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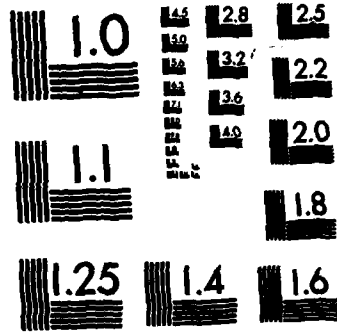
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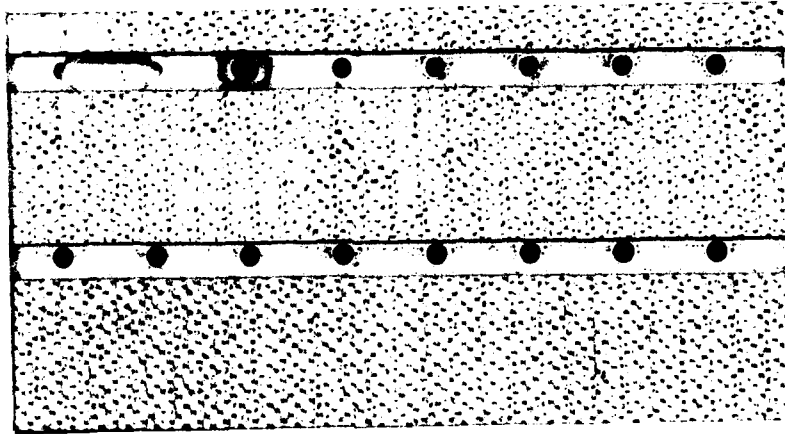


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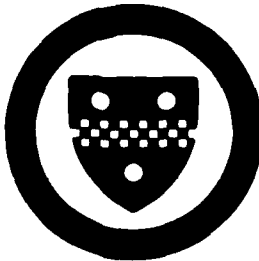
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Summary

In the linear model  $Y = X\beta + u$  the question arises when a linear transformation  $z = Ly$  contains all information of the linear model. This problem was solved by Baksalary and Kala, (Annals 1981), Drygas (Sankhyā, forthcoming) and J. Müller, (Ph.D. thesis, Kassel 1982). As an application we consider the estimation of the variance of the observations, its skewness and its kurtosis. This is done by considering so-called derived models, (Anscombe, Pukelsheim, Kleffe). Linear sufficient statistics are derived for these problems.

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1. Linearly sufficient statistics in linear models

The concept of linear sufficiency goes back to work by Baksalary and Kala [2], Drygas [6] and J. Müller [11]. Since it is needed in a coordinate-free form we will give it here in this form. As usual a linear model is described by a statistical field  $(\Omega, F, P)$  and a random  $H$ -valued vector  $y$ ,  $H$  an inner-product space, such that

$$(1.1) \quad E_p y \in L \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}$$

$$(1.2) \quad \text{Cov}_p y \in \mathbb{H} \quad \forall P \in \mathcal{P}$$

This setup is also called the model  $M(L, \mathbb{H})$ .  $L$  will in general be a linear manifold and  $\mathbb{H}$  a cone of n.n.d. matrices (or operators). In this paper we will only be concerned with the case  $\mathbb{H} = \{\sigma^2 Q: \sigma^2 \geq 0\}$ .

If the model  $M(L, \mathbb{H})$  is given then a linear inhomogeneous transformation  $d + Gy$ ,  $G$  a linear mapping from  $H$  to  $H$ , is called BLUE (Best linear unbiased estimator) of  $Ey$  if it is unbiased and has smallest covariance-matrix (covariance-operator) in the class of all linear unbiased estimator of  $Ey$ .  $d + Gy$  is BLUE of  $Ey$  iff

$$(i) \quad d = (I-G)l \quad \forall l \in L, \quad (ii) \quad Gf = f \quad \forall f \in F = L - L \text{ and}$$

$$(iii) \quad GQx = 0 \quad \forall x \in F^\perp \wedge \forall Q \in \mathbb{H}.$$

A BLUE must not exist, but it exists in the case  $H = \{\sigma^2 Q; \sigma^2 \geq 0\}$  since  $F \cap QF^\perp = \{0\}$ . (See e.g., Drygas [5]).

1.1 Definition: Let  $A_0 y = c + Ay$ . Then  $A_0 y$  is called linearly sufficient if there is a BLUE of  $Ey$  which is a linear function of  $A_0 y$ .

1.2 Theorem:  $A_0 y$  is linearly sufficient if and only if  $F \subseteq \text{im}(WA^*)$ , where  $W = Q + cP_F$  is such that  $c \geq 0$  and  $F \subseteq \text{im}(W)$ . ( $P_F$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $F$ ,  $A^*$  is the adjoint mapping of  $A$ ).

Proof: 1. First assume that  $F \subseteq \text{im}(WA^*)$ . We consider the equation  $BAP_F = P_F$ . We claim that this equation possesses a solution. This equation is equivalent to  $P_F = P_F A^* B^*$  or  $F \subseteq \text{im}(P_F A^*)$  which again is equivalent to  $(AP_F)^{-1}(0) \subseteq F^\perp$ . Therefore let  $AP_F x = 0$ , then  $P_F x = W A^* b$  for some  $b$  and  $AP_F x = AWA^* b = 0$ , implying  $W A^* b = P_F x = 0$ .

