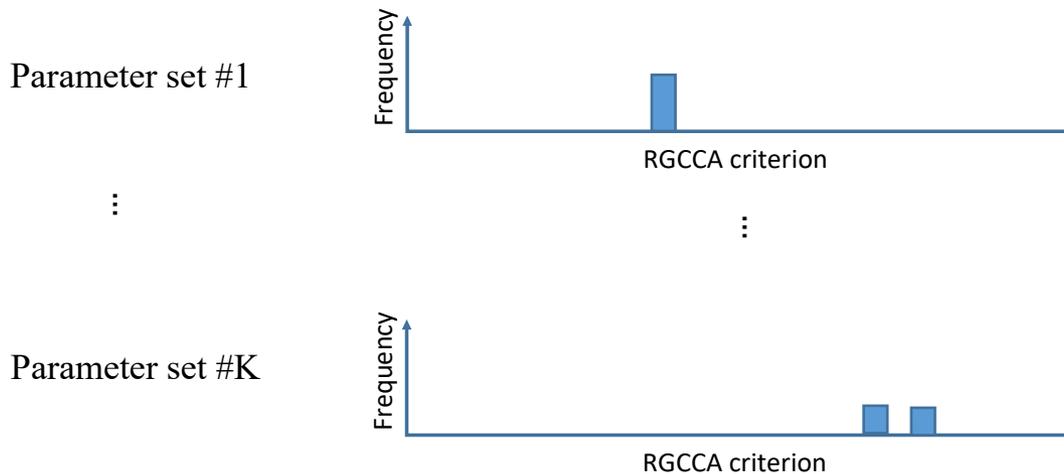
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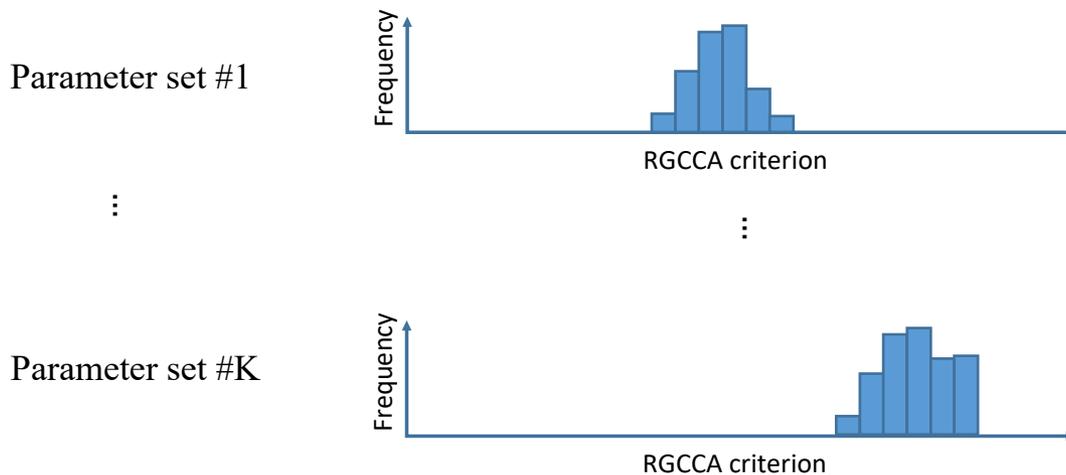
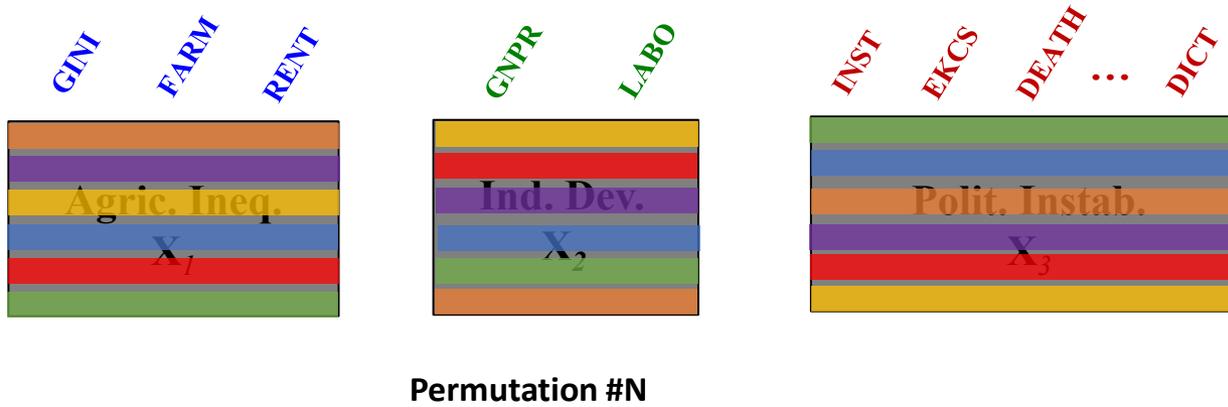
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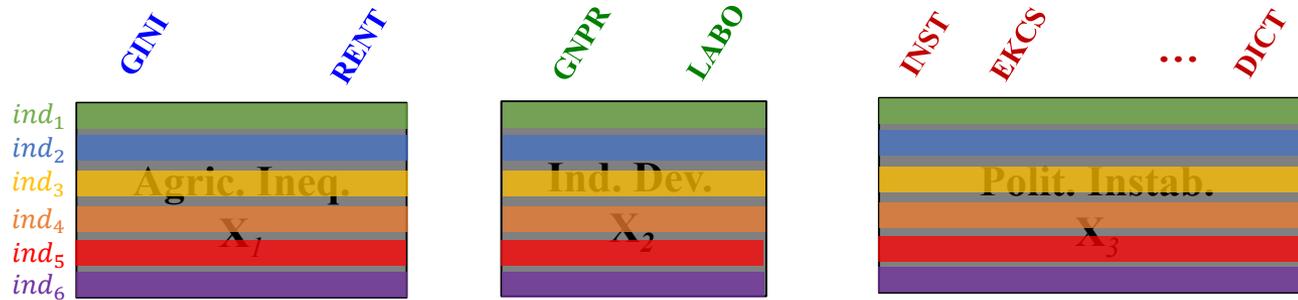
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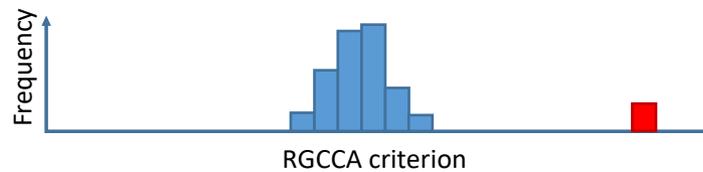


Choice of the shrinkage constant : τ_j (permutation procedure)



No permutation

Parameter set #1



$$\Rightarrow z_1 = \frac{\text{crit} - \mu_{\text{crit_perm}}}{\sigma_{\text{crit_perm}}}$$

⋮

⋮

Parameter set #K

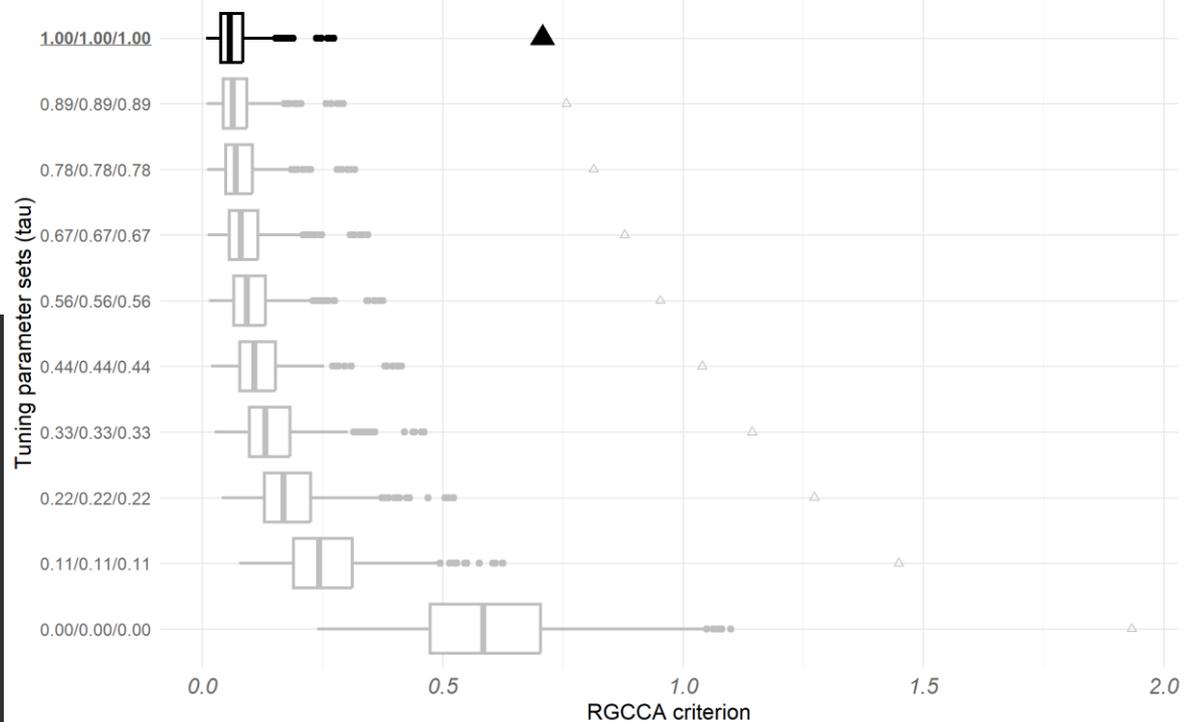


$$\Rightarrow z_K = \frac{\text{crit} - \mu_{\text{crit_perm}}}{\sigma_{\text{crit_perm}}}$$

The best set of parameters is associated with the highest z-value

Determination of τ_j by permutation

Permutation scores (500 runs)
Best parameters: 1.00/1.00/1.00



Tuning parameters (tau) used:

