

# Bilinear random effects models for matrix data

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## Matrix-valued data

**Data matrix:**  $\mathbf{Y} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ .

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- $y_{i,j}$  = measurement specific to  $i$ th row unit,  $j$ th column unit.

**Examples:**

- Classical multivariate data:  $y_{i,j}$  =  $j$ th variable for person  $i$ .
- Panel data:  $y_{i,j}$  = outcome for unit  $i$  at time  $j$  (mv time series);
- Rating data:  $y_{i,j}$  = rating of object  $i$  by person  $j$ .
- Dyadic data:  $y_{i,j}$  = interaction between units  $i$  and  $j$ .

## Indices as grouping factors

In some situations, the row and column indices may be thought of as grouping factors.

- If the levels of an index set represent very different things (height, weight, income, education), then probably don't take this perspective.
- If they represent members of a common set of objects, then this perspective can be useful.
- a collection of survey participants, a collection of time points;
- a collection of movie raters, a collection of movies;
- a collection of people in a social network.

## Additive random effects models

Basic additive random effects model:

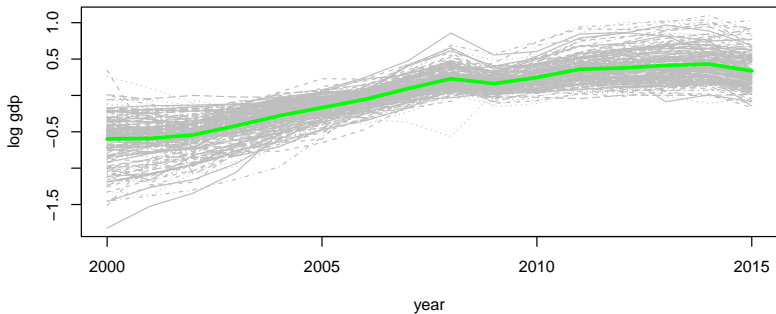
$$\begin{aligned}y_{i,j} &= \beta^\top x_{i,j} + a_i + b_j + \epsilon_{i,j} \\ a_1, \dots, a_m &\sim \text{i.i.d } N(0, \tau_a^2) \\ b_1, \dots, b_n &\sim \text{i.i.d } N(0, \tau_b^2).\end{aligned}$$

In a homework, we showed that this implies

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Cov}[y_{i,j}, y_{i',j'}] &= \tau_a^2 \text{ if } i = i' \\ \text{Cov}[y_{i,j}, y_{i',j'}] &= \tau_b^2 \text{ if } j = j' \\ \text{Cov}[y_{i,j}, y_{i',j'}] &= 0 \text{ if } i \neq i', j \neq j' .\end{aligned}$$

For example, for panel data this implies exchangeability among all observations within a common time point (they are all equally correlated).

## Example: Per-capita GDP



## Simple additive fit

```
xrow<-rep( rownames(Y) , times=ncol(Y))  
xcol<-rep( colnames(Y) , times=rep(nrow(Y),ncol(Y)) )  
y<-c(Y)
```

```
cbind( y,xrow,xcol)[1:10,]
```

```
##      y      xrow xcol  
## [1,] "7.06969467420624" "ALB" "2000"  
## [2,] "7.47136990344077" "DZA" "2000"  
## [3,] "6.40732921228798" "AGO" "2000"  
## [4,] "9.21977166366161" "ATG" "2000"  
## [5,] "8.94497719738542" "ARG" "2000"  
## [6,] "6.43201494839607" "ARM" "2000"  
## [7,] "9.98345866321392" "AUS" "2000"  
## [8,] "10.1071329419972" "AUT" "2000"  
## [9,] "6.48478397663778" "AZE" "2000"  
## [10,] "9.96369634168077" "BHS" "2000"
```

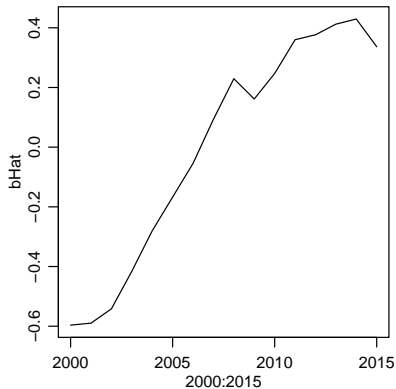
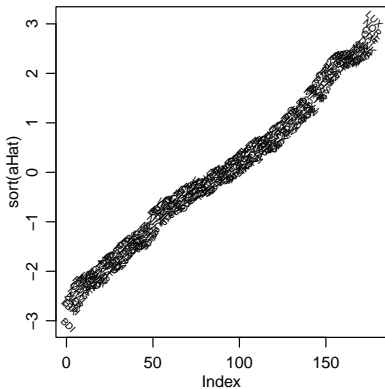
## Simple additive fit

```
library(lme4)
fit<-lmer( y ~ 1 + (1|xrow) + (1|xcol) )
summary(fit)

## Linear mixed model fit by REML ['lmerMod']
## Formula: y ~ 1 + (1 | xrow) + (1 | xcol)
##
## REML criterion at convergence: 660.1
##
## Scaled residuals:
##      Min       1Q   Median       3Q      Max
## -5.6522 -0.5398  0.0014  0.5775  4.3365
##
## Random effects:
##   Groups      Name      Variance Std.Dev.
##   xrow      (Intercept) 2.32474  1.5247
##   xcol      (Intercept) 0.14474  0.3804
##   Residual                0.04703  0.2169
## Number of obs: 2848, groups:  xrow, 178; xcol, 16
##
## Fixed effects:
##              Estimate Std. Error t value
## (Intercept)   8.2542    0.1487   55.49
```

