

A NECESSARY AND SUFFICIENT CONDITION FOR MINIMISING THE RISK OF PREDICTIVE INFERENCE IN METHODS OF DATA PERTURBATION

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Topic

In this paper, we work on predictive inference problems through data **Masking/Coding** Method in a Gaussian setting with the 3 following models:

- ① Data perturbation by means of random noise.
- ② Copula Theory.
- ③ Gram-Schmidt (GS) orthonormalization algorithm.

Literature: Problems

- ① [DRECHSLER AND REITER (2010) (J.OF AM. ST. ASS.)
MIRANDA AND VILHUBER (2016) (PRIV. ST. DATABASES)]
methods of de-identification of respondents by the creation of *synthetic microdata*. **Problem:** Important *loss of information* because there is too much difference between the confidential data and the synthesized data in terms of similarity and doesn't take into account *non-confidential data*.

- ② [BURRIDGE (2003) (STAT. & COMP.) (MURALIDHAR AND SARATHY, 2008) (TRANS. DATA PRIV.) CALVIÑO (2017) (J. OF. STAT.)] For the purpose of combating this loss of information we focus on methods of data perturbation by means of random noise and a '*similarity coefficient*'. SBNA method. **Problem:** (**inference**) *Non-confidential data* still remain *sensitive* because they are even so present in the coding process.

Literature: Results

- ① [BURRIDGE (2003) (STAT. & COMP.)] **Result:** Information Preserving Statistical Obfuscation (IPSO) method allow to generate synthetic variables that are totally independent of the confidential data and take into account *non-confidential data* ⇒ very *high level of security*.
- ② [(MURALIDHAR AND SARATHY) (2008) (TRANS. DATA PRIV.) DOMINGO-FERRER AND GONZÁLEZ-NICOLÁS (2010) (INFORMATION SCIENCES) CALVIÑO (2017) (J. OF. STAT.)]
Result: SBNA method takes into account *non-confidential data* and allows to adjust degree of similarity between confidential and masked data ⇒ *avoids loss of information*.

Focus

Object of this paper:

We propose to *minimise the influence of non-confidential variables*, while still retaining them within the model. The non-confidential variables must therefore be only *slightly*, or *not at all significant* in the model's specification, while preserving its the basic theoretical properties.

Motivation

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Since *it is not possible to mask everything*, it is necessary to be aware of the existence of non-confidential public variables during the coding process and cognisant of the risks they entail.

How?

We define a necessary and sufficient condition that enables us to reinforce the security by *minimising risks of predictive divulgation* in the perturbation methods.

contribution

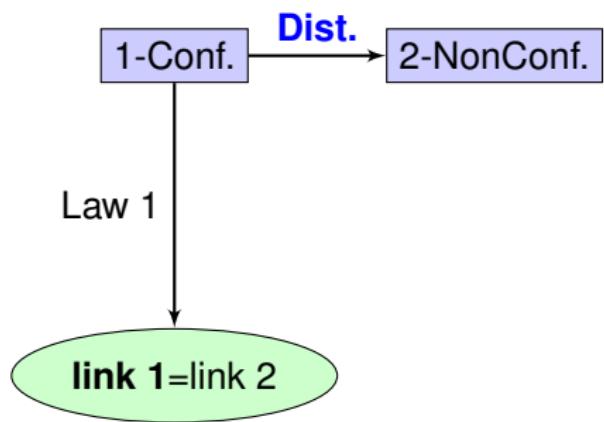
contribution

contribution in this paper: We show that when the *non-confidential data are orthonormalized and perturbed* in their structure, they then satisfy the '*predictive inference risk requirements*' that minimise predictive divulgence risk, while preserving both the 'data utility requirements' and the 'disclosure risk requirements'.