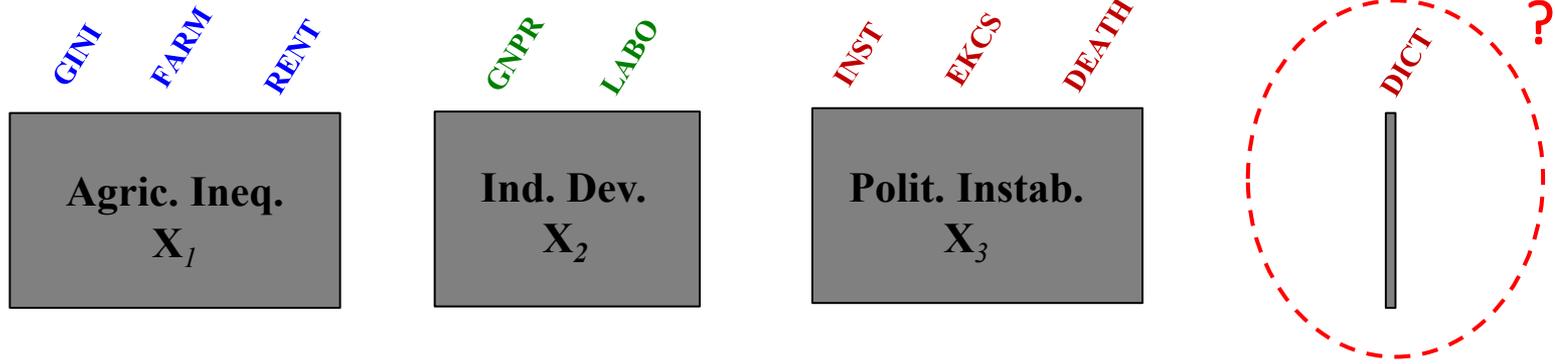
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1	1.000	1.000	1.000
2	0.889	0.889	0.889
3	0.778	0.778	0.778
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5	0.556	0.556	0.556
6	0.444	0.444	0.444
7	0.333	0.333	0.333
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9	0.111	0.111	0.111
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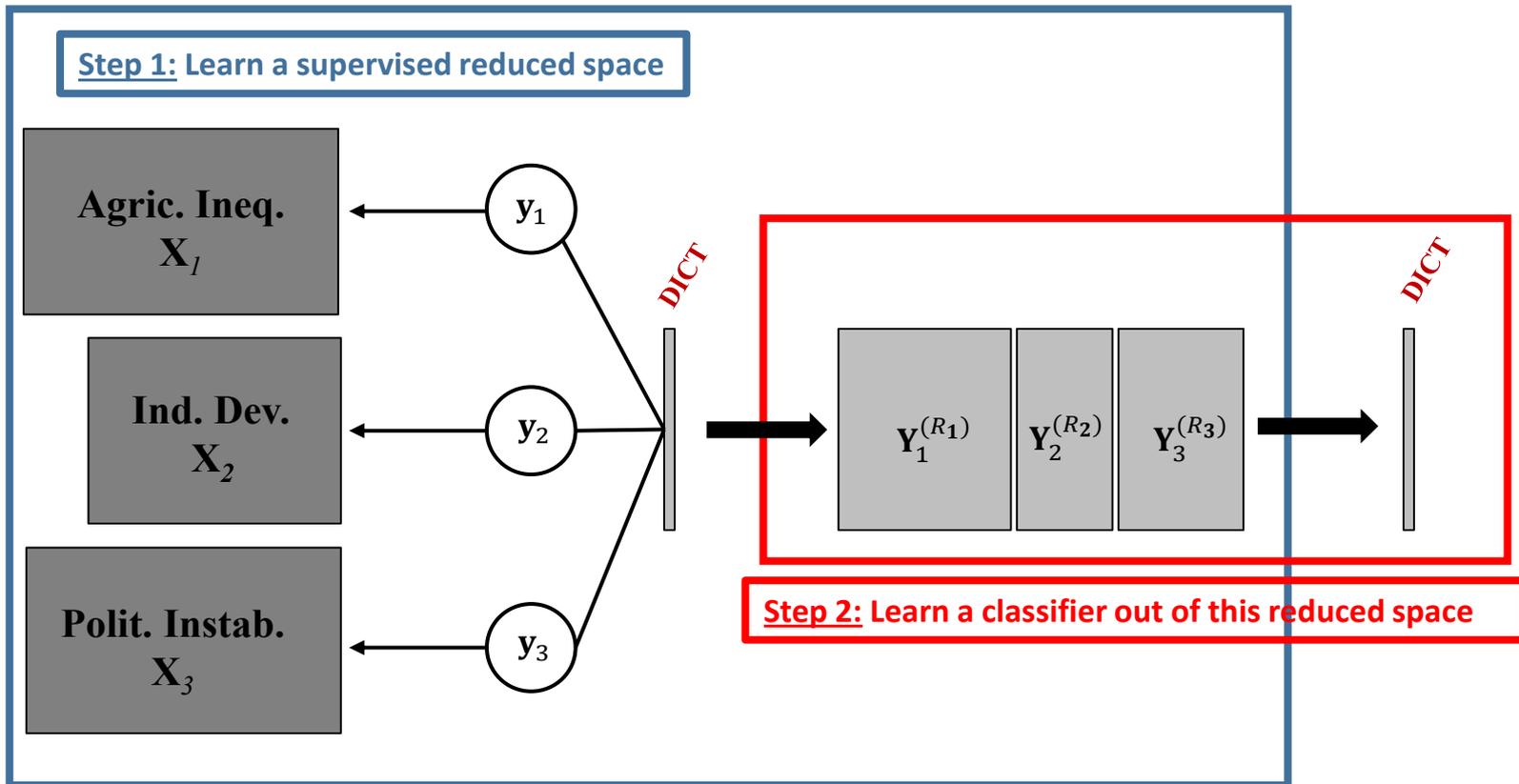
	Tuning parameters	criterion	Permuted criterion	sd	zstat	p-value
1	1.00/1.00/1.00	0.708	0.0671	0.0402	15.93	0
2	0.89/0.89/0.89	0.758	0.0738	0.0433	15.81	0
3	0.78/0.78/0.78	0.814	0.0819	0.0467	15.66	0
4	0.67/0.67/0.67	0.878	0.0919	0.0508	15.49	0
5	0.56/0.56/0.56	0.953	0.1046	0.0555	15.27	0
6	0.44/0.44/0.44	1.040	0.1216	0.0613	14.98	0
7	0.33/0.33/0.33	1.144	0.1456	0.0685	14.57	0
8	0.22/0.22/0.22	1.273	0.1837	0.0783	13.92	0
9	0.11/0.11/0.11	1.449	0.2586	0.0942	12.64	0
10	0.00/0.00/0.00	1.934	0.5953	0.1660	8.06	0

The best combination is: 1.00/1.00/1.00 for a z score of 15.9 and a p-value of 0

Supervised RGCCA



Supervised RGCCA



Standard Cross-Validation (K-Fold, LOO) can be performed to tune hyperparameters.

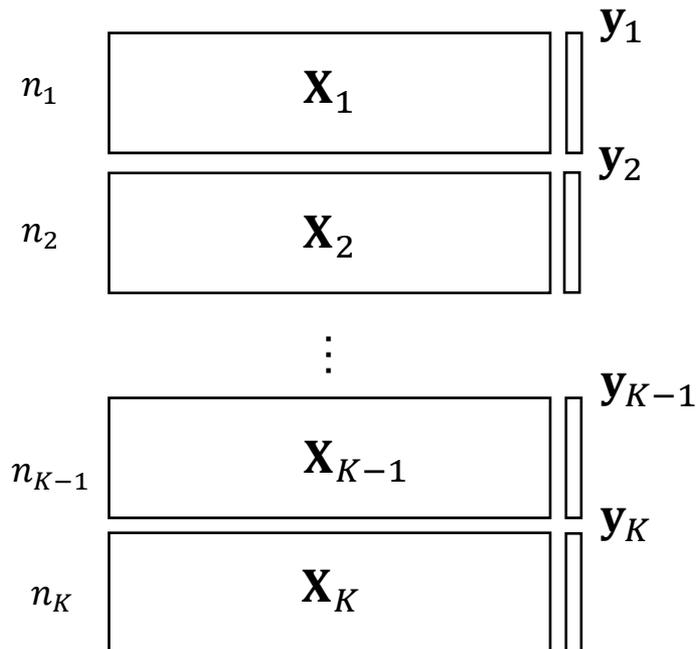
Choice of the shrinkage parameter: τ_j

(Cross-validation)

Leitmotiv: a good model should predict efficiently samples not used for its construction.

K-fold cross-validation

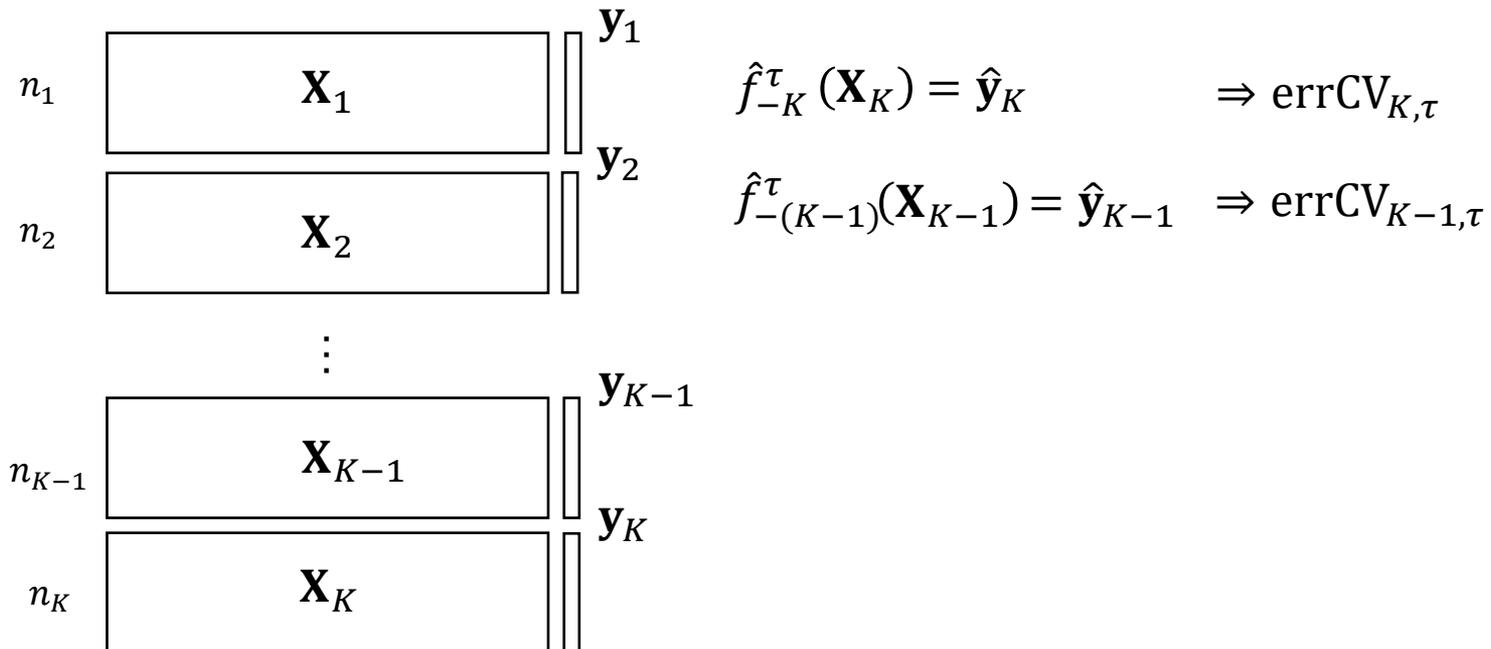
K-fold cross validation. Split the data into K segments of equal size.



