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# A note on Multiple Group Method of Factor Analysis

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## ABSTRACT

This article extends and generalizes Guttman's works on multiple group method of factor analysis when data matrix is Gramian\*\*, where data matrix can be considered as covariance matrix or correlation matrix.

Key words: multiple group method of factor analysis, matrix algebra, generalized inverse.

## INTRODUCTION

In his previous works on multiple group method of factor analysis, Guttman developed a basic theorem of the method and gave computing procedure [3], [4]. His proof of the theorem based on the supermatrix, where data matrix is a part, and of the condition of non-singularity.

This paper discuss a different proof of the theorem which is analogous to the separation of the quadratic forms and ranks of the related matrices. There is also the discussion on a general proof of the theorem without using the condition of non-singularity.

### 1. A New Proof Of The Theorem

Theorem: 1)

Let  $S$  be a Gramian matrix of order  $n \times n$  and of rank  $r > 0$ . Let  $A$  be of order  $m \times n$  ( $m \leq r$ ) and such that  $ASA'$  is non-singular. Then the residual matrix

$$(1.1) \quad S_{res} = S - SA'(ASA')^{-1}AS$$

is of rank  $(r-m)$  and is Gramian.

Proof: If  $S$  is a Gramian matrix, then there exists a matrix  $E$  of order  $n \times r$  and of rank  $r > 0$  such that

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\*\* A Gramian matrix is a symmetric matrix in which all principal minors of all orders are nonnegative.

$$(1.2) \quad S = EE'$$

[3]. Combining equations (1.1) and (1.2) we get the following equations:

$$(1.3) \quad S_{res} = E(I_r - E'A' (AEE'A')^{-1}AE)E',$$

$$(1.4) \quad S_{res} = EG_{res}E'$$

where

$$(1.5) \quad G_{res} = I_r - E'A' (AEE'A')^{-1}AE.$$

and  $I_r$  is identity matrix of order  $rxr$ . If we define the reproduced matrix

$$(1.6) \quad S_{rep} = S - S_{res}$$

then by using equations (1.2) and (1.3) we get the followings:

$$(1.7) \quad S_{rep} = E(E'A' (AEE'A')^{-1}AE)E'.$$

$$(1.8) \quad S_{rep} = EG_{rep}E'$$

where

$$(1.9) \quad G_{rep} = E'A' (AEE'A')^{-1}AE'$$

Then the following equations could be written:

$$(1.10) \quad S = S_{rep} + S_{res}$$

$$(1.11) \quad I_r = G_{rep} + G_{res}$$

$$(1.12) \quad EIE' = EG_{rep}E' + EG_{res}E'$$

It can be shown that  $I_r$ ,  $G_{rep}$  and  $G_{res}$  are symmetric matrices of order  $rxr$  and hold the following properties:

$$(1.13) \quad G_{rep} \text{ and } G_{res} \text{ are each idempotent}$$

$$(1.14) \quad I_r = G_{rep} + G_{res} \text{ is idempotent}$$

$$(1.15) \quad G_{rep} G_{res} = G_{res} G_{rep} = \Phi_r$$

where  $\Phi_r$  is a null matrix of order  $rxr$ . If any two of the equations (1.13), (1.14) and (1.15) hold, then the rank of  $(G_{rep} + G_{res})$  equals the sum of the ranks of the  $G_{rep}$  and  $G_{res}$  [1]. Therefore one could write

$$(1.16) \quad r(G_{rep} + G_{res}) = r(I_r) = r(G_{rep}) + r(G_{res})$$

where  $r(G)$  denotes the rank of matrix  $G$ . Since  $G_{rep}$  is symmetric and idempotent then one could write

$$(1.17) \quad r(G_{rep}) = \text{tr}(G_{rep}) = \text{tr}I_m = m.$$

Substituting (1.17) in (1.16) one could obtain

$$(1.18) \quad r(G_{res}) = r - m.$$

Since  $G_{res}$  is symmetric and idempotent then there exists an orthogonal matrix  $P$  of order  $rxr$ , such that

$$(1.19) \quad P'G_{res}P = \begin{pmatrix} I_{r-m} & \Phi \\ \Phi & \Phi \end{pmatrix}$$

Considering equation (1.4) and (1.19) one could write the followings:

$$(1.20) \quad r(S_{res}) = r(EG_{res}E') = r(EPP'G_{res}PP'E')$$

$$r(S_{res}) = r \left[ EP \begin{pmatrix} I_{r-m} & \Phi \\ \Phi & \Phi \end{pmatrix} P' E' \right]$$

Partitioning  $P$  into  $P_1$  of order  $rx(r-m)$  and  $P_2$  of order  $rxm$ , then inserting in equation (1.20) one could get:

$$(1.21) \quad r \left[ E \begin{pmatrix} P_1 & P_2 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{r-m} & \Phi \\ \Phi & \Phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I_{r-m} & \Phi \\ \Phi & \Phi \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} P_1' \\ P_2' \end{pmatrix} E' \right]$$

$$= r(EP_1P_1'E') = r(EP_1) = r - m$$

Combining equation (1.20) and (1.21), the result  $r(S_{res}) = r - m$  follows.

To prove that  $S_{res}$  is Gramian one could substituted symmetry and idempotency of  $G_{res}$  in equation (1.4)

$$(1.22) \quad S_{res} = EG_{res}G'_{res}E' = BB'$$

where  $B = EG_{res}$  of order  $n \times r$  and of rank  $(r - m)$ . Furthermore it can be shown that  $S_{rep}$  is also Gramian.

Is  $S$  is a positive definite matrix of order  $n \times n$  as usually the case in applications, then obviously the residual matrix in equation (1.1) is of rank  $n - m$  and is also Gramian.