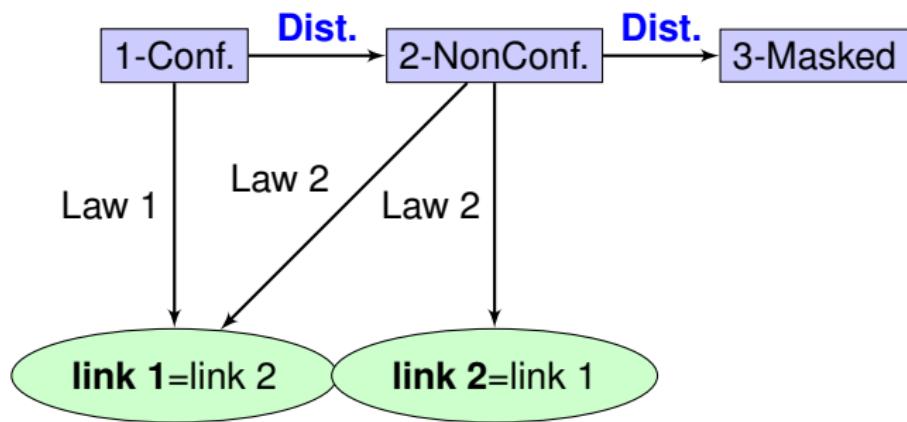
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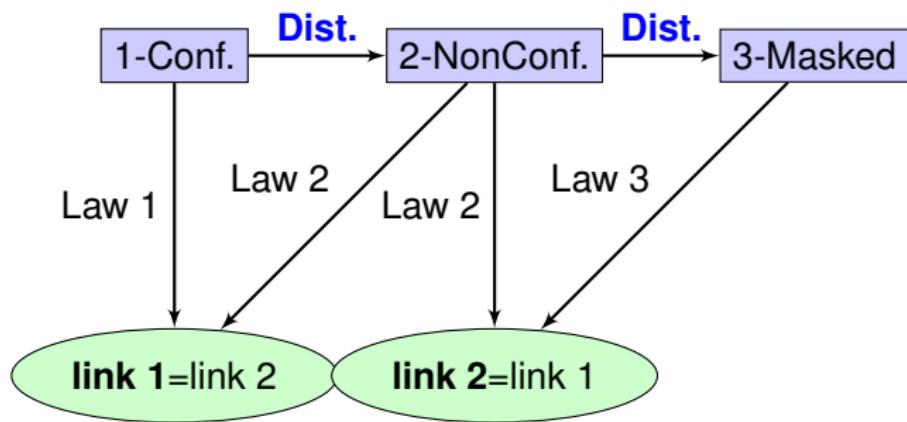
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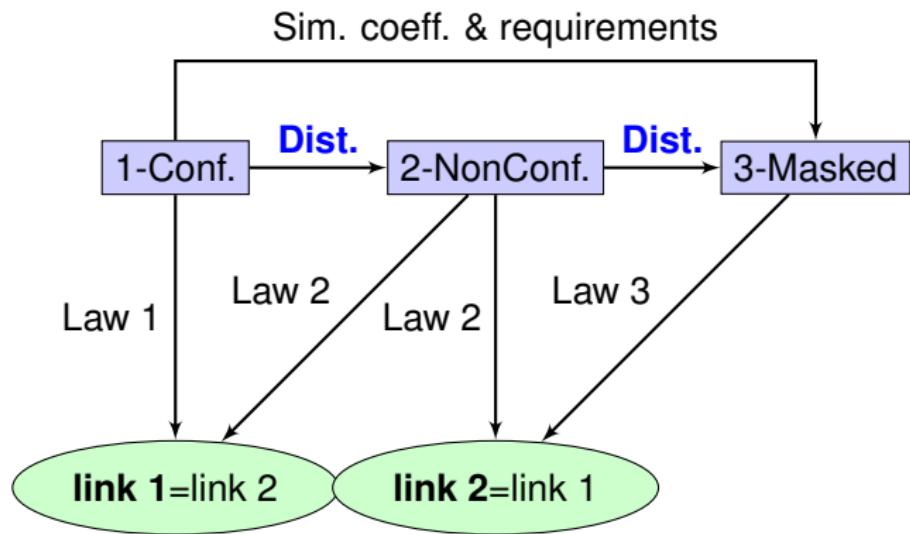
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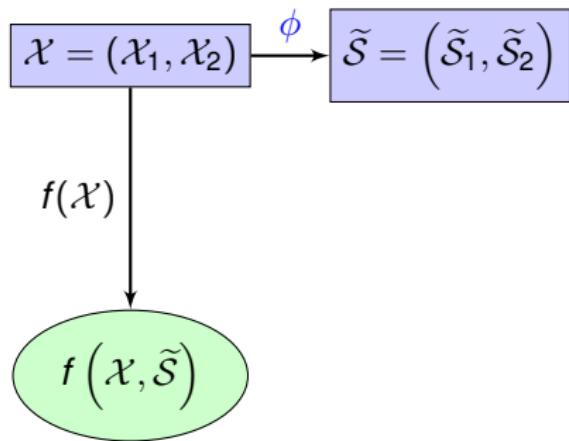
Notation

