L-PLS and its variants (Exo-LPLS and Endo-LPLS)

- Partial Least Square can also be used in understanding the covariance structure and the relation between different matrices.
- More information can give better insight in solving any problem. So, a background information on variation under study helps to model the complex dynamics of the real world phenomena.
- L-shaped PLS (LPLS) helps in exploring covariance structure of three matrices.
- LPLS with its variant Endo and Exo LPLS, enables to see the relationship between two matrices with no direct connection.


Figure: NIPALS algorithm for performing PLS regression. Starting from any arbitrary column $\mathbf{u}$, the algorithm converges after few loops. For each required components, the algorithm creates loadings and scores for $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ with coefficients estimates. After extraction of each component, the $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ matrices are deflated ensuring that the components obtained are independent to each other.

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Figure: Extension of PLS including some background information


U-shaped Partial Least Square Regression (UPLS)


Figure: UPLS structure

Scenario

- Large amount of chaotic yet informative data streams, if organized, can give light on any research process
- Integration of such easily available data source can supply background information to the variables under study and helps, not only to understand the causal relationship and covariance structure, but also to visualize them in understandable form and generate new hypothesis


## What is UPLS

UPLS is an extension of LPLS that enable us to,

- include background information for predictor matrix $\mathbf{X}$ and response matrix $\mathbf{Y}$
- Foresee the relationship between two matrices that are from entirely different situations, i.e. the relation between $\mathbf{W}$ and $\mathbf{Z}$ through the eye of $\mathbf{X}$ and $\mathbf{Y}$ (Figure above)


## Application Example

## Hypothesis

- The personality-type of students have influence on their performance.
- The better/poor score in a course of a student may be due to the inappropriate choice of teaching methods which does not correspond to their personality-types.


## Materials

- Personality test data for 50 variables from 288 students through questionnaire (X)
- Scores of 50 students in 9 courses constitute matrix $\mathbf{Y}$
- Personality test data (W) for 2200 persons from various fields are used as background information for $\mathbf{X}$
- Scores of 5000 students in the same 9 courses are also included as background information for $\mathbf{Y}$

Missing Value Problem
All the student considered have not taken all the 9 courses which creates lots of missing values.
Following approaches are intended to apply,

- Ignore the missing observations within the NIPALS loop
- Replacing the missing value through interpolation or with nearest neighbor


## Scores in nine courses

56 personality type