Now let  $H_z$  be a BLUE of  $Ez$  in the model  $M(AF, AQA^*)$ . Then for  $l \in L$

$$(1.3) \quad \begin{aligned} (I - BHA)l + BAy \\ = (I - BHA)l + BGHc + BHA_0 y \end{aligned}$$

is BLUE of  $Ey$ , if  $BAP_F = P_F$ . Indeed, if  $l \in L$  and  $y = Qw$ ,  $w \in F^\perp$ , then  $AQw = AWw = AWA^* v$  for some  $v$ . Since  $F \subseteq \text{im}(WA^*)$  is equivalent to  $(AW)^{-1}(0) \subseteq F^\perp$ ,  $AW(w - A^* v) = 0$  implies  $w - A^* v \in F^\perp$ , i.e.,  $A^* v \in F^\perp$  or  $v \in A^{*-1}(F^\perp) = (AF)^\perp$ . Thus  $HAWA^* v = 0$ . Thus

$$(1.4) \quad \begin{aligned} (I - BHA)l - Ghc + GHA_0(1 + Qw) \\ = l, \end{aligned}$$

proving the BLUE-property.

2. Let  $G_0 A_0 y + d$  be BLUE of  $Ey$  in  $M(L, \{Q\})$ . Then

$$(1.5) \quad G_0 A f = 1 \quad \forall 1 \in F = L-L, \quad G_0 A Q F^\perp = 0.$$

We show  $(AW)^{-1}(0) \subseteq F^\perp$  which is equivalent to  $F \subseteq \text{im}(WA^*)$ . Let  $AWt = 0$ , where  $Wt = Qa + f$ ,  $a \in F^\perp$ ,  $f \in F$ . Then  $G_0 A Wt = 0 = f$  implying  $Wt = Qa = Wa$ ,  $(t-a) \in W^{-1}(0) \subseteq F^\perp$  (since  $F \subseteq \text{im } W$ ). Thus  $t = a + (t-a) \in F^\perp$ .

Q.E.D.

1.3 Definition: Let  $z = A_0 y$  be linearly sufficient. Then  $z$  is called linearly minimal sufficient if for any  $z_1 = A_1 y$  which is linearly sufficient, there exists a  $B_1$  such that  $z = B_1 z_1$  almost surely mod  $P$ .

1.4 Theorem:  $z = A_0 y \equiv c + Ay$  is linearly minimal sufficient if and only if

$$(1.5) \quad F = \text{im}(WA^*)$$

The proof goes along the lines of a similar proof in Drygas [6].

## 2. Computation of expectation and covariance for multilinear expressions

In this paragraph we are assuming that  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \dots, \epsilon_n$  are independent (at least up to a required order concerning the computation of moments) random variables with expectation zero and existing moments up to some required order. The moments  $E(\epsilon_1^k)$  are



assumed to be equal for all  $i$ . Thus  $\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n$  behave - at least what the moments up to a certain order is concerned - as independently identically distributed random variables.

Let  $\epsilon = (\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_n)'$  and  $A$  be a symmetric  $n \times n$ -matrix. Then

$$(2.1) \quad E(\epsilon' A \epsilon) = E(\text{tr}(A \epsilon \epsilon')) = E(\text{tr}(A \sigma^2 I_n)) \\ = \sigma^2 \text{tr} A.$$

The computation of  $E(\epsilon' A \epsilon)^2$  or  $\text{Var}(\epsilon' A \epsilon)$  is tedious but it is usually considered as "elementary and straightforward". However, in the last years attempts have been made to make such computations more efficient. We mention in this context mainly the paper by J. Kleffe [10] who has elaborated an approach originally adapted by Balestra [3] and Neudecker [12].

Let  $A = (a_{ij}, i, j = 1, 2, \dots, n)$ . Then for computing  $E(\epsilon' A \epsilon)^2$  evidently

$$(2.2) \quad E\left(\sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \epsilon_i \epsilon_j\right) \left(\sum_{k,l} a_{kl} \epsilon_k \epsilon_l\right) = \\ \sum_{i,j,k,l} a_{ij} a_{kl} E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \epsilon_k \epsilon_l)$$

is needed. Since  $(a_{ij} a_{kl}) = A \otimes A$ , where  $\otimes$  denotes the Kronecker-product  $A \otimes B = (a_{ij} b_{kl})$ , evidently

$$(2.3) \quad E(\epsilon' A \epsilon)^2 = \text{tr}((A \otimes A) E(\epsilon \epsilon' \otimes \epsilon \epsilon')).$$

This formula has been obtained by Balestra [3], Neudecker [12] and Kleffe [10] via a different technique. However, the formula (2.3) does not yet help very much. Let us therefore rewrite (2.2), (2.3)

in the form

$$(2.3a) \quad E(\varepsilon' A \varepsilon)^2 = \sum_{i,j} a_{ij} \left( \sum_{k,l} a_{kl} E(\varepsilon_k \varepsilon_l \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j) \right).$$

If we denote the  $n \times n$ -matrix  $E(\varepsilon_k \varepsilon_l \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j) = E(\varepsilon_k \varepsilon_l \varepsilon_i \varepsilon_j)$  by  $\psi_{kl}$ , then evidently

$$(2.4) \quad E(\varepsilon' A \varepsilon)^2 = \text{tr}(A \cdot \sum_{k,l} a_{kl} \psi_{kl}).$$