- f and F are respectively the density and distribution function of the bivariate gaussian distribution with Pearson correlation parameter $\rho \in [-1, +1]$.
- C is a distribution function on the unit cube $[0, 1]^K$ in \mathbb{R}^K with uniform marginal distributions. C is called a *copula* such that: $F_\ell(\mathcal{S}) = C_\ell(F_S)$. $\ell \in [-1, +1]$ is the measure of dependence during the transformation.
- $r = \phi\rho$ is a biased estimate of ρ and $\tilde{\rho}$ is a disturbed expression of ρ .
- $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_2)$, the orthonormalized and transformed vector of non-confidential data, $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2)$ the non-confidential data and $S = (\mathcal{S}_1/\mathcal{S}_2 = m_{\varsigma_2}, \mathcal{S}_2/\mathcal{S}_1 = m_{\varsigma_1})$ the vector of transformation with m_{ς_i} as the theoretical mean of the series \mathcal{S} for the observation i .
- The confidential variables are $\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2)$ and the masked and publicly disclosed variables are $\mathcal{Y} = (\mathcal{Y}_1, \mathcal{Y}_2)$.

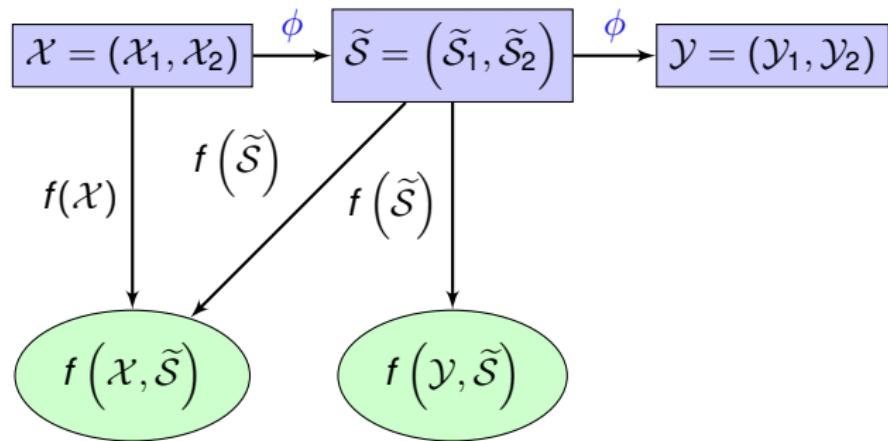
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$$\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2)$$