### 2. Generalization Of The Theorem.

Another theorem will be stated and proved here, which can be named as a generalized version of Guttman's basic theorem.

**Theorem 2:** Let  $S$  be a Gramian matrix of order  $n \times n$  and of rank  $r > 0$ . Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $m \times n$ , and of rank  $t$ , ( $t < m < n$ ). Then the residual matrix

$$(2.1) \quad S_{res} = S - SA' (ASA')^+ AS$$

is of rank  $r - t$  and is Gramian. Where  $(ASA')^+$  denotes the generalized inverse of  $ASA'$  [2].

This theorem enlarges the applicability of multiple group method of factor analysis to the case of singular matrix  $(ASA')$ , which is sometimes encountered by the researchers in practical work.

**Proof:** From equations (1.2) and (2.1) one could write

$$(2.2) \quad S_{res} = E(I_r - E'A' (AEE'A')^+ AE)E' = EG_{res}E'$$

where  $G_{res} = I_r - E'A' (AEE'A')^+ AE$  as in (1.5).

Taking the definition in below

$$(2.3) \quad S_{rep} = S - S_{res} = E(E'A' (AEE'A')^+ AE)E' = EG_{rep}E'$$

where  $G_{rep} = E'A' (AEE'A')^+ AE$ , the following equations could be written:

$$(2.4) \quad G_{res} = I_r - C'(CC')^+ C$$

$$(2.5) \quad G_{rep} = C'(CC')^+ C$$

$$(2.6) \quad I_r = G_{rep} + G_{res}$$

where  $C = AE$ , of rank  $t$ .

Now we can show that,  $I_r$ ,  $G_{rep}$ ,  $G_{res}$  are idempotent,  $G_{rep}$  and  $G_{res}$  are orthogonal to each other and are symmetric.

Since generalized inverse  $X^+$  of a matrix  $X$ , holds the following properties [2]:

$$(2.7) \quad X X^+ X = X$$

$$(2.8) \quad X^+ X X^+ = X^+$$

$$(2.9) \quad (X X^+)' = X X^+$$

$$(2.10) \quad (X^+ X)' = X^+ X$$

we can substitute (2.8) into (2.5) and write

$$(G_{rep})^2 = C'(C C')^+ C.C'(CC')^+ C$$

$$(2.11) \quad (G_{rep})^2 = C' \cdot (C C')^+ \cdot C = G_{rep}$$

From equation (2.6) and (2.11) one could get

$$(2.12) \quad (G_{res})^2 = (I_r - G_{rep})^2 = I_r - G_{rep} = G_{res}$$

It follows from equations (2.6) and (2.11) that

$$(2.13) \quad G_{res} \cdot G_{rep} = G_{rep} \cdot G_{res} = \Phi_r$$

From equations (2.7) through (2.10) the following could be written:

$$(2.14) \quad (X)^+' = (X^+)'$$

[2]. Substituting (2.14) into (2.4) and (2.5) one could see that  $G_{res}$  and  $G_{rep}$  are symmetric matrices.

From equations (2.6) and (2.13) the following will be hold:

$$(2.15) \quad r(I_r) = r(G_{rep}) + r(G_{res})$$

Since  $C$  is of order  $m \times r$  and of rank  $t \times r$  and  $I_r - C'(CC')^+C$  is idempotent, then

$$(2.16) \quad r(I_r - C'(CC')^+C) = \text{tr}(I_r - C'(CC')^+C) \\ = r(G_{res}) = r - t.$$

[2]. Substitution (2.16) into (2.2) one could write

$$(2.17) \quad r(S_{res}) = r - t.$$

Now it can be shown, as we did in theorem 1, that  $S_{res}$  is Gramian. Taking equation (2.2), (2.12) and property of symmetry of  $G_{res}$  we could write the following:

$$(2.18) \quad S_{res} = E G_{res} G'_{res} E' = D D'$$

where  $D = E G_{res}$ .

Equation (2.18) shows that  $S_{res}$  is Gramian. It can be shown that  $S_{rep}$  is also Gramian.

For the non-singular case, we had the following additional property:

$$(2.19) \quad A S_{res} = S_{res} A' = \Phi_r$$

Let us show that it is also true for the singular case. The following equations were given by Rao [5].

$$(2.20) \quad CC' (CC') + C = C$$

$$(2.21) \quad C' (CC') + CC' = C'$$

Substituting equations (1.3), (2.20) and (2.21) into equation (2.19) one could write

$$(2.22) \quad \begin{aligned} AS_{res} &= AE (I_r - E'A' (AEE'A') + AE) E' \\ AS_{res} &= (C - CC') (CC') + C E' = \Phi_r \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(2.23) \quad \begin{aligned} S_{res}A' &= E (I_r - E'A' (AEE'A') + AE) E'A' \\ S_{res}A' &= E(C' - C' (CC') + CC') = \Phi_r \end{aligned}$$

where  $C = AE$ .

Therefore, instead of matrix  $A$ , a new hypothesis matrix should be used to reapply the theorem 2 to  $S_{res}$  which is Gramian. Since  $S_{res}$  is substituted instead of Gramian matrix  $S$  in theorem 2, process continues until exhausting the final  $S_{res}$ .

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#### ÖZET

L. Guttman, veri matrisi Gramian bir matris olduğu zaman "faktör analiz'in çoklu gruplandırma yöntemi" diye bir yöntem önermiş ve üzerinde çalışmıştır. Çalışmamızda Guttman'ın teoremi hem değişik bir yolla ispatlanmış hem de genelleştirilmiştir.



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