This is the formula obtained by Kleffe [10]. If  $k=1$ , then by independence  $\psi_{k1} = \psi_{kk} = E(\varepsilon_i^4) e_{kk} + \sigma^4 \sum_{\delta \neq k} e_{\delta\delta}$  by if we denote the matrix  $e_i e_j' - e_i e_i'$  the  $i$ -th unit-vector in  $\mathbb{R}^n$  - by  $e_{ij}$ . Let  $E(\varepsilon_i^4) = \beta \sigma^4$ . Then

$$(2.5) \quad \psi_{kk} = \sigma^4 \{ (\beta-1) e_{kk} + \sum_{\delta} e_{\delta\delta} \} = \sigma^4 \{ (\beta-1) e_{kk} + I_n \}$$

is obtained. Similarly we get for  $k \neq 1$ , that by independence

$$(2.6) \quad \psi_{k1} = \sigma^4 (e_{k1} + e_{1k}).$$

Finally by symmetry of  $A$

$$(2.7) \quad \sum_{k,l} a_{kl} \psi_{kl} = \sigma^4 \left\{ \left( \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kk} \right) (I_n) + \sum_k (\beta-1) a_{kk} e_{kk} + 2 \sum_{k \neq 1} a_{k1} e_{k1} \right\} \\ = \sigma^4 \{ (\text{tr } A) I_n + (\beta-3) \text{diag } A + 2A \},$$

where  $\text{tr } A = \sum_{k=1}^n a_{kk}$  and  $\text{diag } A$  is the diagonal matrix with the same diagonal-matrix as  $A$ . Since  $(\text{tr } A)^2 = \text{tr}((\text{tr } A) I_n \cdot A)$ , evidently

$$(2.8) \quad (\text{Cov } \varepsilon \varepsilon') A = 2A + (\beta-3) \text{diag } A,$$

as is well-known (Hsu [8], Drygas [4]).

The method developed by Kleffe can readily be extended to the computation of variances for p-fold Kronecker-products. We consider the  $\mathbb{R}^{n^p}$  as the set of collection of real numbers  $(a_{i_1, \dots, i_p}, i_1, \dots, i_p = 1, \dots, n)$  which are lexicographically ordered. An element  $a = (a_{i_1, \dots, i_p})$  will also be called a p-fold tensor. If  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , then  $b \otimes p = : (b^{\otimes p-1}) \otimes b$  is evidently a p-fold tensor with elements  $b_{i_1, \dots, i_p} = b_{i_1} b_{i_2} \dots b_{i_p}$ . In  $\mathbb{R}^{n^p}$  we introduce the usual inner product

$$(2.9) \quad \langle a, b \rangle = \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p=1}^n a_{i_1 \dots i_p} b_{i_1 \dots i_p}.$$

A tensor  $a = (a_{i_1, \dots, i_p})$  is called symmetric, if

$$(2.10) \quad a_{\pi(i_1) \dots \pi(i_p)} = a_{i_1 \dots i_p}$$

for any permutation  $\pi \in S_p$ . Evidently  $b^{\otimes p}$  is a symmetric tensor. The projection on the set of symmetric matrices is given by the symmetrizer  $\pi_S$ :

$$(2.11) \quad (\pi_S a)_{i_1 \dots i_p} = \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\pi \in S_p} a_{\pi(i_1) \pi(i_2) \dots \pi(i_p)}.$$

We consider  $\epsilon^{\otimes 3}$  and  $\epsilon^{\otimes 4}$ . Evidently

$$(2.12) \quad E \langle a, \epsilon^{\otimes 3} \rangle = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n a_{iii} \right) E(\epsilon_1^3)$$

Similarly, if  $a$  is symmetric

$$(2.13) \quad E \langle a, \epsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle = \sum_{i, j, k, l} a_{ijkl} E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \epsilon_k \epsilon_l) = \\ \sigma^4 (\beta - 3) \sum_i a_{iiii} + 3 \sigma^4 \sum_{i, j} a_{iijj},$$

where again  $E(\epsilon_i^4) = \beta \sigma^4$ . Since  $\langle a, \epsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle = \langle a, \pi_S \epsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle = \langle \epsilon^{\otimes 4}, \pi_S a \rangle$  the restriction to symmetric  $a$  is not essential. We will come back to this at the end of the paragraph.

What the computation of the covariance-operator of  $\epsilon^{\otimes 3}$  and

$\epsilon^4$  is concerned it is hardly possible to get simple expressions without additional assumptions. Therefore we will assume in the sequel that  $\epsilon$  is quasi-normally distributed, i.e., that the moments up to order 6 and 8, respectively, coincide with the normal moments. This means that for  $p=3$  we assume that  $E(\epsilon_i^4) = E(\epsilon_1^4) = 3\sigma^4$ ,  $E(\epsilon_i^6) = E(\epsilon_1^6) = 15\sigma^6$  and for  $p=4$  additionally  $E(\epsilon_i^8) = 105\sigma^8$  is assumed to hold. To compute  $E(\langle a, \epsilon^{\otimes p} \rangle^2)$  evidently

$$(2.14) \quad \sum_{i_1, \dots, i_p, j_1, \dots, j_p}^n a_{i_1 \dots i_p} a_{j_1 \dots j_p} \epsilon_{i_1} \epsilon_{i_2} \dots \epsilon_{i_p} \epsilon_{j_1} \dots \epsilon_{j_2} \dots \epsilon_{j_p}$$

has to be computed. This may also be written as  $\langle a, Va \rangle$ , where  $V$  is some operator. Evidently (2.14) is equal to

$$(2.15) \quad \sum_{i_1 \dots i_p}^n a_{i_1} \dots a_{i_p} \left( \sum_{j_1 \dots j_p} a_{j_1 \dots j_p} E(\epsilon_{j_1} \dots \epsilon_{j_p} \epsilon_{i_1}, \dots, \epsilon_{i_p}) \right)$$

implying that

$$(2.16) \quad Va = \sum_{j_1 \dots j_p}^n a_{j_1 \dots j_p} \psi_{j_1 \dots j_p},$$

where  $\psi_{j_1 \dots j_p} = E(\epsilon_{j_1} \dots \epsilon_{j_p} \epsilon^{\otimes p})$ .

We will compute  $Va$  for  $p=3$  via formula (2.16) and for  $p=4$  by just computing  $E(\epsilon_{j_1} \dots \epsilon_{j_p} \epsilon_{i_1} \dots \epsilon_{i_p})$ . This will allow a comparison of the two methods.