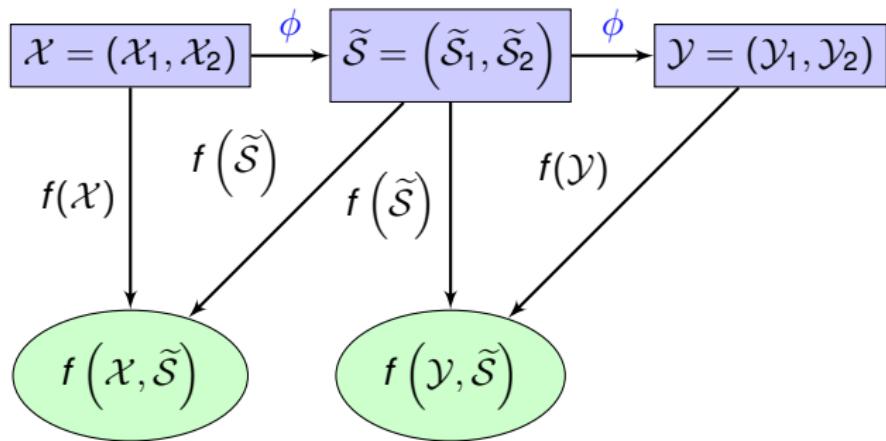
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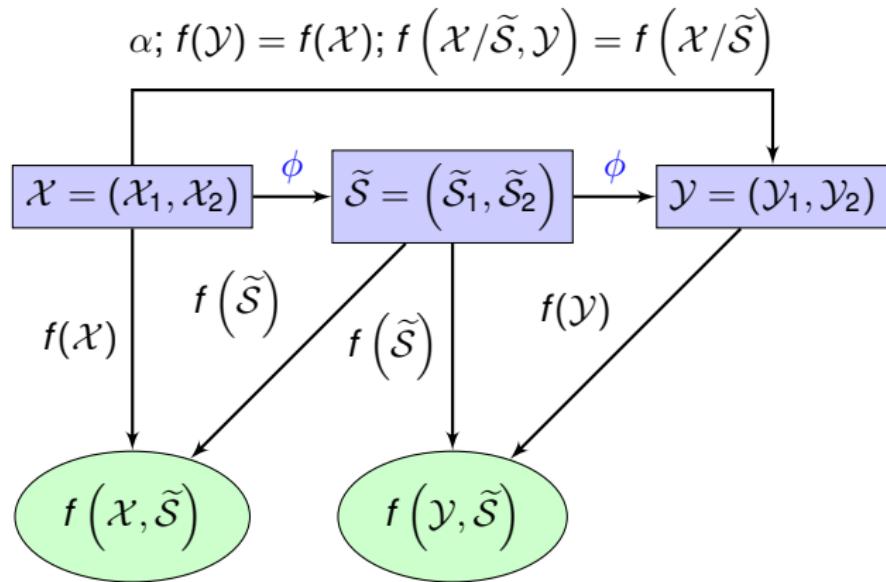
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The model: Minimising Predictive Inference Risk

A THEORETICAL BASIS

- The '*data utility or accuracy requirements*'

For $y_i \sim f(\mathcal{X}/\tilde{\mathcal{S}} = \tilde{s}_i)$, the necessary conditions are
 $f(\mathcal{Y}) = f(\mathcal{X})$ and $f(\mathcal{Y}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}) = f(\mathcal{X}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}})$.

- The '*disclosure risk requirements*'

Knowing $(\mathcal{Y}, \tilde{\mathcal{S}})$ do not increase the risk of divulgence:

$$f(\mathcal{X}/\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{Y}) = f(\mathcal{X}/\tilde{\mathcal{S}})$$

- The '*predictive inference risk requirements*' imply that if, according to a Gram-Schmidt orthonormalization:

$$\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1 = \mathcal{S}_1 \text{ and } \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_2 = \mathcal{S}_2 - \frac{f(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_2)}{f(\mathcal{S}_1, \mathcal{S}_1)} \mathcal{S}_1$$

$$\text{and } f(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}) = f(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1)f(\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_2)$$

then $f(\mathcal{Y}) = f(\mathcal{X})$ and $f(\mathcal{Y}, \mathcal{S}) = f(\mathcal{X}, \mathcal{S})$.