$$\hat{f}_{-K}^{\tau}(\mathbf{X}_K) = \hat{\mathbf{y}}_K \Rightarrow \text{errCV}_{K,\tau}$$

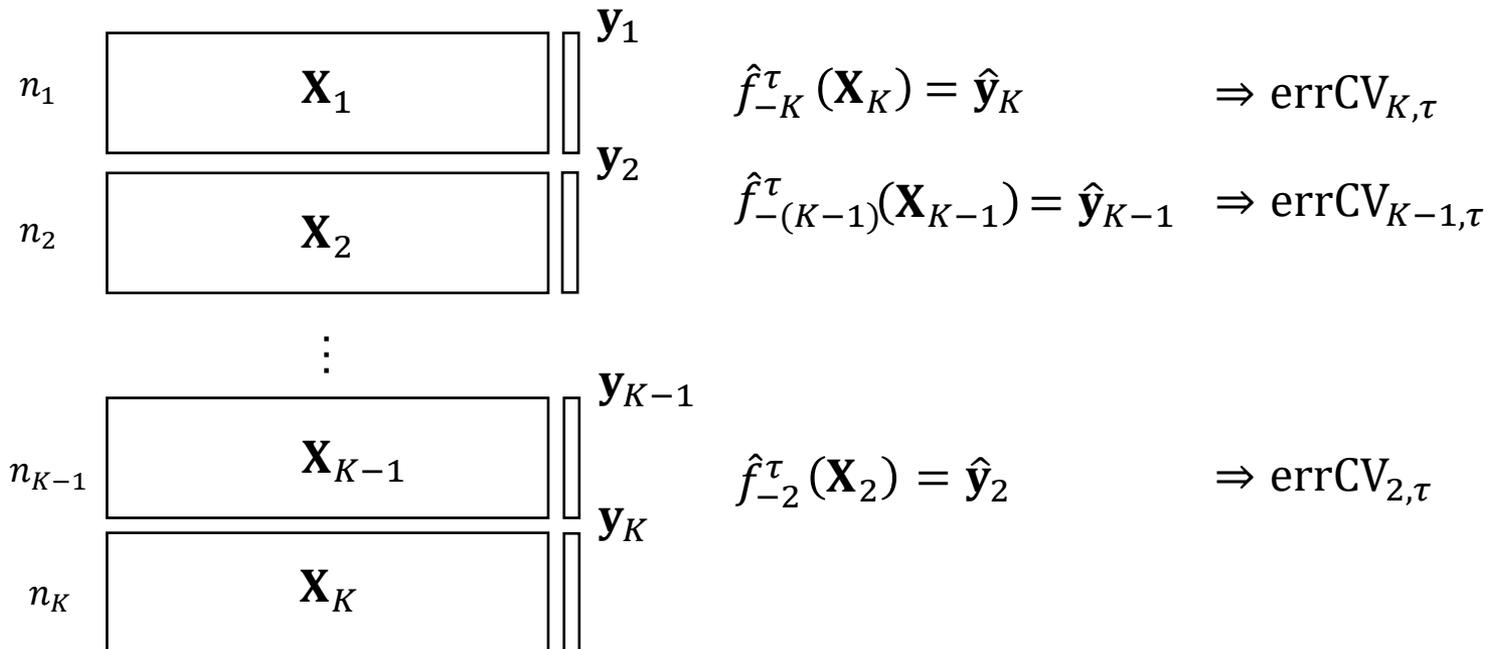
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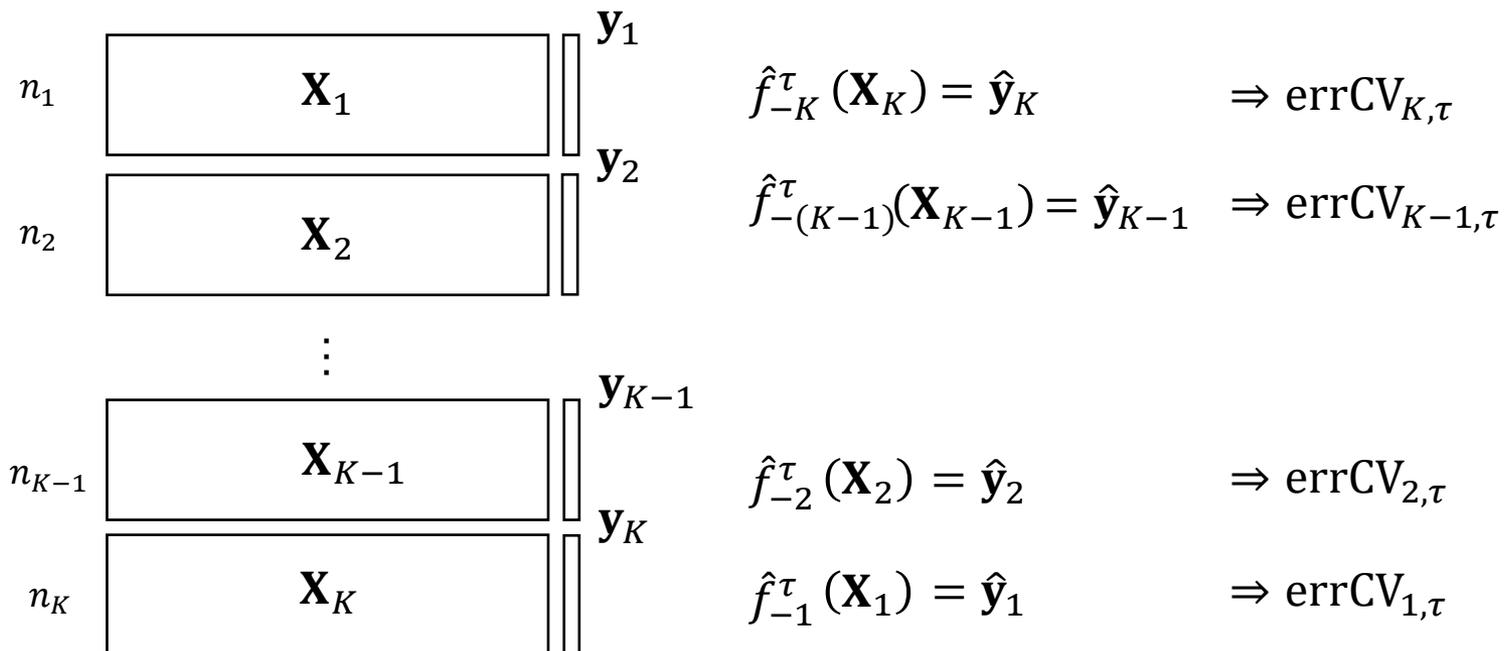
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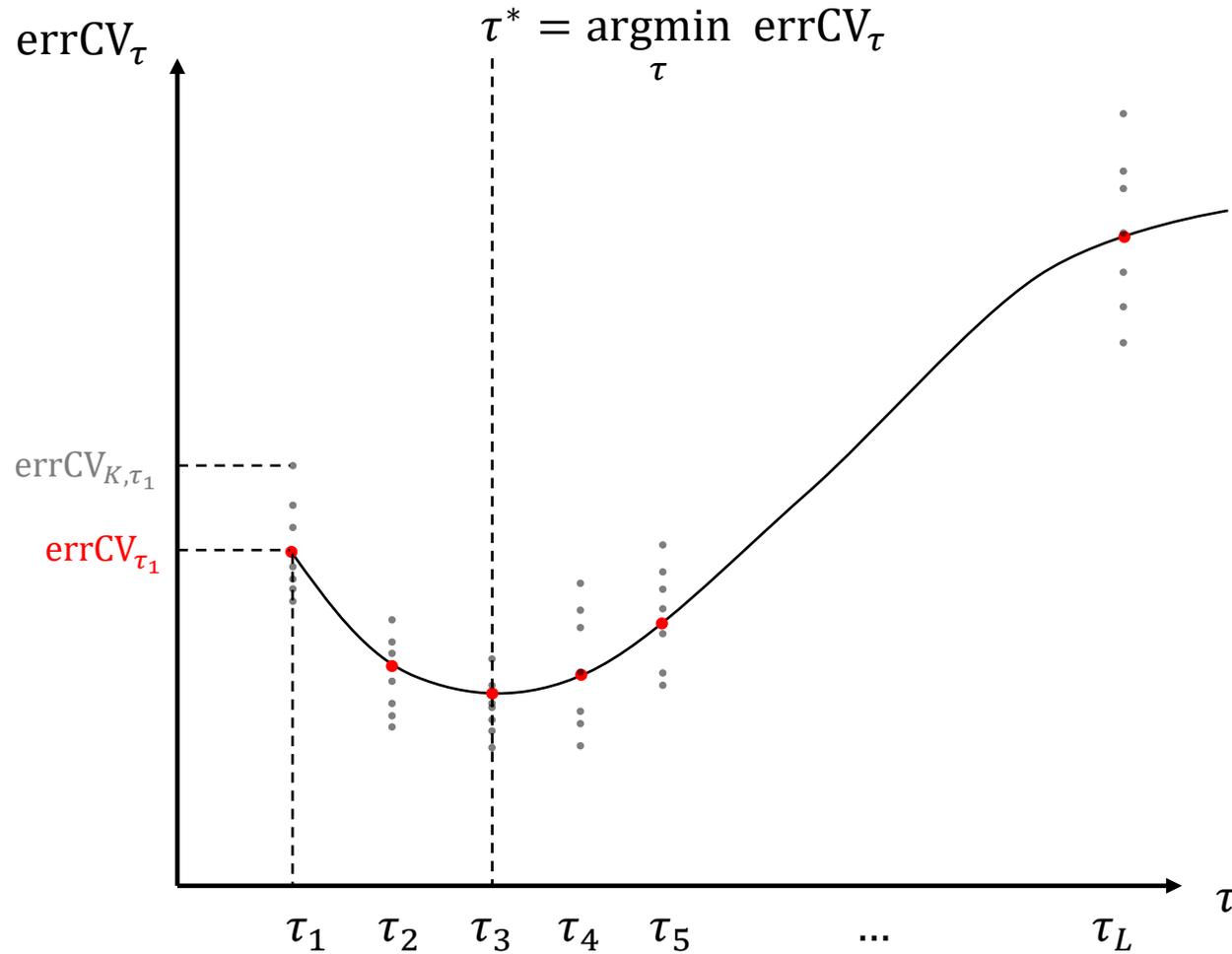
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$$\text{errCV}_\tau = K^{-1} \sum_{k=1}^K \text{errCV}_{k,\tau}$$