To do the computations for  $p=3$  evidently  $\psi_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$ ,  $\psi_{\alpha\alpha\beta}$  and  $\psi_{\alpha\alpha\alpha}$  ( $\alpha \neq \beta \neq \gamma$ ) have to be considered. We denote by  $e_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$  the tensor having a 1 at place  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  and zero elsewhere. Let, moreover,  $I_\beta = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{\alpha\alpha\beta}$ . Then we get for symmetric  $a$ :

$$(2.17) \quad \psi_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \sum_{\pi \in S_3} e_{\pi(\alpha)\pi(\beta)\pi(\gamma)} = 6 \pi_S e_{\alpha\beta\gamma}$$

$$(2.18) \quad \psi_{\alpha\alpha\beta} = 3 \sigma^6 e_{\beta\beta\beta} + \sigma^6 \sum_{\delta \neq \alpha, \beta} (e_{\delta\delta\beta} + e_{\beta\delta\delta} + e_{\delta\beta\delta}) \\ + 3 \sigma^6 (e_{\alpha\alpha\beta} + e_{\alpha\beta\alpha} + e_{\beta\alpha\alpha}) = 3 \sigma^6 \pi_S I_\beta + \sigma^6 \pi_S e_{\alpha\alpha\beta}.$$

$$(2.19) \quad \psi_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} = 15 \sigma^6 e_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} + 3 \sigma^6 \sum_{\beta \neq \alpha} (e_{\beta\beta\alpha} + e_{\alpha\beta\beta} + e_{\beta\alpha\beta}) \\ = 6 \sigma^6 e_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} + 9 \sigma^6 \pi_S I_\alpha.$$

Finally

$$(2.20) \quad Va = \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} a_{\alpha\beta\gamma} \psi_{\alpha\beta\gamma} = \sigma^6 \{ 6 \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta \neq \delta} a_{\alpha\beta\delta} e_{\alpha\beta\delta} \\ + 9 \sum_{\beta} \left( \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} a_{\alpha\alpha\beta} \right) \pi_S I_\beta + 6 \sigma^6 \sum_{\alpha \neq \beta} a_{\alpha\alpha\beta} (e_{\alpha\alpha\beta} + e_{\alpha\beta\alpha} + e_{\beta\alpha\alpha}) \\ + 6 \sum_{\alpha} a_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} e_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} + 9 \sum_{\alpha} (\pi_S I_\alpha) a_{\alpha\alpha\alpha} \} \\ = \sigma^6 \{ 6 \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} a_{\alpha\beta\gamma} e_{\alpha\beta\gamma} + 9 \sum_{\alpha, \beta} a_{\alpha\alpha\beta} \pi_S I_\beta \} \\ = \sigma^6 \{ 6a + 9 \sum_{\beta=1}^n (\text{tr}_\beta a) \pi_S I_\beta \},$$

where  $\text{tr}_\beta a = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{\alpha\alpha\beta}$ . Evidently also

$$(2.21) \quad Va = \sigma^6 \{ 6a + 9 \sum_{\beta=1}^n (\pi_S I_\beta \circ \pi_S I_\beta) \},$$

where  $a \circ b$  denotes the outer product defined by  $(a \circ b)c = \langle b, c \rangle a$ .

This follows from  $\langle a, \pi_S I_\beta \rangle = \text{tr}_\beta a$ , if  $a$  is symmetric. It is also true, that

$$(2.22) \quad \sum_{\beta=1}^n (\pi_S I_\beta \circ \pi_S I_\beta) = \pi_S (I_n \otimes \text{vec}(I_n) (\text{vec } I_n)') \pi_S,$$

the representation found by Pukelsheim in [14]. This representation will not be used in this paper.

We now assert, that for symmetric  $a = (a_{ijkl})$

$$(2.23) \quad E(\langle a, \epsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle^2) = \sum_{i,j,k,l,r,s,t,u=1}^n a_{ijkl} a_{rstu} E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \epsilon_k \epsilon_l \epsilon_r \epsilon_s \epsilon_t \epsilon_u) \\ = \sigma^8 \left\{ 24 \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n a_{ijkl}^2 + 72 \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n a_{iijk} a_{jkll} \right. \\ \left. + 9 \sum_{i,j,k,l=1}^n a_{iijj} a_{kkll} \right\}.$$

Indeed, under quasi-normality,  $E(\epsilon_i \epsilon_j \epsilon_k \epsilon_l \epsilon_r \epsilon_s \epsilon_t \epsilon_u)$  vanishes if some  $\epsilon_\alpha$  appears an uneven number of times. Therefore only the cases  $\epsilon_i^8$ ,  $\epsilon_i^6 \epsilon_j^2$ ,  $\epsilon_i^4 \epsilon_j^4$ ,  $\epsilon_i^4 \epsilon_j^2 \epsilon_k^2$  and  $\epsilon_i^2 \epsilon_j^2 \epsilon_k^2 \epsilon_l^2$  are to be considered. If all indices  $i, j, k, l$  are different from each other then surely the sums reported in (2.23) will appear. The factor 24, 72 and 9 arise from careful combinatorial considerations and the fact that  $a$  is symmetric. Note that some combinations are covered by the summation. If  $i = j = k = l$ , then the subsum in (2.22) is equal to

$$(2.24) \quad 105 \sigma^8 \sum_{i=1}^n a_{iiii}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n a_{iiii}^2 E(\epsilon_i^8).$$

Now consider the 6 cases  $i = j$ ,  $i = k$ ,  $i = l$ ,  $j = k$ ,  $j = l$  and  $k = l$ . Then by symmetry the corresponding subsum in (2.23) is equal to