The model: Minimising Predictive Inference Risk

A COMPUTATIONAL APPROACH

The estimation of the log-likelihood

$$\log \prod_{i=1}^n f_\ell(\mathcal{S}) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ c_\ell(F_S) f_{\mathcal{S}_1/\mathcal{S}_2=m_{\varsigma_2}}(\varsigma_1) f_{\mathcal{S}_2/\mathcal{S}_1=m_{\varsigma_1}}(\varsigma_2) \right\}$$

or the estimation of the Gaussian *copula* associated with $f_\ell(\mathcal{S})$

$$\log \prod_{i=1}^n c_\ell(F_S) = \log \prod_{i=1}^n \left\{ f_\ell(\mathcal{S}) f_{\mathcal{S}_1/\mathcal{S}_2=m_{\varsigma_2}}^{-1}(\varsigma_1) f_{\mathcal{S}_2/\mathcal{S}_1=m_{\varsigma_1}}^{-1}(\varsigma_2) \right\}$$

give us the *measure dependence of the perturbation*:

$$\tilde{\rho} = \phi\rho \left((1 - \ell^2) \left(1 - (\phi\rho)^2 \right) + \phi\rho\ell \right).$$

The model: Minimising Predictive Inference Risk

A SIMULATION BASIS

$$\gamma = \mu_x - \Sigma_{x\tilde{s}} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}\tilde{s}}^{-1} \mu_{\tilde{s}}$$

$$\beta = \Sigma_{x\tilde{s}} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}\tilde{s}}^{-1}$$

$$\Sigma_\epsilon = \left(\Sigma_{xx} - \Sigma_{x\tilde{s}} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}\tilde{s}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}x} \right)$$

with the constant γ and μ the mean

β the parameter with respect to \tilde{s}

and Σ_ϵ the covariance error matrix.

Taking into account the *similarity coefficient* α :

$$\begin{aligned} \gamma &= (I - \alpha) \mu_x - \beta \mu_{\tilde{s}} \\ \beta^T &= \Sigma_{\tilde{s}\tilde{s}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}x} (I - \alpha^T) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Sigma_\epsilon = \left(\Sigma_{xx} - \Sigma_{x\tilde{s}} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}\tilde{s}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}x} \right) - \alpha \left(\Sigma_{xx} - \Sigma_{x\tilde{s}} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}\tilde{s}}^{-1} \Sigma_{\tilde{s}x} \right) \alpha^T.$$

Main Results

Condition 1:

$\tilde{\rho} = 0$ is a necessary and sufficient condition for that $\phi = 0$ knowing the given ρ and fixed ℓ .

consequences:

If $\tilde{\rho} = 0$ then $\phi = 0$ is always a *solution* ("dummy" perturbation).

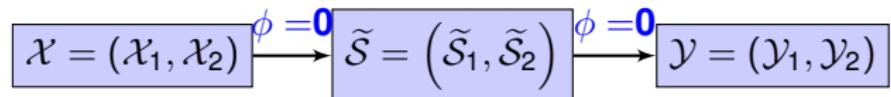
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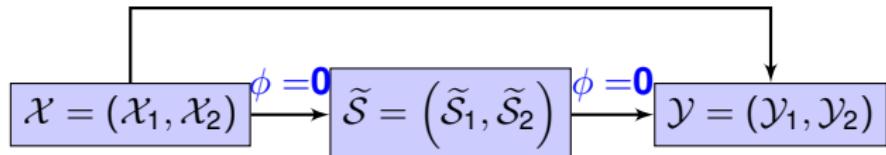
$$\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) \xrightarrow{\phi=0} \tilde{\mathcal{S}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_2)$$

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For $\ell = 0$, SBNA method



Main Results

Condition 2:

$\tilde{\rho} = 0$ and $\phi \neq 0$ is a necessary and sufficient condition for minimising the risk of predictive inference in data coding models by perturbation.

consequences:

If $\phi \neq 0$ then $\lim_{\phi \neq 0} \tilde{S} \rightarrow \pm\infty$ and $\sigma_{\tilde{S}}^2 \rightarrow +\infty$.

