Sparse plus low-rank graphical models of time series

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Brain Interactions from MEG

Magnetoencephalography (MEG) captures weak magnetic field.



Goal: Infer functional connectivity

Graphical Models

Graph G=(V, E) encodes conditional independence statements.
nodes edges

No edge $(i, j) \leftrightarrow X_i$, X_j conditionally independent given rest of variables.

 $X_1 \perp\!\!\!\perp X_2 | X_3, X_4, X_5$



Graphical Models of Time Series

No edge $(i,j) \Rightarrow$ time series X_i , X_j conditionally independent given *entire trajectories* of other series.



• Accounts for interactions at all lags.

• Removes linear effects of other series.

Natural property for **functional connectivity**

Examples of existing work:

Bach et al. 2004, Songsiri & Vandenberghe 2010, Jung et al. 2015, Tank et al. 2015

Latent structure



Examples of existing work:

Chandrasekaran et al. 2012, Jalali & Sanghavi 2012, Liégois et al. 2015

Encoding graph structure

Gaussian random vectors

- For Gaussian random vector $|X \sim \mathcal{N}(0,\Sigma)|$

Conditional independence encoded in the precision matrix.



 X_i , X_j conditionally independent given rest of variables.

Gaussian stationary processes



How is conditional independence encoded?

Model in the Frequency Domain



Lagged covariance matrix $\Gamma(h) = \operatorname{Cov}(X(t), X(t+h)) \longrightarrow S(\lambda) = \sum_{h=-\infty}^{\infty} \Gamma(h) e^{-i\lambda h}$

Encoding structure in frequency domain



Learning structure from data

Penalized likelihood expression



What's our likelihood in the frequency-domain case?

Likelihood in the Frequency Domain

Time Domain Likelihood

Frequency Domain Likelihood

$$p(X(1), \dots, X(T) | [\Gamma(h)]_{h=0}^{T-1}) \longrightarrow p(d_0, \dots, d_{T-1} | \{S(\lambda_k)\}_{k=0}^{T-1})$$

Fourier coefficients

Fourier coefficients are asymptotically independent, complex Normal random vectors (Brillinger, 1981)



Penalized likelihood expression in frequency domain



Spectral graphical LASSO (Jung et al. 2015)

solved with: ADMM (Jung et al. 2015)

Incorporating latent processes

Latent structure in MEG

- MEG recordings affected by neural activity unrelated to task
- Mapping from recordings to brain activity introduces "point spread"

These issues can be addressed by adding a latent component to the model



Sparse plus low-rank decomposition



Sparse plus low-rank penalized likelihood



solved with ADMM (Ma et al. 2013)

Latent variable spectral GLASSO

negative log-likelihood:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \left(-\log \det(\Psi[k] - L[k]) + \operatorname{tr}\left\{ \hat{S}[k](\Psi[k] - L[k]) \right\} \right)$$

Whittle approximation

sparse penalty:

low-rank penalty:

$$\sum_{i < j} \sqrt{\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} |\Psi[k]_{ij}|^2}$$

 $\sum_{k=0}^{T-1} \operatorname{tr} \left\{ L[k] \right\}$

Group LASSO penalty

Used ADMM to solve this convex formulation

Analysis pipeline



Synthetic data results

p = 149, h = 1, 5 runs



p = 149, h = 5, 5 runs



MEG Auditory Attention Analysis



Maintain or Switch attention (Left/Right, High/Low pitch)



- 16 subjects, 10-50 trials each.
- Each trial results in a 149-dimensional time series.



Summary



- Frequency domain for conditional independence structure and likelihood
- Modeling latent component gives sparser, more interpretable graphs
- Latent variable, spectral models are important in neuroscience