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.25) \quad & \sigma^8 \{ 18 \Sigma a_{iiii} a_{jjkk} + 288 \Sigma a_{iiij} a_{ijkk} \\
& + 216 \Sigma a_{ijk}^2 + 108 \Sigma a_{iijj} a_{iikk} \} \\
& = 3 \sigma^8 \{ 6 \Sigma a_{iiii} a_{jjkk} + 96 \Sigma a_{iiij} a_{ijkk} \\
& + 72 \Sigma a_{ijk} a_{iijk} + 36 \Sigma a_{iijj} a_{iikk} \}
\end{aligned}$$

In view of  $E(\epsilon_i^4) = 3 \sigma^4$  and symmetry this is just the set of all possible summands occurring with factor  $E(\epsilon_i^4 \epsilon_j^2 \epsilon_k^2)$ . Again careful considerations are necessary to establish the combinatorial numbers 6, 96, 72 and 36. Finally we get for the seven cases  $i = j = k$ ;  $i = j = 1$ ;  $i = k = 1$ ;  $j = k = 1$ ;  $i = j, k = 1$ ;  $i = k, j = 1$  and  $i = j, k = 1$  as subsum of (2.23)

$$\begin{aligned}
(2.26) \quad & 6^8 \{ 180 \Sigma a_{iiii} a_{iijj} + 240 \Sigma a_{iijj}^2 \\
& + 9 \Sigma a_{iiii} a_{jjjj} + 144 \Sigma a_{iiij} a_{ijjj} + 162 \Sigma a_{iijj}^2 \} \\
& = 15 \sigma^8 \{ 12 \Sigma a_{iiii} a_{iijj} + 16 \Sigma a_{iijj}^2 \\
& + 9 \sigma^8 \{ \Sigma a_{iiii} a_{jjjj} + 16 \Sigma a_{iiij} a_{ijjj} + 18 \Sigma a_{iijj}^2 \}.
\end{aligned}$$

In view of  $E(\epsilon_i^6) = 15 \sigma^5$ ,  $E(\epsilon_i^4) = 3 \sigma^4$  the first sum belongs due to symmetry of  $a$  to all terms where  $E(\epsilon_i^6 \epsilon_j^2)$  appear. The second sum belongs to all terms where  $E(\epsilon_i^4 \epsilon_j^4)$  occurs. Again, careful reasoning is necessary to determine the combinatorial factor 12, 16, 1, 16 and 18.

Since the last term in (2.22) is evidently equal to  $9 \sigma^8 (\Sigma a_{iijj})^2 = [E(\langle a, \epsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle)]^2$  it follows that for symmetric  $a$ :

$$(2.27) \quad \text{Var}(\langle a, \varepsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle) = \sigma^8 \{ 24 \sum_{ijkl} a_{ijkl}^2 + 72 \sum_{ijkl} a_{ijkl} a_{jkl1} \}$$

Define the tensor  $e_{\alpha\beta\gamma\delta}$ , which has unity at place  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta)$  and zero elsewhere. Let  $I_{jk} = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n e_{jk\alpha\alpha}$  and  $\text{tr}_{j,k} a = \sum_{\alpha=1}^n a_{jk\alpha\alpha}$ . Then evidently

$$(2.28) \quad \text{Var}(\langle a, \varepsilon^{\otimes 4} \rangle) = \sigma^8 \{ \langle a, 24a + 72 \sum_{j,k=1}^n (\text{tr}_{jk} a) \pi_S I_{jk} \rangle \}.$$

This shows that for symmetric  $a$  evidently

$$(2.29) \quad \text{Cov}(\varepsilon^{\otimes 4}) = \sigma^8 \{ 24 I + 72 \sum_{j,k=1}^n (\pi_S I_{jk} \circ \pi_S I_{jk}) \}$$

where  $(a \circ b)$  again denotes the outer product:  $(a \circ b)c = \langle b, c \rangle a$ .

(2.28) can also be written as

$$(2.30) \quad \sigma^8 \{ 24 I + 72 \{ \pi_S (I_n \otimes I_n \otimes (\text{vec } I_n) (\text{vec } I_n)') \otimes (\text{vec } I_n) (\text{vec } I_n)' \pi_S \}$$

the representation given in Pukelsheim [14]. This representation will not be used here.

A final remark of this paragraph concerns the covariance-operator (2.28). This formula is only correct if it is really considered as a covariance-operator, restricted to the symmetric tensors. It is not identical with the covariance-matrix. Let us assume we have computed the covariance-matrix  $E(\varepsilon^{\otimes 2} (\varepsilon^{\otimes 2})') = C$ . From (2.4)-(2.6) we get in the quasi-normal case  $Ca = \sigma^4 \{ (a_{ij}) + (a_{ji}) + (\text{tr } a) I_n \}$ . Since in general  $\text{vec}(bb') = b \otimes b$  it follows that  $E(\varepsilon^{\otimes 4}) = \text{vec}(E(\varepsilon^{\otimes 2} (\varepsilon^{\otimes 2})')) = \text{vec}(C)$ . Denote by  $e_{ij}$  the vector in  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  having 1 at place  $i n + j$  and zero elsewhere, then it is easily checked that  $\text{vec}(C)$  is different from  $3\sigma^4 (e_{11} \dots e_{1n} \dots e_{n1} \dots e_{nn})$ , but equality is obtained when the two



matrices are applied to symmetric tensors. In so far the assertion in Pukelsheim [14] claiming that (2.29) is the covariance-matrix is wrong.