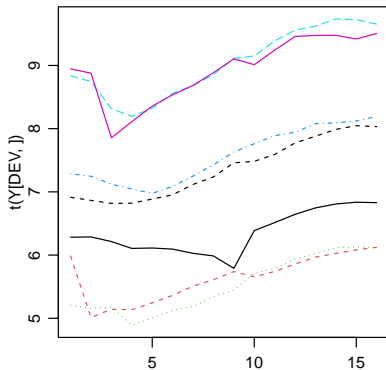
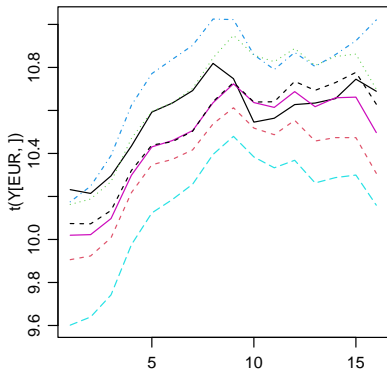
## Estimated effects

```
aHat<-ranef(fit)[[1]][[1]] ; names(aHat)<-rownames(ranef(fit)[[1]] )  
bHat<-ranef(fit)[[2]][[1]] ; names(bHat)<-rownames(ranef(fit)[[2]] )
```





## Lack of additivity



## Multiplicative models

Consider an “interaction:”

$$y_{i,j} = \mu + a_{i,1} + b_{j,1} + a_{i,2}b_{j,2} + \epsilon_{i,j}$$

- For countries with  $a_{i,2} \approx 0$ , the time trend is  $\{b_{1,1}, \dots, b_{1,T}\}$ .
- For countries with  $a_{i,2} \approx 1$ , the time trend is  $\{b_{1,1} + b_{2,1}, \dots, b_{1,T} + b_{2,T}\}$ .

Such a model allows for time trajectories that vary across units.

To accommodate more trajectories, we increase the number of interactions:

$$y_{i,j} = \mu + a_i + b_j + \mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_j + \epsilon_{i,j}$$
$$\mathbf{u}_i^\top \mathbf{v}_j = u_{i,1}v_{j,1} + \dots + u_{i,r}v_{j,r}.$$

## AMMI models

Such models are called “AMMI models”:

- additive main effects;
- multiplicative interactions.

The basic structure is used widely in modern multivariate analysis:

- panel data;
- consumer ratings of products;
- recommender systems;
- network analysis;
- genomics and bioinformatics.

The models are nonlinear, but are the next easiest thing.

## Bilinear estimation via linear methods

Consider iterative estimation:

**Update column effects:** Given row effects  $(a_i, \mathbf{u}_i)$  ,

$$\begin{aligned} y_{i,j} &= \mu + (a_i, \mathbf{u}_i)^\top (b_j, \mathbf{v}_j) + \epsilon_{i,j} \\ &\equiv \mu + \mathbf{x}_i^\top \beta_j + \epsilon_{i,j} \end{aligned}$$

which is *linear* in the column effects  $(b_j, \mathbf{v}_j)$ .

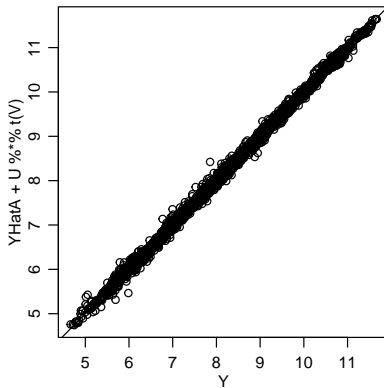
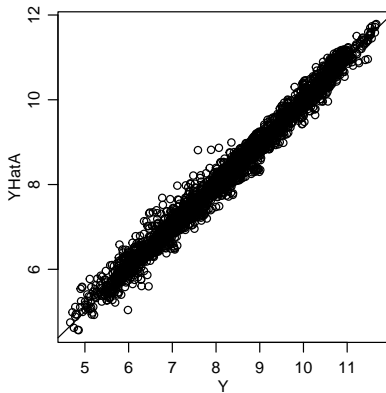
Similarly,

**Update row effects:** Given column effects  $(b_j, \mathbf{v}_j)$  ,

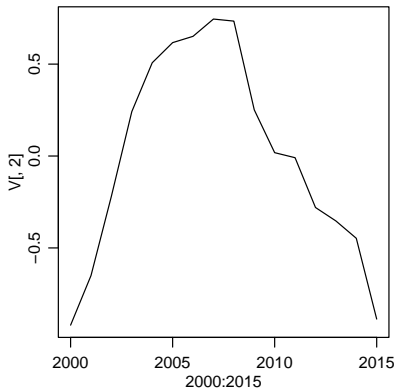
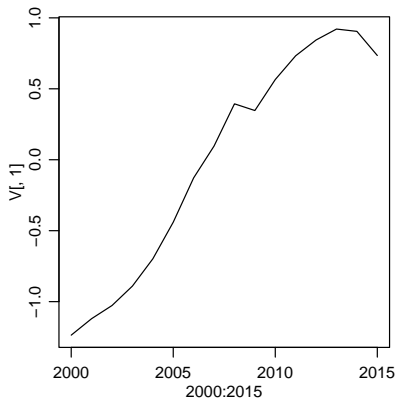
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