Model selection by cross validation: τ^*



Model selection by cross-validation

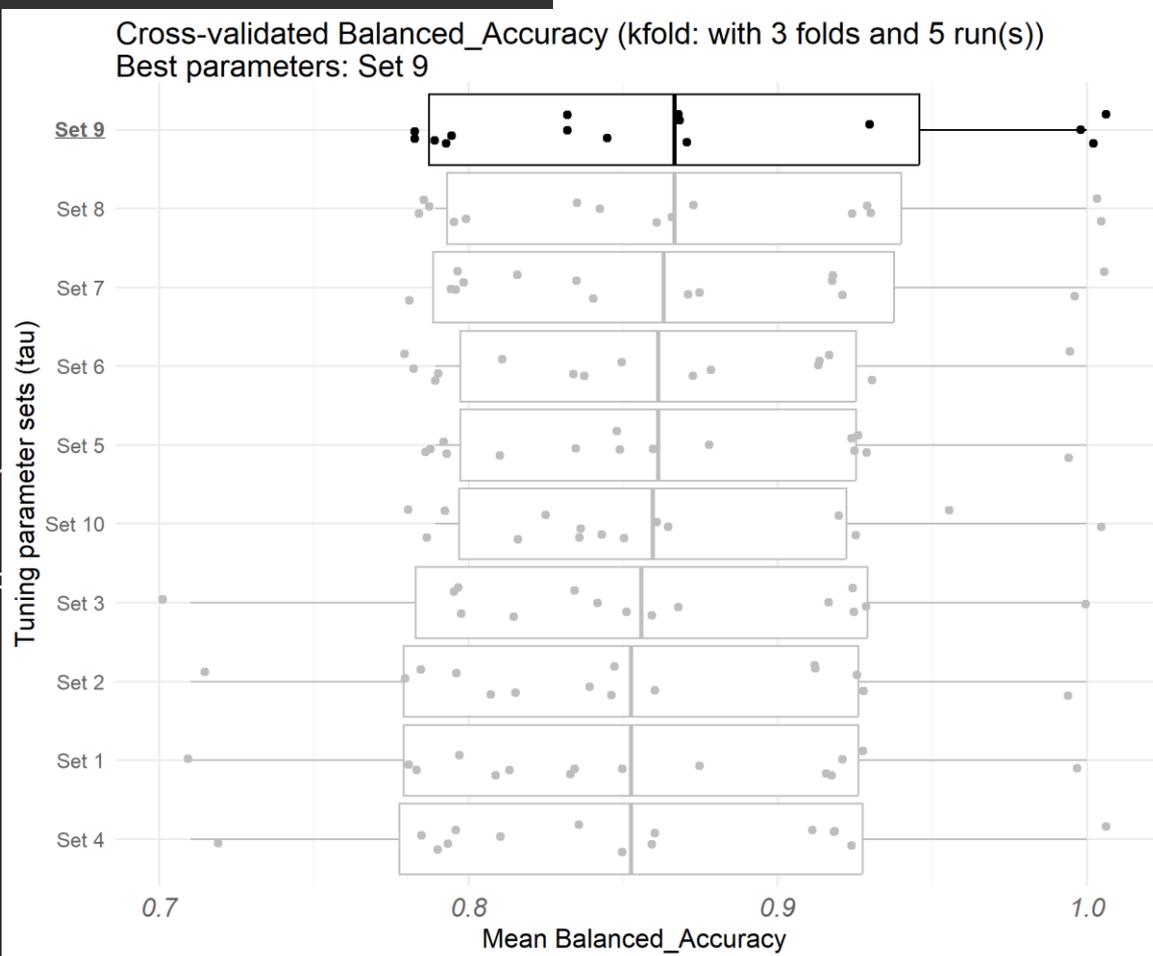
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10	0.000	0.000	0.000	0

validation: kfold with 3 folds and 5 run(s)
Prediction model: lda

Tuning parameters	Mean Balanced_Acc
1	Set 1
2	Set 2
3	Set 3
4	Set 4
5	Set 5
6	Set 6
7	Set 7
8	Set 8
9	Set 9
10	set 10

The best combination is: Set 9 for a mean Balanced_Accuracy of 0.867





Consensus space with RGCCA

The goal is to find jointly a global component \mathbf{y} and block components $\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{y}_J = \mathbf{X}_J \mathbf{w}_J$.

- The global block component is obtained by considering the following optimization problem

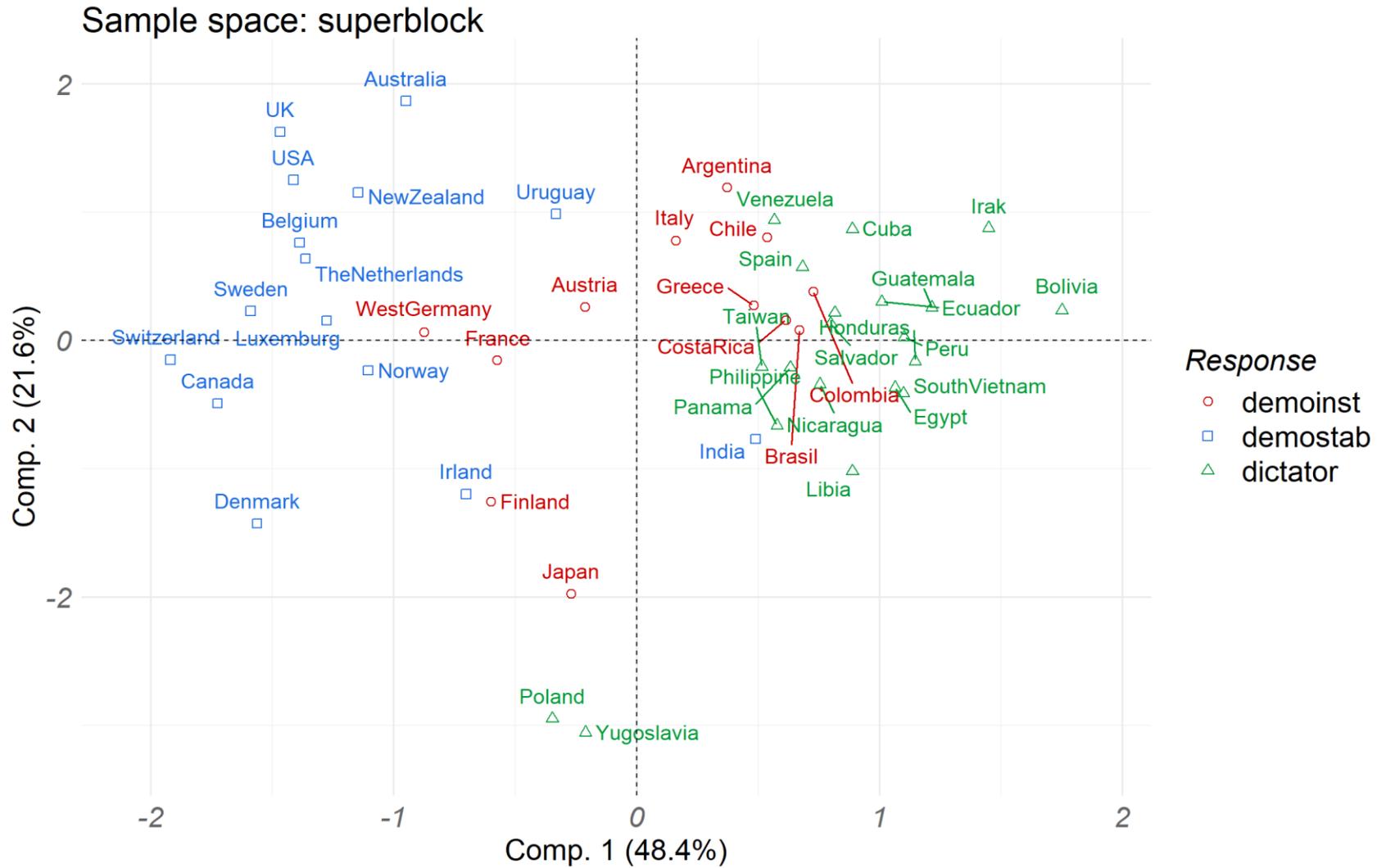
$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{J+1}} \sum_{j=1}^J g \left(\text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{w}_{J+1}) \right) \text{ s. t. } \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1, \forall j$$

- **Important result**: The optimal global component is obtained as linear combination of the variable of the so-called superblock defined as: $\mathbf{X}_{J+1} = [\mathbf{X}_1, \dots, \mathbf{X}_J]$