### 3. Linear sufficient statistics in multilinear estimation

We consider the linear model  $Ey \in L \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\text{Cov } y = \sigma^2 I_n$  as described in section 1 of this paper. Let  $F = L^\perp$  and  $P_F y$  denote the orthogonal projection of  $y$  onto  $F$ . Then  $G_o y = l + P_F(y-l)$ ,  $l \in L$  is the unique BLUE of  $Ey$ . We consider

$$(3.1) \quad u = \sigma^{-1}(y - Ey), \quad z = (I - P_F)(y - l) = \sigma(I - P_F)u.$$

The quantity

$$(3.2) \quad V = zz' = (I - P_F)(y - l)(y - l)'(I - P_F) = \sigma^2(I - P_F)uu'(I - P_F)$$

is a random element with values in the set  $H$  of all symmetric  $n \times n$ -matrices  $A$  satisfying  $Af = 0 \forall f \in F$ . Let  $M = (I - P_F)$ , then  $A \in H$  iff  $MAM = A$  (Drygas [4]). In  $H$  the inner product  $\langle A, B \rangle = \text{tr}(AB)$  is used. Since  $\langle zz', A \rangle = \sigma^2(u' Au)$  and by (2.1),

(2.8)

$$(3.3) \quad E(u' Au) = \text{tr}(A) = \text{tr}(MA)$$

$$(3.4) \quad \begin{aligned} \text{Var}(u' Au) &= \text{tr}([2A + (\beta - 3) \text{diag } A] \cdot A) \\ &= \text{tr}([2A + (\beta - 3) M \cdot \text{diag } A \cdot M]A), \end{aligned}$$

we get that  $V = zz'$  follows the linear model

$$(3.5) \quad EV = \sigma^2 M, \text{ Cov } V = \sigma^4 \{2A + (\beta-3)M \text{ diag } AM\},$$

if considered as  $H$ -valued random element.

Besides the mapping  $\text{Diag } A = (a_{ij} \delta_{ij})$  which is evidently self-adjoint we consider the linear mapping  $\text{diag}: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  defined by  $\text{diag}(x_1, \dots, x_n)' = (\delta_{ij} x_i)$ . Evidently the adjoint is  $\text{diag}^*(a_{ij}) = (a_{11}, \dots, a_{nn})'$ . If  $A$  and  $B$  are two  $n \times n$ -matrices then the Hadamard-product  $A * B$  is defined by  $(A * B) = (a_{ij} b_{ij})$ .

**3.1 Theorem:** Let  $M \neq 0$ . Then  $\text{tr}(MV) = \text{tr}(V)$  is a linearly sufficient statistic in the model (3.5) iff the Hsu-condition  $\sigma^4(\beta-3)(M * M) = \rho M$ , where  $\rho = (\beta-3)\sigma^4 \text{tr}(M * M) / (\text{tr } M)$  is met. In this case  $\text{tr}(MV) = \text{tr } V$  is also linearly minimal sufficient.

Proof: Consider the linear mapping  $AV = \text{tr}(MV)$ . This is a mapping from  $H$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . The adjoint mapping of this mapping is  $A^* \lambda = \lambda M, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ .  $A$  is linearly sufficient iff

$$(3.6) \quad \{\lambda M\} \subseteq \{\lambda WM\} = \text{im}(WA^*),$$

where

$$(3.7) \quad W = \text{Cov } V + (\text{tr } M)^{-1} (M \circ M),$$

since  $(\text{tr } M)^{-1} M \circ M$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $\{\lambda M\}$ . This is the case iff

$$(3.8) \quad WM = 2\sigma^4 M + \sigma^4(\beta-3) M(\text{Diag } M) M + M = \rho M$$

for some  $\rho \neq 0$ . This means that  $\sigma^4(\beta-3) M(\text{Diag } M) M = \alpha M$  for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . By taking traces on both sides of the last equation

$\alpha = (\text{tr } M)^{-1} \sigma^4 (\beta - 3) \text{tr}(M \text{diag } M) = (\text{tr } M)^{-1} \sigma^4 (\beta - 3) \text{tr}(M^* M)$ .  
 Since  $\text{tr}(M^* M) \leq \text{tr}(M)$  and  $\beta \geq 1$  it follows that  $\rho = 2\sigma^4 + \alpha + 1 \geq 1 > 0$ . But by Hsu's theorem (Drygas-Hupet [7], Pukelsheim [13], Khatri [9]),  $M \text{diag } x M = 0$  is equivalent to  $(M^* M)x = 0$ . This finishes the proof of the theorem since the assertion concerning linear minimal sufficiency is now obvious.

**3.2 Theorem.** Let  $M \neq 0$ . Then  $\text{diag}^* V = (v_{11}, \dots, v_{nn})'$  is a linearly sufficient statistic.

Proof: 1) Since we consider  $V$  as an element of  $H$ ,  $\text{diag}^*$  is to be considered as mapping from  $H$  to  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . The adjoint  $((\text{diag}^*)^*)^*$  of this mapping is not  $\text{diag}$  but  $M \text{diag } M$ , since for  $A \in H$

$$(3.9) \quad \text{tr}(M \text{diag } x M \cdot A) = \text{tr}(\text{diag } x \cdot A) = x' (\text{diag}^*)^* A.$$

and  $M \text{diag } x M \in H$ .

2) Two cases have to be distinguished. Either there is an element  $A \in H$  such that  $(\text{Cov } V)A = M$  or there is an element  $A \in H$  such that  $\text{tr}(AM) \neq 0$  and  $(\text{Cov } V)A = 0$ . (The latter case can only occur if  $\beta = 1$ .) This follows from  $\text{im}(Q) = (Q^{-1}(0))^\perp$ , if  $Q$  is self-adjoint.