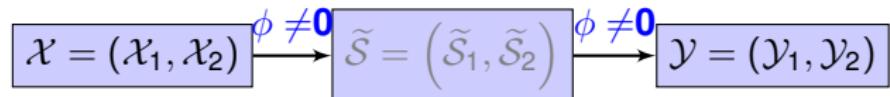
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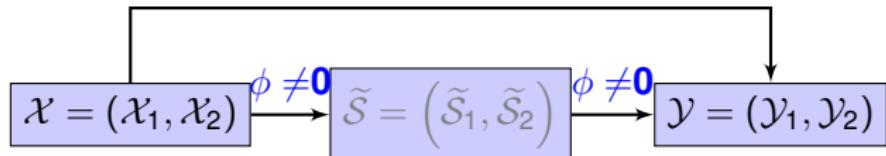
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$$\alpha; f(\mathcal{Y}) = f(\mathcal{X}); f(\mathcal{X}/\tilde{\mathcal{S}}, \mathcal{Y}) = f(\mathcal{X}/\tilde{\mathcal{S}})$$



Main Results

Condition 3:

Condition 2 is robust in the multivariate case.

consequences:

We can *Cypher/Mask* a random vector $\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_K)$ for a random vector $\mathcal{S} = (\mathcal{S}_1, \dots, \mathcal{S}_K)$.

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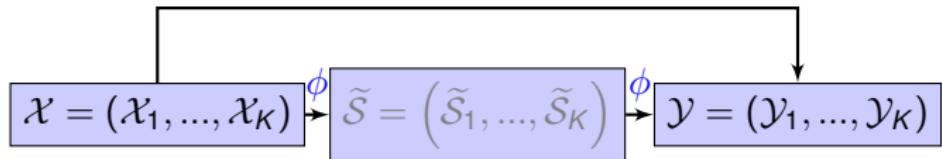
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$$\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}_1, \dots, \mathcal{X}_K) \xrightarrow{\phi} \tilde{\mathcal{S}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_K) \xrightarrow{\phi} \mathcal{Y} = (\mathcal{Y}_1, \dots, \mathcal{Y}_K)$$

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Condition 4:

Condition 2 and condition 3 are robust with respect to forecasts.

consequences:

It's possible to *forecast* a value with masked data then decoding the result. The decoding result is the result of a forecast with confidential data.

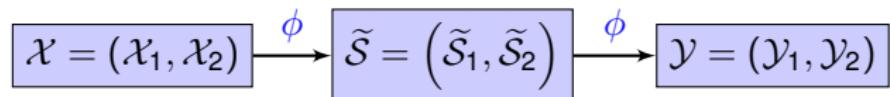
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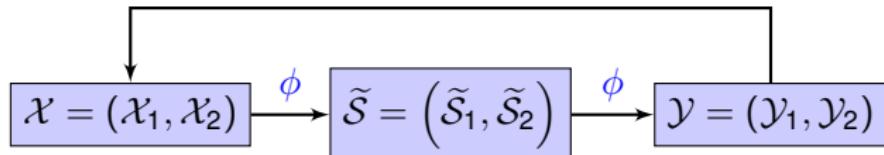
$$\mathcal{X} = (\mathcal{X}_1, \mathcal{X}_2) \xrightarrow{\phi} \tilde{\mathcal{S}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_2)$$

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Decoding $\text{forecast}(\mathcal{Y}) = \text{forecast}(\mathcal{X})$



Empirical Example: Results of a simulation basis (GADP, EGADP and IPSO linear and non linear)

- On one hand if $\ell = 0$ and the given ρ is then either $\phi = 0$, in which case γ , β and Σ_ϵ remain unchanged because $\tilde{\rho}(\phi\rho)^{-1} = 1$, or if $\phi \neq 0$ and $\tilde{\rho}(\phi\rho)^{-1} \approx 0$, in which case

$$\Sigma_{\tilde{S}\tilde{S}} \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow \mu_x$$

$$\beta \rightarrow 0$$

$$\Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow \Sigma_{xx}$$

- On the other hand, if $\ell \neq 0$ and the given ρ be then either $\phi = 0$, and in which case γ , β and Σ_ϵ vary because $\tilde{\rho}(\phi\rho)^{-1} = (1 - \ell^2)$, or if $\phi \neq 0$ and $\tilde{\rho}(\phi\rho)^{-1} \approx 0$, and in which case

$$\Sigma_{\tilde{S}\tilde{S}} \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

$$\gamma \rightarrow \mu_x$$

$$\beta \rightarrow 0 \text{ and } \Sigma_\epsilon \rightarrow \Sigma_{xx}$$

Empirical Example: Results of a simulation basis (SBNA, MicroHybrid and PCA linear and non linear models)

