# Fundamentals of Chemometrics and Modeling 

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- Latent Variables
- Scores and Loadings
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- Prediction
- Case Study


## Section 1

Through the looking glass.....


## Chemometrics

- Chemometrics is:

The science of extracting information from measurements made on chemical systems with the use of mathematical and statistical procedures.

- Keywords and phrases:
data analysis, data processing, univariate, multivariate, variance, modeling, scores, loadings, calibration and validations, predictions, real time decision making.


## Measurements

- Measurements come in many different forms.
- Spectroscopic
- Near IR, Fluorescence, Raman.
- Chromatographic
- Gas Chromatography, HPLC.
- Physical

- Temperature, Pressure, Flow rate, Melting Points, Viscosity, Concentrations.
- All measurements yield data.
- NIR data set containing 255 spectra measured at 650 different wavenumbers has 165750 data points!!


Wavelength (nm)

## Two Types Of Data

- Univariate
- One variable to measure
- One variable to predict
- Typically select one wavelength and monitor change of absorbance over time.
- Wavelength must not have contributions or overlapping from other peaks.
- Multivariate
- Multiple variables
- Multiple predictions
- Typically use entire spectra.
- Allows investigation into the relationship between variables.
- Allows revealing of latent variation within a set of spectra.


## Multivariate Analysis

- Analysis performed on multiple sets of measurements, wavelengths, samples and data sets.
- Analysis of variance and dependence between variables in crucial to multivariate analysis.


## The Chemometrics Process

- All chemometrics begin with taking a measurement and collecting data.
- Mathematical and statistical methods are employed to extract relevant information from the data.
- The information is related to the chemical process to extract knowledge about a system.
- Finally, the knowledge provided allows comprehension and understanding of a system.
- Understanding facilitates decision

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Measurement

## Converting Data to Information

- Advances in measurement science means rate of data collection is extremely fast.
- Large amounts of data produced.
- Data rich, information poor.
- Chemometrics used to remove redundant data, reduce variation not relating to the analytical signal and build models.


## Data Analysis Flow Chart



- Most overlooked stage of data analysis.
- Most critical stage of all.
- Data must be converted or transferred into the analysis software.
- Proprietary collection software make this task difficult.
- However, some analysis software have excellent data importing functionality


## Outliers - Problems and Removal

- Removing outliers is a delicate procedure.
- Grubbs test used to detect outliers.
- Frequently requires knowledge about the process being examined.
- False outliers, samples at extremes of the system that appear infrequently within the data.
- These are NOT REMOVED
- True outliers, samples or variable that is statistically different from the other samples.
- These ARE REMOVED


## Preprocessing

- Preprocessing
- Main goal of the preprocessing stage is to remove variation within the data that does not pertain to the analytical information.
- Typical preprocessing methods
- Baseline Correction
- Mean Centering
- Normalization
- Orthogonal Signal Correction
- Multiplicative Scatter Correction
- Savitsky-Golay Derivatisation




## Data Analysis

- Many different methods for performing multivariate data analysis.
- Principal Component Analysis
- Section 2
- Partial Least Squares
- Section 3
- MCR
- Neural Networks



## Output

- Qualitative
- Classification models.
- Does a sample belong to a group or not??
- Calibration and Validations
- Classifications
- Classification error
- Number of samples classified correctly
- Quantitative
- Prediction models
- What is the concentration of the sample??
- Calibration and Validations
- Predictions
- Calibration and Prediction Errors
- RMSEC and RMSEP


## Error

- Many different methods of calculating errors.
- Method used is critical as model quality determined by the error.
- Procedure used can heavily influence model errors. (Discussed later in PCA section).
- The choice of error metric depends on many different factors
- Top Three
- What are you showing?
- What is the range of data?
- How many samples do you have?


## Summary

- Chemometrics is a method of extracting relevant information from complex chemical data.
- Multivariate data allows analysis robust investigation of overlapping signals.
- Multivariate analysis allows investigation of the relationship between variables.
- The chemometrics process yields understanding and comprehension of the process under investigation.


## Summary

- Data analysis is a multistep procedure involving many algorithms and many different paths to go down.
- The end results of data analysis are commonly a model that could provide qualitative or quantitative information.
- MatLab and PLS_Toolbox are software packages used to perform chemometrics analysis.