In the first case theorem 1.2 tells us that we can choose  $W = \text{Cov } V$ , while in the second case  $W$  will be chosen equal to  $\text{Cov } V + (\text{tr } M)^{-1}(M \circ M)$ . In both cases, however,  $M \in \text{im}(W(\text{diag}^*))^*$  has to be proved. Let  $M = (\text{Cov } V)A = \sigma^4 \{2A + (\beta - 3) M \text{Diag } A M\}$ ,  $A \in H$ . This implies at first that  $\sigma^4$  can't vanish. Therefore

$$(3.10) \quad A = (2\sigma^4)^{-1} M(\text{diag } I_n - \sigma^4(\beta-3)\text{diag } \text{Diag}^* A) M = M \text{diag } x M$$

with  $x = (2\sigma^4)^{-1}(1_n - \sigma^4(\beta-3) \text{Diag}^* A)$ ,  $1_n = (1_1, \dots, 1)'$ . Thus  $M = (\text{Cov } V) (\text{diag}^*)^* x$  and  $\text{diag}^*$  is linearly sufficient.

In the second case  $(\text{Cov } V) A = 0$ ,  $WA = (\text{tr } M)^{-1} \text{tr}(MA)M \neq 0$ , implying  $WB = M$ ,  $B = (\text{tr}(MA))^{-1}(\text{tr } M)M$  and

$$(3.11) \quad (\text{Cov } V)B = 2\sigma^4 B + \sigma^4(\beta-3) M \text{diag } \text{Diag}^* B M = 0.$$

Thus if  $\sigma \neq 0$ ,  $B = -2^{-1}(\beta-3) M \text{diag } \text{Diag}^* B M = M \text{diag } x M$ ,  $x = -2^{-1}(\beta-3) \text{Diag}^* B$ . If  $\sigma = 0$ , then evidently  $W(\text{diag}^*)^* 1_n = WM \text{diag } 1_n M = M$ . Therefore linear sufficiency is proved in all possible cases, Q.E.D.

We will now consider

$$(3.11) \quad V_i = z^{\otimes i} = M^{\otimes i} z^{\otimes i}, \quad i = 3, 4.$$

Since  $M^{\otimes i} z^{\otimes i} = (Mz)^{\otimes i} = \sigma^i M^{\otimes i} u^{\otimes i}$  we can apply the results of paragraph 2 for obtaining expectation and covariance-operator of  $V_i$ . First of all, note that  $V_i$  is a symmetric tensor obeying the equation  $M^{\otimes i} V_i = V_i$ . Therefore our reference vector-space  $H$  will be the set of all symmetric tensors  $a$  meeting the equation  $M^{\otimes i} a = a$ .

We introduce the following notation: Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n)'$ . Then we define  $\text{diag}_1 a = (a_{i_1} \delta_{i_1 i_2} \dots \delta_{i_1 i_p}, i_1, \dots, i_p = 1, 2, \dots, n) \in \mathbb{R}^{n^p}$ . In general if  $a = (a_{i_1 \dots i_k}) \in \mathbb{R}^n$  and  $p > k$  we define

$$(3.12) \quad \text{diag}_k(a) = (a_{i_1 \dots i_k} \delta_{i_k i_{k+1}} \dots \delta_{i_k i_p}) \in \mathbb{R}^{n^p}.$$

With these definitions we evidently get from (2.11) and (2.12):

$$(3.13) \quad E(z^{\otimes 3}) = \sigma^3 E(u_1^3) M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n, \quad 1_n = (1, \dots, 1)'$$

$$(3.14) \quad E(z^{\otimes 4}) = \sigma^4 M^{\otimes 4} \left\{ (\beta-3) \text{diag}_1 1_n + 3 \sum_{i=1}^n \pi_S I_{ii} \right\}.$$

The covariance-operator, defined as mappings from  $H$  to  $H$ , are found in the quasi-normal case (use  $M^{\otimes i} a = a!$ ) to be equal to

$$(3.15) \quad \text{Cov}(z^{\otimes 3}) = \sigma^6 \left\{ 6I + 9 M^{\otimes 3} \sum_{\beta=1}^n (\pi_S I_{\beta} \circ \pi_S I_{\beta}) \right\},$$

$$(3.16) \quad \text{Cov}(z^{\otimes 4}) = \sigma^8 \left\{ 24I + 72 M^{\otimes 4} \sum_{j,k=1}^n \pi_S I_{jk} \circ \pi_S I_{jk} \right\}.$$

This model has intensively been studied in Pukelsheim [14]. Since the covariance-operator is only computed under quasi-normality the estimators derived from linear model theory are only locally best (linear) unbiased estimators. Pukelsheim's investigation was suggested by a paper by Anscombe [1], who used  $\text{diag}_1^* z^{\otimes 3} = z^{\otimes 3}$  and  $\text{diag}_1^* z^{\otimes 4} = z^{\otimes 4}$  to obtain estimators of  $E(u_1^3)$  and  $E(u_1^4)$ , respectively. Pukelsheim showed that these estimators are not even locally best. Using  $z^{\otimes 3}$  and  $z^{\otimes 4}$ , respectively, means the consideration of linear combinations of  $z_1 z_j z_k$  ( $i, j, k = 1, \dots, n$ ) and of  $z_1 z_j z_k z_l$  ( $i, j, k, l = 1, \dots, n$ ), respectively. But we will show now that it is enough to consider only  $z_1^2 z_j$  ( $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ ) and  $z_1^2 z_j z_k$  ( $i, j, k = 1, \dots, n$ ), respectively. Evidently  $(z_1^2 z_j) = \text{diag}_2(z_1 z_j z_k) = z^{\otimes 2} \otimes z$ . Similarly,  $(z_1^2 z_j z_k) = z^{\otimes 2} \otimes z^{\otimes 2} = \text{diag}_3 z^{\otimes 4}$ . We will prove that these statistics are linearly sufficient.