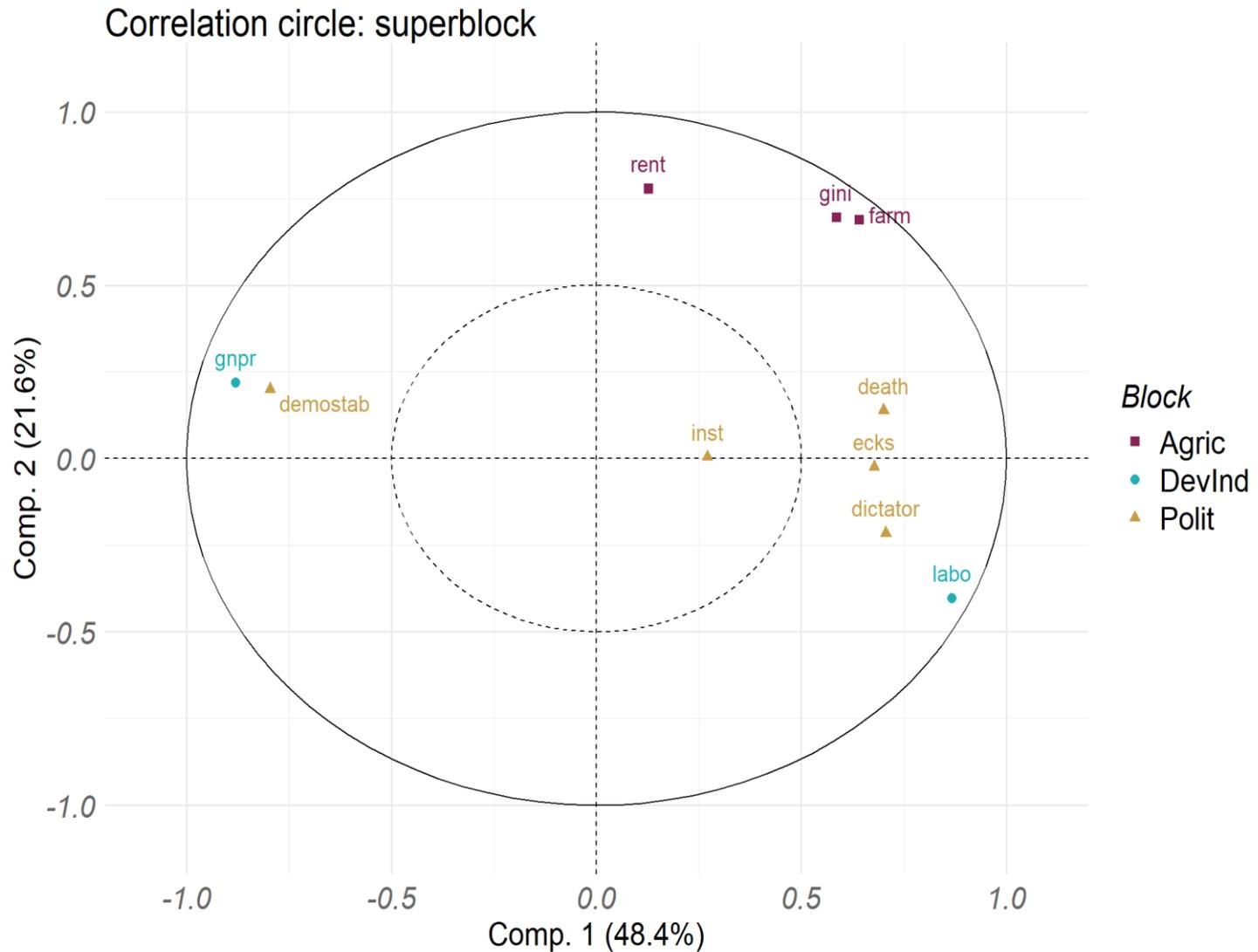
RGCCA as a general framework for multiblock analysis

Methods	$g(x)$	τ_j	C	Orthogonality
Generalized CCA gccca/maxvar/maxvar-b	x^2	$\tau_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, J + 1$	$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & \dots & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$	Comp
(mixed) Generalized CCA rgcca	x^2	$\tau_j = 0, j = 1, \dots, J_1 ;$ $\tau_j = 1, j = J_1 + 1, \dots, J$		Comp
Multiple co-inertia analysis mcoa/mcia	x^2	$\tau_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J ;$ $\tau_{J+1} = 0$		Weight
Multiple factor analysis mfa	x^2	$\tau_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J + 1$		Comp
Consensus PCA(1) cpca-1	x	$\tau_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J ;$ $\tau_{J+1} = 0$		Comp
Consensus PCA(2) cpca-2/maxvar-a	x^2	$\tau_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J ;$ $\tau_{J+1} = 0$	Comp	
Hierarchical PCA h pca/cpca-4	x^4	$\tau_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J ;$ $\tau_{J+1} = 0$	Comp	

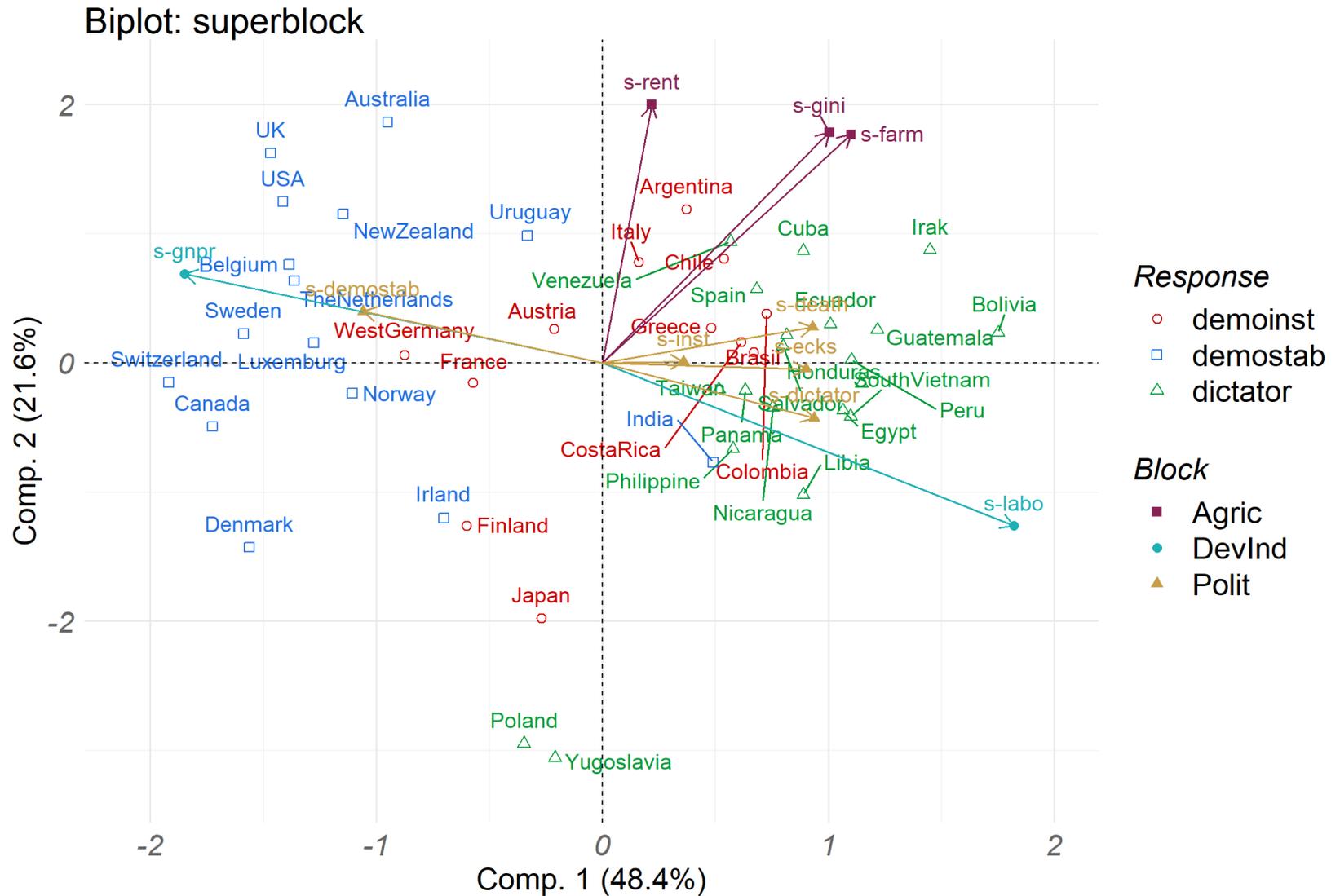
Consensus space of Russett (sample plot)



Consensus space of Russett (correlation circle)



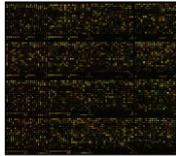
Consensus space of Russett (biplot)



Pediatric glioma data

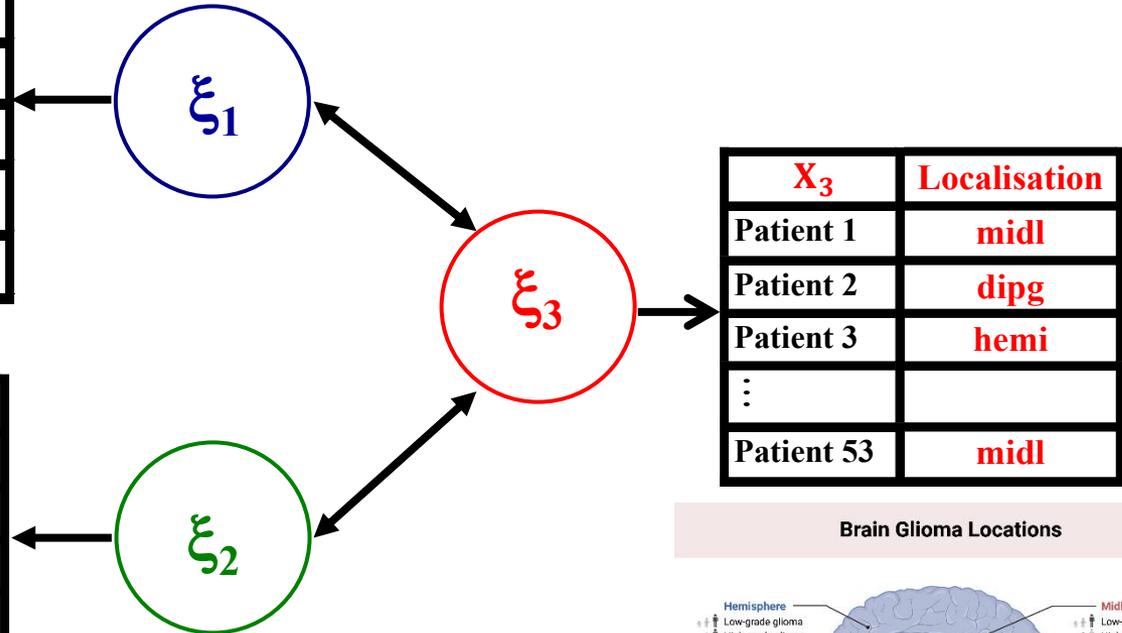


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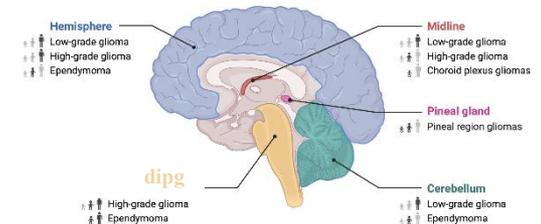
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Patient 1	0.18		-0.73
Patient 2	1.15		0.27
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⋮			
Patient 53	1.39		-0.17

X_2	CGH1	...	CGH 1229
Patient 1	0.00		-0.55
Patient 2	-0.30		0.00
Patient 3	0.33		0.64
⋮			
Patient 53	0.00		0.43