On one hand, $\forall \ell \in [-1; 1]$ and for the given ρ , if $\phi = 0$, then we again come upon the same results as the preceding ones, or nearly so by $(I - \alpha)$. On the other, if $\phi \neq 0$, we then obtain

$$\begin{aligned}\gamma &\rightarrow (I - \alpha) \mu x \\ \beta^T &\rightarrow 0 \\ \Sigma_\epsilon &\rightarrow \Sigma_{xx} - \alpha \Sigma_{xx} \alpha^T\end{aligned}$$

Empirical Example: Results of a simulation basis (Multivariate case)

Let $\ell = -2,00E - 10$, then $\ell = 0.6$ with a given $\rho = 0,87038828$

when $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 0,7 & 0 \\ 0 & 0,7 \end{pmatrix}$

For a *first-order* perturbation, we have:

$$y_i = \gamma + \alpha x_i + \underbrace{\beta_2}_{\#N/A} \phi_2 \rho \tilde{\rho}^{-1} s_i + \beta_1 \phi_1 \rho \tilde{\rho}^{-1} s_i + \epsilon_i, \forall i \in \{1 \dots n\} \quad (r9)$$

For a *second-order, 'dummy'* perturbation:

$$y_i = \gamma + \alpha x_i + \beta_2 \phi_2 \rho \tilde{\rho}^{-1} s_i + \epsilon_i, \forall i \in \{1 \dots n\} \quad (r10)$$

and for a *third-order* perturbation:

$$y_i = \gamma + \alpha x_i + \underbrace{\beta_2}_{\#N/A} \phi_2 \rho \tilde{\rho}^{-1} s_i + \beta_3 \phi_3 \rho \tilde{\rho}^{-1} s_i + \epsilon_i, \forall i \in \{1 \dots n\} \quad (r11)$$

Empirical Example: Results of a simulation basis



Table 1. Covariances between Original, Masked and Perturbed non confidential data.

χ_1	χ_2	γ_1	γ_2	SIMULATION A $\phi_1 = 1, 148912529$	SIMULATION B $\phi_2 = 2, 29782E - 10$	SIMULATION C $\phi_3 = -1, 148912529$
13.1336116	3.405629582	12.99177362	0.798138311	-1476822990	-1611185857	-0.495433694
12.21902051	0.381739203	12.38209476	2.185487635	-1148640103	153446272, 1	-0.540508759
12.45489329	3.918321291	12.8913032	5.311166729	-820457216, 5	652146656, 4	-0.385337318
12.65588765	2.607636941	12.29699151	0.828069752	-492274329, 9	2416778785	0.051477025
13.1550851	1.343879314	13.48421775	4.103615276	-164091443, 3	383615680, 2	-0.165144565
12.91117111	4.329667476	12.65936243	4.422694477	164091443, 3	-1649547425	0.810763138
12.40024436	-0.743247498	12.15790086	-1.139169272	492274329, 9	-1150847041	-0.128692562
12.66972201	3.28571431	12.16437319	2.288800287	820457216, 5	613785088, 3	-0.553378015
12.72553848	4.881391268	12.89529343	3.857115875	1148640103	1112485473	74847334, 99
11.50835506	-2.030608038	11.91021843	-1.27579522	1476822990	-920677632, 5	174979333, 1
Σ_{XX}		Σ_{YY}		$\Sigma_{X\tilde{S}} = \Sigma_{Y\tilde{S}}$		
0.210845383	0.690522006	0.210845383	0.690522006	-180802242, 3	23927306, 2	-0.060654204
0.690522006	4.803779739	0.690522006	4.803779739	-453851894, 9	697451625, 4	0.008026956
					-1.94289E - 17	0.174892348
						-207016308, 3
						318129906, 1

Empirical Example: Results of a simulation basis



Table 2: Covariances between Original, Masked and Perturbed non confidential data.