**3.3 Theorem.** a)  $z \otimes z^{\otimes 2} = \text{diag}_2^* z^{\otimes 3}$  is linearly sufficient in the model described by (3.13), (3.15).

b)  $z^{\otimes 2} \otimes z^{*2} = \text{diag}_3^* z$  is linearly sufficient in the model described by (3.14), (3.16).

proof: a) Since our reference vector-space  $H$  is the set of all symmetric tensor  $a$  from  $\mathbb{R}^{n^3}$  meeting  $M^{\otimes 3} a = a$ ,  $(\text{diag}_2^*)^*$  has to be mapping from  $\mathbb{R}^{n^2}$  to  $H$ . This mapping is

$$(3.17) \quad (\text{diag}_2^*)^* = M^{\otimes 3} \pi_S \text{diag}_2$$

This follows since  $M^{\otimes 3} \pi_S \text{diag}_2 b \in H$  and  $\langle M^{\otimes 3} \pi_S \text{diag}_2 b, c \rangle = \langle \text{diag}_2 b, c \rangle = \langle b, \text{diag}_2^* c \rangle$  for all  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ ,  $c \in H$ .

We firstly deal with the case  $\sigma^6 = 0$ . Let  $M \neq 0$ , otherwise there is no assertion. Let  $W = (M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n \circ M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n) (\sum_{i=1}^n m_{11}^3)^{-1}$ .  $W$  is the orthogonal projection onto  $F = \{ \gamma M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n \}$ . Since  $\text{Cov } V_3 = 0$  and  $W M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n = M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n = M^{\otimes 3} \pi_S \text{diag}_2 \text{vec}(I_n) = (\text{diag}_2^*)^* \text{vec}(I_n)$ ,  $(\text{diag}_2^*)^*$  is clearly linearly sufficient.

Now let  $\sigma^6 \neq 0$ , then  $\text{Cov } V_3 = \sigma^6 \{ 6I + \Sigma M^{\otimes 3} \Sigma \dots \}$  is regular or  $H$ , since  $\langle (\text{Cov } V_3) a, a \rangle = 6 \sigma^6 \langle a, a \rangle + 9 \sigma^6 \sum_j (\sum_i a_{1ij})^2$  vanishes iff  $a = 0$ . For this reason there is a tensor  $a \in H$  such that

$$(3.18) \quad M^{\otimes 3} \text{diag}_1 1_n = 6 \sigma^6 I + 9 \sigma^6 M^{\otimes 3} \sum_{j=1}^n (\pi_S I_j \circ \pi_S I_j) a$$

Since  $W$  can be chosen equal to  $\text{Cov } V_3$ , our assertion would be proved if we could show that  $a$  has the form  $M^{\otimes 3} \pi_S \text{diag}_2 b$  for some  $b \in \mathbb{R}^{n^2}$ . But (3.18) implies that

$$(3.19) \quad a = (6\sigma^6)^{-1} M^{\otimes 3} \{ \text{diag}_1 1_n - 9 \sigma^6 \sum_{j=1}^n \langle I_j, a \rangle \pi_S I_j \} \\ = M^{\otimes 3} \pi_S \text{diag}_2 b;$$

where  $b = (b_{ij})$  and

$$(3.20) \quad b_{ij} = (6\sigma^6)^{-1}(\delta_{ij} - 9\sigma^6 \sum_{i,j=1}^n a_{iij}).$$

b) Again,  $(dg_3^*)^* = M^{\otimes 4} \pi_S dg_3$  can easily be established. Since  $\sigma^{-8} \langle (\text{Cov } V_4)a, a \rangle = 24\langle a, a \rangle + 72 \sum_{j,k,l} (\sum_l a_{ikll})^2$ ,  $a \in H$  is positive whenever  $a \neq 0$ ,  $\text{Cov } V_4$  is regular and  $W = \text{Cov } V_4$  is a possible choice, if  $\sigma^8 \neq 0$  ( $\sigma^8 = 0$  can analogously be dealt with as above). Therefore there is an element  $a \in H$  such that

$$(3.21) \quad Wa = M^{\otimes 4} \text{diag}_1 1_n = \sigma^8 \{24a + 72 M^{\otimes 4} \sum_{j,k} \langle I_{jk}, a \rangle \pi_S I_{jk}\}$$

and an element  $b \in H$  such that

$$(3.22) \quad Wb = M^{\otimes 4} \sum_i \pi_S I_{ii} = \sigma^8 \{24b + 72 M^{\otimes 4} \sum_{j,k} \langle I_{jk}, b \rangle \pi_S I_{jk}\}$$

These two equations can be rewritten as

$$(3.23) \quad a = (24\sigma^8)^{-1} M^{\otimes 4} \{\text{diag}_1 1_n - 72 \sigma^8 \sum_{j,k} \langle I_{jk}, a \rangle \pi_S I_{jk}\} \\ = M^{\otimes 4} \{\pi_S \text{diag}_3 c_1\},$$

$$(3.24) \quad b = (24\sigma^8)^{-1} M^{\otimes 4} \{\sum_i \pi_S I_{ii} - 72 \sigma^8 \sum_{j,k} \langle I_{jk}, b \rangle \pi_S I_{jk}\}, \\ = M^{\otimes 4} \pi_S \text{diag}_3 c_2,$$

where

$$(3.25) \quad c_1 = (\delta_{ij} \delta_{ik} - 72\sigma^8 \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} (\sum a_{\alpha\beta\gamma\gamma})) / (24\sigma^8)$$

$$(3.26) \quad c_2 = (\delta_{ij} - 72\sigma^8 \sum_{\alpha, \beta, \gamma} a_{\alpha\beta\gamma\gamma}) / (24\sigma^8)$$

This shows that  $\text{im}(W(\text{diag}_3^*)^*)$  contains the set of possible expectation-values, Q.E.D.

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