X_3	Localisation
Patient 1	midl
Patient 2	dipg
Patient 3	hemi
⋮	
Patient 53	midl

Brain Glioma Locations



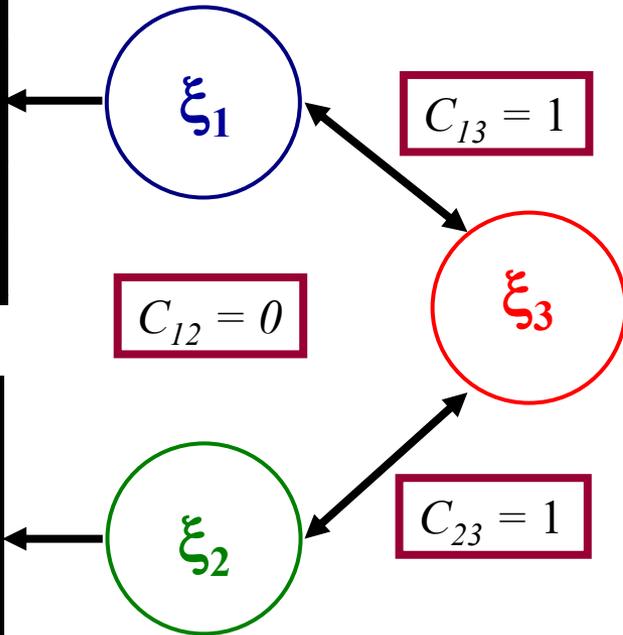
Glioma Cancer Data: from an RGCCA viewpoint

(Department of Pediatric Oncology of the Gustave Roussy Institute)

RGCCA with factorial scheme - $\tau_1 = 1$, $\tau_2 = 1$ and $\tau_3 = 0$

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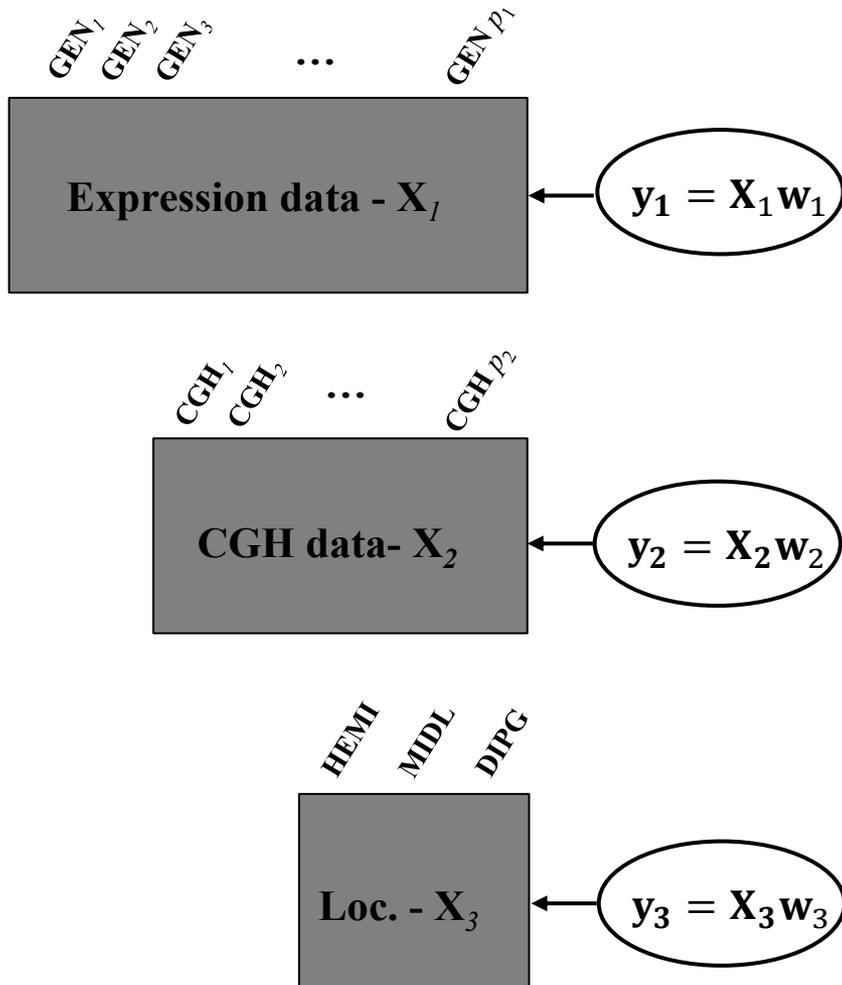


	Hemisphere	DIPG
Patient 1	1	0
Patient 2	0	0
Patient 3	0	1
⋮		
Patient 53	1	0

High dimensional block settings \Rightarrow dual algorithm for RGCCA

THE CORNER: KGCCA ON GLIOMA DATA

Multiblock component methods with sparsity



Block components should verified three properties at the same time:

1. Block components well explain their own block.
2. Block components are as correlated as possible for connected blocks.
3. Block components are built from sparse w_j

RGCCA for multiblock analysis

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J} \sum_{j,k}^J c_{j,k} g(\text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k))$$

$$\text{s. t. } \|\mathbf{w}_j\|_2^2 = 1 \quad \& \quad \|\mathbf{w}_j\|_1 \leq s_j = 1, \dots, J$$



Block components

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \mathbf{X}_1 \mathbf{w}_1 = w_{11} \mathbf{Gene}_1 + \cdots + w_{1,15201} \mathbf{Gene}_{15201}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_2 = \mathbf{X}_2 \mathbf{w}_2 = w_{21} \mathbf{CGH}_1 + \cdots + w_{2,1909} \mathbf{CGH}_{1909}$$

$$\mathbf{y}_3 = \mathbf{X}_3 \mathbf{w}_3 = w_{31} \mathbf{Hemisphere} + w_{32} \mathbf{DIPG}$$

Block components should verify three properties at the same time:

- (i) Block components explain their block well.
- (ii) Block components are as correlated as possible for connected blocks.
- (iii) Block components are built from sparse \mathbf{w}_j

Block relaxation: from \mathbf{w}^S to \mathbf{w}^{S+1}

$$\mathbf{w}^S = (\mathbf{w}_1^S, \mathbf{w}_2^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^S)$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{w}_1\|_2=1 \ \& \ \|\mathbf{w}_1\|_1 \leq s_1} h(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^S)$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{w}_2\|_2=1 \ \& \ \|\mathbf{w}_2\|_1 \leq s_2} h(\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^S)$$



$$\rightarrow \mathbf{w}_2^{S+1}$$

⋮

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{\|\mathbf{w}_j\|_2=1 \ \& \ \|\mathbf{w}_j\|_1 \leq s_j} h(\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{j-1}^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{w}_{j+1}^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^S)$$



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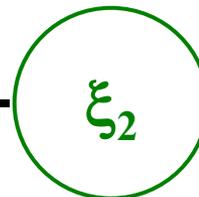
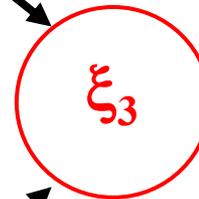
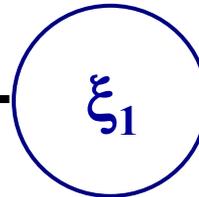


$$\mathbf{w}_j^{S+1} = \frac{\max\left(0, \left|\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{z}_j\right| - \lambda_j\right)}{\left\| \max\left(0, \left|\frac{1}{n} \mathbf{X}_j^\top \mathbf{z}_j\right| - \lambda_j\right) \right\|_2}$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{S+1} = (\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_2^{S+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{S+1})$$

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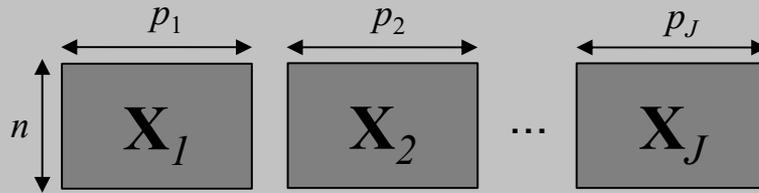


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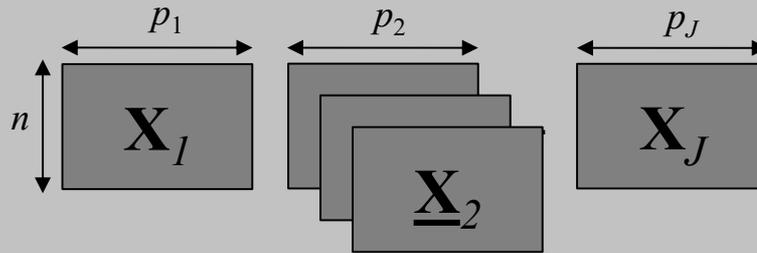
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High dimensional block settings \Rightarrow sparse GCCA