	X_1	X_2	\bar{Y}_1	\bar{Y}_2	SIMULATION D $\phi_1 = 1, 807425894$	SIMULATION E $\phi_2 = 1, 79518E - 09$	SIMULATION F $\phi_3 = -0, 7303204$
13, 1336116	3, 405629582	12, 99177362	0, 798138311	-701235298, 5	-765034403, 6	-0, 774115146	-0, 844544934
12, 21902051	0, 381739203	12, 38209476	2, 185487635	-545405232, 1	72860419, 39	-0, 602089558	0, 080432851
12, 45489329	3, 918321291	12, 8913032	5, 311166729	-389575165, 8	309656782, 4	-0, 43006397	0, 341839616
12, 65588765	2, 607636941	12, 29699151	0, 828069752	-233745099, 5	1147551605	-0, 258038382	1, 266817402
13, 1550851	1, 343879314	13, 48421775	4, 103615276	-77915033, 16	182151048, 5	-0, 086012794	0, 201082127
12, 91117111	4, 329667476	12, 65936243	4, 422694477	77915033, 16	-783249508, 5	0, 086012794	-0, 864653147
12, 40024436	-0, 743247498	12, 15790086	-1, 139169272	233745099, 5	-546453145, 5	0, 258038382	-0, 603246382
12, 66972201	3, 28571431	12, 16437319	2, 288800287	389575165, 8	291441677, 6	0, 43006397	0, 321731404
12, 72553848	4, 881391268	12, 89529343	3, 857115875	545405232, 1	528238040, 6	0, 602089558	0, 583138169
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0, 210845383	0, 690522006	0, 210845383	0, 690522006	-85849770, 25	11361328, 9	-0, 094772194	0, 012542119
0, 690522006	4, 803779739	0, 690522006	4, 803779739	-215501093, 3	331168800, 9	-0, 237898264	0, 365587393

Empirical Example: Results of a simulation basis

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	Dependent variable:					
	Y1 (1)	Y2 (2)	Y1 (3)	Y2 (4)	Y1 (5)	Y2 (6)
X1	0.700* (0.292)		0.700* (0.292)		0.700* (0.292)	
X2		0.700* (0.292)		0.700* (0.292)		0.700* (0.292)
S1A	-0.000(0.000)	-0.000(0.000)				
S2A	0.000(0.000)	0.000(0.000)				
S1B			-0.182(0.423)	-0.457(1.954)		
S2B			0.014(0.291)	0.401(1.491)		
S1C					-0.000(0.000)	-0.000(0.000)
S2C					0.000(0.000)	0.000(0.000)
Constant	3.775(3.671)	0.641(0.866)	3.775(3.671)	0.641(0.866)	3.775(3.671)	0.641(0.866)
Observations	10	10	10	10	10	10
R ²	0.580	0.548	0.580	0.548	0.580	0.548
Adjusted R ²	0.370	0.322	0.370	0.322	0.370	0.322
Residual Std. Error (df = 6)	0.384	1.903	0.384	1.903	0.384	1.903
F Statistic (df = 3; 6)	2.761	2.423	2.761	2.423	2.761	2.423

Note:

*p<0.1; **p<0.05; ***p<0.01

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S1D	-0.000(0.000)	-0.000(0.000)				
S2D	0.000(0.000)	0.000(0.000)				
S1E			-0.116(0.271)	-0.292(1.250)		
S2E			0.009(0.186)	0.257(0.954)		
S1F					0.000(0.000)	0.000(0.000)
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- ★ Open questions on predictive inference risk requirements for $\tilde{\rho} \neq 0$.
- ★ Open question on the possibility of re-identifying a target variable due to the fact that we can generate a random vector $\tilde{\mathcal{S}} = (\tilde{\mathcal{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathcal{S}}_K) \implies$ a Complementary Unsupervised learning approach.

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