## Section 2

## Principal Component Analysis <br> P.C.A.



- Method of reducing a set of data into three new sets of variables
- Principal Components (PC's)
- Scores
- Loadings
- Using these three new variables latent variation can be developed and examined.
- Incredibly important for investigating the relationships between samples and variables


## PCA

- NIR spectra run through a PCA routine without any form of preprocessing.
- Scores produced show apparent variation in concentration.
- Loadings illustrate the mean spectra, suggesting that preprocessing should be used.




## Principal Components

- Each principal component calculated captures as much of the variation within the data as possible.
- This variation is removed and a new principal component is determined.
- The first PC describes the greatest source of variation within the data


## Scores

- The scores are organized in a column fashion.
- The first column denotes the scores relating to the variation captured on PC1.
- Intra-sample relationships can be observed by plotting the scores from PC1 against PC2.
- This can be expanded to the scores of the first three PC's.


## Scores

## Samples/Scores Plot of aldat <br> Scores on PC1



Scores of PC1 vs.
PC2



Samples/Scores Plot of aldat


Scores of PC1 vs.
PC3


Samples/Scores Plot of aldat


Scores of
PC1 vs. PC2 vs PC3

## Loadings

- Illustrate the weight or importance of each variable within the original data.
- From loadings it is possible to see the most significant variables.
- Loadings can be used to track the process of a reaction e.g. monitor reactant consumption.
- Deduce variables responsible for the clustering in the scores.


## Loadings





## Outlier Removal

- PCA can be used in conjunction with confidence intervals to identify outliers within a set of data.




## Summary

- PCA used to decompose the data into scores and loadings
- Scores reveal information about between sample variation.
- Loadings tell us which variables from within the original data contribute most to the scores.
- PCA can also be used to analyze and investigate data to perform tasks such as outlier removal.
- PCA facilitates process understanding.


## Section 3

## Partial Least Squares



## Inverse Calibration

- Calibration Equation:

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y=X b
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y is concentration data, X is spectra and b is the produced model.

- Calibration requires only spectra and calibration property, such as a concentration.
- Demanding strategy as assumption made about errors.
- Requires good lab data.


## PLS

- Partial Least Squares (PLS) is an extension of the PCA method.
- PCA extracts PC's describing the sources of variation within the data.
- PLS takes the PC's and correlates them with Y-Block information to calculate Latent Variables (LV's).
- Y-Block information is typically sample concentrations, physical properties.
- PLS is a quantitative procedure and can be used to model and predict y-block information for future samples


## The X - and Y -Block

- PLS uses X-Block and Y-Block information.
- X-Block tends to refer to spectra.
- Y-Block relates to the information you want to predict, such as concentration or some physical property.
- Y-Block data is normally collected offline in a lab.
- Y-Block is often referred to as the reference method.


## PLS Data Analysis



## Difference between PLS and PCA

- PCA
- Classification
- Exploratory analysis of data.
- PC's extracted describe sources of variation in order of significance.
- Used for the removal of outliers
- PLS
- Quantification
- Prediction
- Modeling of current and future samples.
- Latent variables important factor in determining model performance.


## Calibration

- Building a calibration model, requires retaining as much relevant variation as possible.
- Whilst removing as much irrelevant variation as possible.
- Selecting calibration data VITAL to final predictions.
- Use Design of Experiments (DoE) to effectively map a data space or series of experiments.
- Quality of calibration determine by calculating the Root Mean Square Error in Calibration (RMSEC)


## Selecting Samples For Calibrations

- Design of Experiments
- Use optimal methods to effectively map the data
- Methods such as D-Optimal, E-Optimal and KennardStone.
- These methods only need to be run once.
- Random Subsets
- Select a set of samples entirely at random.
- Perform analysis and calculate errors.
- Re-select a new random subset and repeat procedure for a number of iterations
- Calculate average errors at the end.


## Selecting Samples For Calibrations

- Visual depiction of data



## Selecting Samples For Calibrations

- D-Optimal

- Samples selected according to D-Optimal criteria.