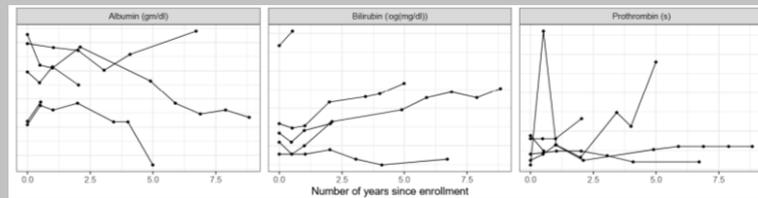
The RGCCA framework



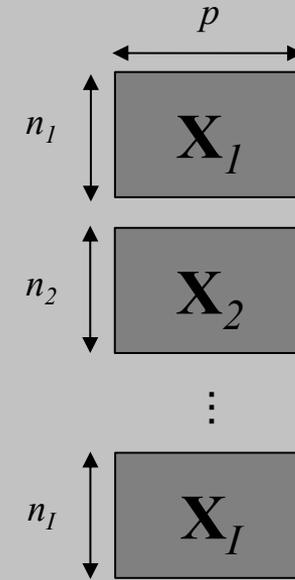
(a) multiblock structure



(b) multiblock/multiway structure



(c) longitudinal multiblock structure



(c) multigroup structure

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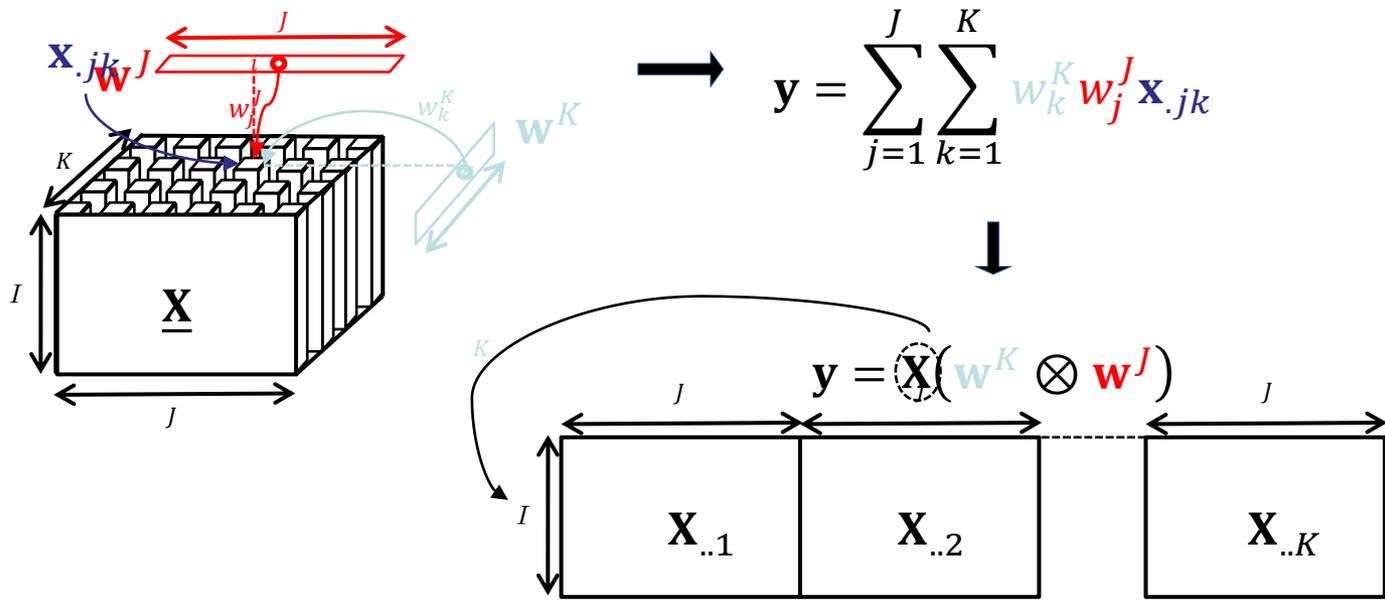
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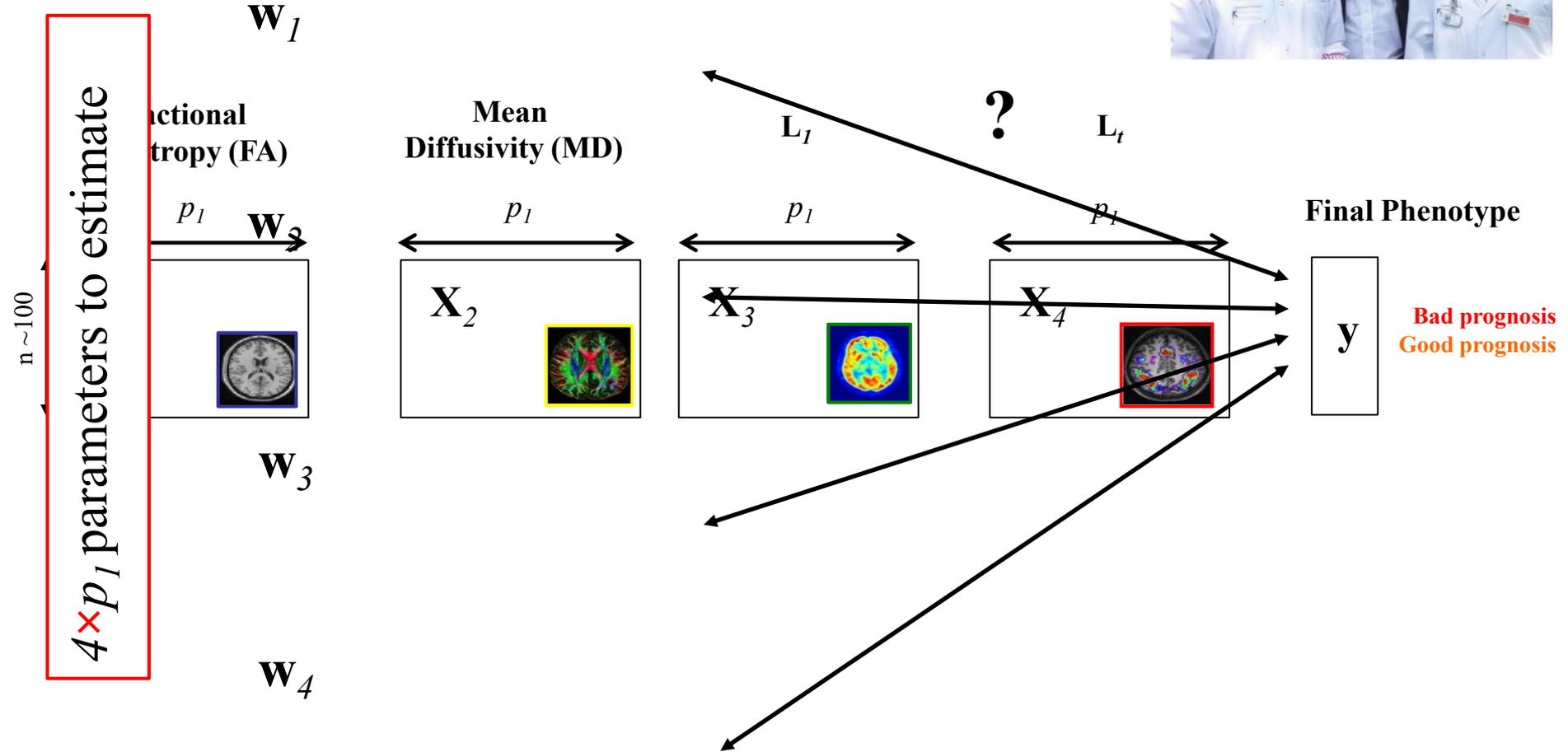
How to handle multiway data in RGCCA





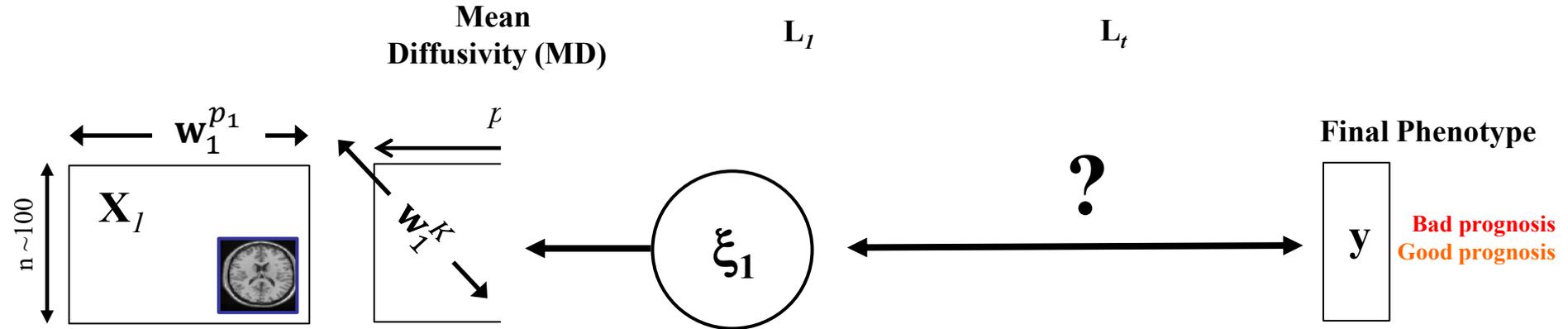
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$4 + p_1$ parameters
instead of $4 \times p_1$

$$\mathbf{y}_1 = \left(\sum_{k=1}^K w_{1k}^K \mathbf{X}_k \right) \mathbf{w}_1^{p_1}$$

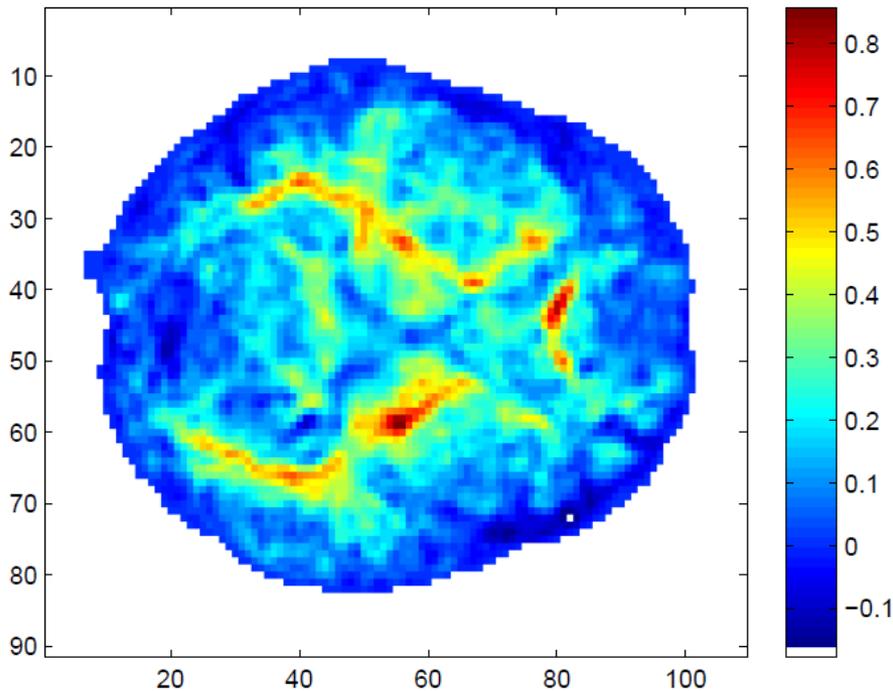
$\mathbf{X}_{(1)}$ \mathbf{w}_1

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2} \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_{(1)} \mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{y}) \quad \text{s. t.} \quad \begin{cases} \mathbf{w}_1^\top \mathbf{w}_1 = 1 \\ \mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_1^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_1^J \end{cases}$$

COMA project

Contribution of the voxels and the modalities to predict the long term recovery of patients after traumatic brain injury can be studied separately.