## Selecting Samples For Calibrations

- Kennard-Stone

- Samples selected in an attempt to uniformly map the data.


## Validation

- Validation data is used to check the predictive performance of the model.
- Validation can be performed using subsets of the calibration data (Cross Validation).
- Separate validation sets of data can be collected (True Validation).
- Cross validation leads to overly positive results.
- Quality of validation calculated using the Root Mean Square Error in Prediction (RMSEP).
- Quality of predictions determines quality of model.


## Modeling

- The quality of calibrations and validations can vary significantly with the number of LV's included in the model.
- Too few and the model will make poor predictions as there is insufficient information in the calibration
- Too many and the model has become overly focused and contains too much variation making it not robust to small amounts of variation.


## Modeling



## Model Maintenance

- We've built the model: So what next?


## MODEL MAINTENANCE

- Collect lab data weekly to re-validate the model.
- Are model results within significant error?
- If not what do we do?
- Re-evaluate calibration samples
- Is the calibration model still relevant?
- Perform DoE to re-select more data.
- Check LV model to make sure appropriate LV's being used.
- Continual improvement.


## Summary

- PLS implements inverse calibration to incorporate concentration information into a model.
- Makes quantitative predictions of unseen samples
- Requires calibration and validation
- Latent variables have significant effect on model.
- Quality of model determined by prediction and the RMSEP


## Case Study

## Model Building From Beginning to End



## Case Study 1

- Near IR spectra of tablets collected over a period of 4 years.
- GC analysis of tablets showed active pharmaceutical ingredient within specification for all samples.




## The Problem

- The NIR calibration model produced has determined $32 \%$ samples are out of specification.
- The Plan: Use PCA to investigate and examine the spectra to improve the NIR calibration.


## Data Analysis Plan



## NIR Data - Visual Inspection



# Pre-processing 



- Data mean centered to reduce the magnitude of some variables.
- After mean centering large peak between $1350 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ and $1700 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$


## Mean Centered Scores

Samples/Scores Plot


- Strange distribution of scores.
- For samples that should all be the same theoretically should form one group.
- However 6 clusters formed.
- Further investigation found 6 different tablet presses had been used.


## Mean Centered Loadings



- Loadings on PC1 show that the variables after 400 contribute little information or noise to the scores.
- Spectra truncated at variable 400, which is $1398 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$


## Scatter Correction

- Investigation into the manufacturing procedure reveal tablets made using different presses.
- This cause minor variations in the tablet depth.
- This altered the pathlength and scattering of the NIR radiation.
- Preprocessing must be applied to minimize the variation in the data due to the change in tablet depth.


## Data Analysis Plan 2



## Scatter Correction

UNCORRECTED SPECTRA


SCATTER CORRECTED SPECTRA


## New Scores

Samples/Scores of Original and Scatter Corrected Data


- After performing the new stages of preprocessing the new scores (red triangles) have formed one tight cluster showing that variation not relating to the API concentration has been removed.


## What Next?

## Partial Least Squares



## PLS Modeling Strategy

- Stage One: Build calibration model



## PLS Calibration Model

- Large number of LV's used to produce the best calibration model.
- Too many LV's can cause 'overfitting'.
- RMSEC $=0.03539$
- Error of 0.723\% of the mean API concentration.



## PLS Modeling Strategy

- Stage Two: Test Validate Calibration Model.



## LV Model



- Varying number of LV's to use in the model, lead to the conclusion that 7 LV 's will give the best predictions.


## PLS Validation Model

Samples/Scores Plot of Predicted v.s. Actual For API Concentration


- Using 7 LV's the validation data was applied to the calibration model to determine the RMSEP.
- Sacrifice calibration to ensure better predictions
- RMSEC $=0.050381$
- RMSEP = 0.053719
- Prediction error 1.087\% of the mean API concentration.


## PLS Future Modeling Strategy

- Stage Three: Predict new samples.




## Case Study Summary

- PCA used to explore variation within the spectra
- Samples and variables selected for calibration.
- Scatter correction and mean centering used to preprocess data.
- PLS model built and validated using calibration and validation data.
- RMSEC and RMSEP calculated.
- Concentrations determined for new sample measurements.


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