Influence of spatial positions: $w_1^{p_1}$

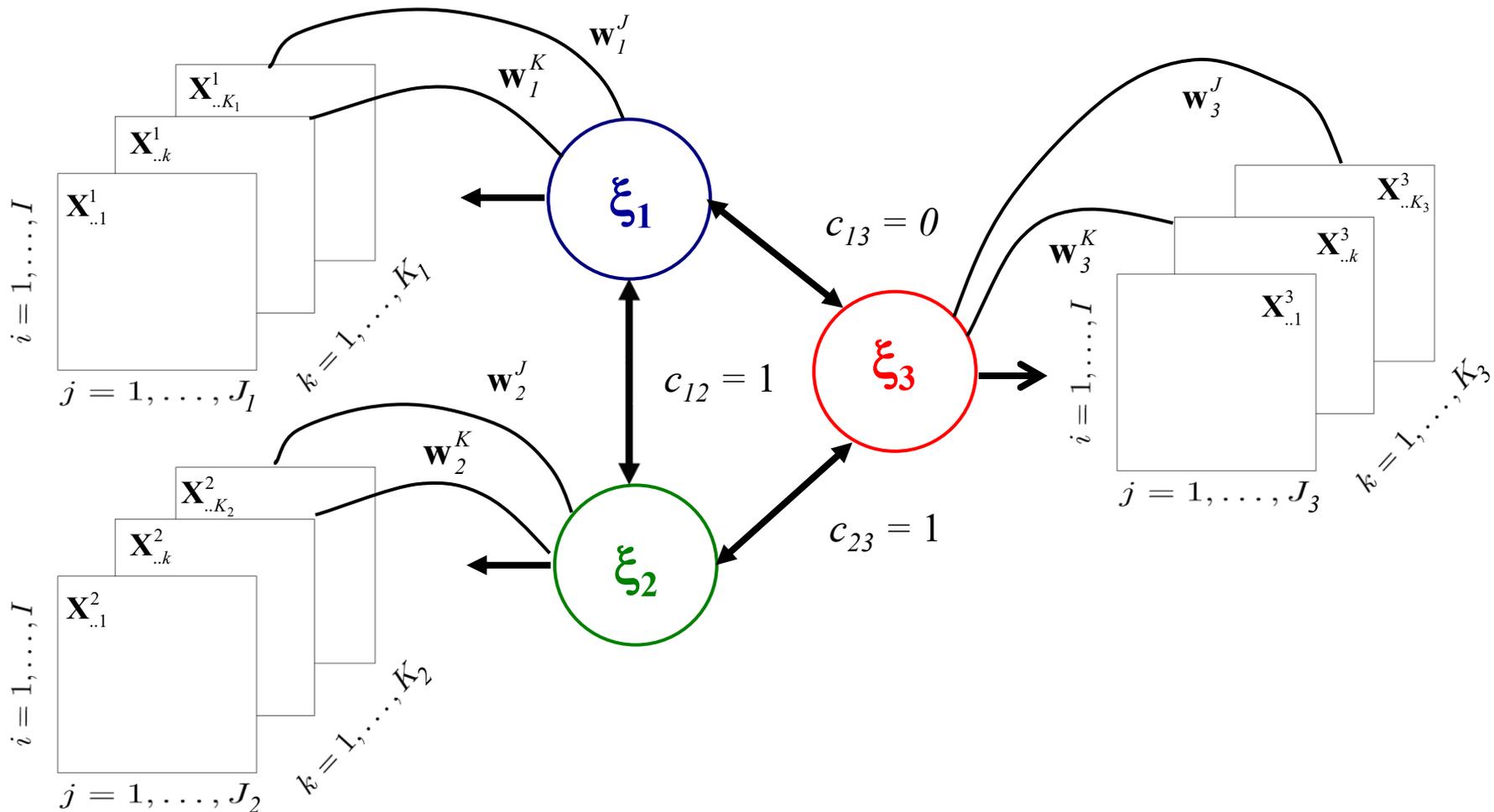


Influence of spatial positions: w_1^K

Modality	w_1^K
FA	0.9887
MD	0.0036
L₁	0.0046
L_t	0.0031

Discriminating voxels within the white matter bundles

MGCCA optimization problem



$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J} \sum_{j,k=1}^J c_{jk} g(\text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1 \text{ and } \mathbf{w}_j = \mathbf{w}_j^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_j^J, j = 1, \dots, J$$

Block relaxation: from \mathbf{w}^S to \mathbf{w}^{S+1}

$$\mathbf{w}^S = (\mathbf{w}_1^S, \mathbf{w}_2^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^S)$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_1^T \mathbf{M}_1 \mathbf{w}_1 = 1} h(\mathbf{w}_1, \mathbf{w}_2^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^S) \\ & \mathbf{w}_1 = \mathbf{w}_1^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_1^J \end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_2^T \mathbf{M}_2 \mathbf{w}_2 = 1} h(\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_2, \mathbf{w}_3^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^S) \\ & \mathbf{w}_2 = \mathbf{w}_2^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_2^J \end{aligned}$$



$$\rightarrow \mathbf{w}_2^{S+1}$$

⋮

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_j^T \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1} h(\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{j-1}^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{w}_{j+1}^S, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^S) \\ & \mathbf{w}_j = \mathbf{w}_j^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_j^J \end{aligned}$$



$$\rightarrow \mathbf{w}_j^{S+1}$$

⋮

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_j^T \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1} h(\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{j-1}^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_j) \\ & \mathbf{w}_j = \mathbf{w}_j^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_j^J \end{aligned}$$



$$\rightarrow \mathbf{w}_j^{S+1}$$

where \mathbf{w}_j^K and \mathbf{w}_j^J are obtained as the first left and right singular vector of a certain matrix of dimension $K_j \times J_j$

$$\mathbf{w}_j^{S+1} = \mathbf{w}_j^K \otimes \mathbf{w}_j^J$$

$$\mathbf{w}^{S+1} = (\mathbf{w}_1^{S+1}, \mathbf{w}_2^{S+1}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_j^{S+1})$$



Work in Progress

We propose a general statistical framework for analyzing heterogeneous and structured data

1. Adjustment for **confounding effect**.
2. Handling **missing values**:
 - Ponctual missing values
 - Blockwise missing values
3. **Causality** inference or discovery.
4. Development/maintenance of the RGCCA **package**



Consensus space with RGCCA

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_{J+1}} \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{w}_{J+1}) \right)^m \text{ s. t. } \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1, \forall j$$

The superblock component \mathbf{y}_{J+1} is proportional to:

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{M}_{J+1}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{J+1}^\top \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1}) \right)^{m-1} \mathbf{y}_j$$

When $\mathbf{M}_{J+1} = n^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{J+1}^\top \mathbf{X}_{J+1}$, it reduces to

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1}) \right)^{m-1} \mathbf{y}_j$$

weighted sums of
block components

Consensus space with RGCCA

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J} \sum_{j=1}^J \text{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{w}_{J+1})^m \quad \text{s. t.} \begin{cases} \|\mathbf{w}_j\| = \dots = \|\mathbf{w}_J\| = 1 \\ \text{var}(\mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{w}_{J+1}) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$m = 1$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \sum_{j=1}^J \mathbf{y}_j$$

$$m = 2$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \sum_{j=1}^J \text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1}) \mathbf{y}_j$$

$$m = 4$$

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \sum_{j=1}^J \text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1})^2 \mathbf{y}_j$$

Fairness and block selection behavior

Will a solution be accepted as a good one even if it is dominated by only a few of the J sets, ignoring the other sets? Or do we require that all J sets have equal share in the solution? (Van de Geer, 1984)

The stationary equations of CPCA(m) give some information:

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{M}_{J+1}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{J+1}^{\top} \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1}) \right)^{m-1} \mathbf{y}_j$$

weighted sums of
block components

The influence of the various blocks \mathbf{X}_j on the solution is related to the scale of the block component \mathbf{y}_k and to the weights $\text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1})^{m-1}$.

Fairness and block selection behavior

weighted sums of
block components

$$\mathbf{y}_{J+1} \propto \mathbf{X}_{J+1} \mathbf{M}_{J+1}^{-1} \mathbf{X}_{J+1}^T \sum_{j=1}^J \left(\text{cov}(\mathbf{y}_j, \mathbf{y}_{J+1}) \right)^{m-1} \mathbf{y}_j$$

► Methods with equal block component scales are fairer than methods with unequal block component scales

⇒ Correlation-based methods are fairer than covariance-based methods

► Methods with equal weights are fairer than methods with unequal weights.

⇒ Using $g(x) = x$ or $g(x) = |x|$ scheme functions lead to fair methods. Block selection behavior is favored by using the scheme function $g(x) = x^m$ where m is a positive even integer.



From sequential to global RGCCA

$$\mathbf{w}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{(1)} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} g(\operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j = 1, j = 1, \dots, J$$

The second stage RGCCA is defined as the following optimization problem:

$$\mathbf{w}_1^{(2)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{(2)} = \operatorname{argmax}_{\mathbf{w}_1, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} g(\operatorname{cov}(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k)) \quad \text{s.t.} \quad \begin{aligned} \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j &= 1, j = 1, \dots, J \\ \mathbf{y}_j^{(1)\top} \mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Sequential strategy appears to be very useful in practice but is sub-optimal from an optimization point of view.

From sequential to global RGCCA

Global RGCCA is defined as the following optimization problem:

$$\max_{\mathbf{w}_1^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_1^{(R)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{w}_J^{(R)}} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} \sum_{r=1}^R g\left(\text{cov}\left(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(r)}, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k^{(r)}\right)\right)$$

$$\text{s. t. } \mathbf{w}_j^{(r)\top} \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(s)} = \delta_{rs}, j = 1, \dots, J, r, s = 1, \dots, R$$

Global RGCCA can be written more compactly as follows:

$$\max_{\mathbf{W}_1, \dots, \mathbf{W}_J} \sum_{j,k} c_{jk} \text{Tr} \left(\boxed{g\left(n^{-1} \mathbf{W}_j^\top \mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{W}_k\right)} \right) \text{ s. t. } \mathbf{W}_j^\top \mathbf{M}_j \mathbf{W}_j = \mathbf{I}_R, j = 1, \dots, J$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} g\left(\text{cov}\left(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(1)}, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k^{(1)}\right)\right) & \dots & g\left(\text{cov}\left(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(1)}, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k^{(R)}\right)\right) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g\left(\text{cov}\left(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(r)}, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k^{(r)}\right)\right) & & \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ g\left(\text{cov}\left(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(R)}, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k^{(1)}\right)\right) & \dots & g\left(\text{cov}\left(\mathbf{X}_j \mathbf{w}_j^{(R)}, \mathbf{X}_k \mathbf{w}_k^{(R)}\right)\right) \end{pmatrix}$$

Block relaxation: from W^S to W^{S+1}

$$W^S = (W_1^S, W_2^S, \dots, W_J^S)$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{W_1, W_1^T M_1 W_1 = I_R} h(W_1, W_2^S, \dots, W_J^S)$$

$$\rightarrow W_1^{S+1}$$

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{W_2, W_2^T M_2 W_2 = I_R} h(W_1^{S+1}, W_2, W_3^S, \dots, W_J^S)$$



$$\rightarrow W_2^{S+1}$$

⋮

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{W_j, W_j^T M_j W_j = I_R} h(W_1^{S+1}, \dots, W_{j-1}^{S+1}, W_j, W_{j+1}^S, \dots, W_J^S)$$



$$\rightarrow W_j^{S+1}$$

⋮

$$\operatorname{argmax}_{W_J, W_J^T M_J W_J = I_R} h(W_1^{S+1}, \dots, W_{J-1}^{S+1}, W_J)$$



$$\rightarrow W_J^{S+1}$$



rank-R SVD of a specific matrix
of dimension $p_j \times R$.

$$W^{S+1} = (W_1^{S+1}, W_2^{S+1}, \dots, W_J^{S+1})$$