

Conjectures:

$$natlq_2 = \mu_{jk} + \lambda_{jk1} \cdot \mathbf{Y}_1 + \lambda_{jk2} \cdot \mathbf{Y}_2 + \lambda_{jk3} \cdot \mathbf{Y}_3 \quad (1)$$

$$natlq_3 = \mu_{ki} + \lambda_{ki1} \cdot \mathbf{Y}_1 + \lambda_{ki2} \cdot \mathbf{Y}_2 + \lambda_{ki3} \cdot \mathbf{Y}_3$$

Assumptions:

$$natlq_2 = \mathbb{E}\{X_2 \mid Y_1, Y_2, Y_3\} \quad (2)$$

$$natlq_3 = \mathbb{E}\{X_3 \mid Y_1, Y_2, Y_3\}$$

Let  $\mathbf{Z} = (X_1, X_2, X_3, Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)'$  be a collection of random variables. Assume  $X_1 = X_2 + X_3$  and  $X_2$  and  $X_3$  to be normally distributed:  $X_2 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ ;  $X_3 \sim \mathcal{N}(0, \Sigma)$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} Y_1 &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\alpha_{ji}, \beta_{ji2}^2 \cdot \Sigma + \beta_{ji3}^2 \cdot \Sigma + \sigma^2\right) \\ Y_2 &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\alpha_{jk}, \beta_{jk2}^2 \cdot \Sigma + \beta_{jk3}^2 \cdot \Sigma + \sigma^2\right) \\ Y_3 &\sim \mathcal{N}\left(\alpha_{ki}, \beta_{ki2}^2 \cdot \Sigma + \beta_{ki3}^2 \cdot \Sigma + \sigma^2\right) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

The collection  $\mathbf{Z}$  of normal random variables can be partitioned into two sub-collections  $\mathbf{Z}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$ :

$$\mathbf{Z} = \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{Z}_1 \\ \mathbf{Z}_2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \boldsymbol{\mu} = \begin{pmatrix} \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 \end{pmatrix}; \quad \Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} \Sigma_{11} & \Sigma_{12} \\ \Sigma_{21} & \Sigma_{22} \end{pmatrix}; \quad (4)$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_1 = (X_1, X_2, X_3)'; \quad \mathbf{Z}_2 = (Y_1, Y_2, Y_3)'; \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_1 = (\mu_{X_1}, \mu_{X_2}, \mu_{X_3})'; \quad \boldsymbol{\mu}_2 = (\mu_{Y_1}, \mu_{Y_2}, \mu_{Y_3})';$$

$$\Sigma_{11} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}[X_1] & \sigma_{X_1X_2} & \sigma_{X_1X_3} \\ \sigma_{X_2X_1} & \text{Var}[X_2] & \sigma_{X_2X_3} \\ \sigma_{X_3X_1} & \sigma_{X_3X_2} & \text{Var}[X_3] \end{pmatrix}; \quad \Sigma_{22} = \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}[Y_1] & \sigma_{Y_1Y_2} & \sigma_{Y_1Y_3} \\ \sigma_{Y_2Y_1} & \text{Var}[Y_2] & \sigma_{Y_2Y_3} \\ \sigma_{Y_3Y_1} & \sigma_{Y_3Y_2} & \text{Var}[Y_3] \end{pmatrix};$$

$$\Sigma_{12} = \Sigma'_{21} = \begin{pmatrix} \sigma_{X_1Y_1} & \sigma_{X_1Y_2} & \sigma_{X_1Y_3} \\ \sigma_{X_2Y_1} & \sigma_{X_2Y_2} & \sigma_{X_2Y_3} \\ \sigma_{X_3Y_1} & \sigma_{X_3Y_2} & \sigma_{X_3Y_3} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, if  $\mathbf{Z} \sim \mathcal{N}_6(\boldsymbol{\mu}, \Sigma)$ , the marginal distributions of  $\mathbf{Z}_1$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2$  are  $\mathbf{Z}_1 \sim \mathcal{N}_3(\boldsymbol{\mu}_1, \Sigma_{11})$  and  $\mathbf{Z}_2 \sim \mathcal{N}_3(\boldsymbol{\mu}_2, \Sigma_{22})$ . Therefore, for the multivariate normal distribution the overall best

predictor is, in fact, a linear predictor:

$$\begin{aligned}
 natlq_2^* &= \mu_{X_2} + (\sigma_{X_2Y_1}, \sigma_{X_2Y_2}, \sigma_{X_2Y_3}) \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}[Y_1] & \sigma_{Y_1Y_2} & \sigma_{Y_1Y_3} \\ \sigma_{Y_2Y_1} & \text{Var}[Y_2] & \sigma_{Y_2Y_3} \\ \sigma_{Y_3Y_1} & \sigma_{Y_3Y_2} & \text{Var}[Y_3] \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \mu_{Y_1} \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \mu_{Y_2} \\ \mathbf{y}_3 - \mu_{Y_3} \end{pmatrix} \\
 natlq_3^* &= \mu_{X_3} + (\sigma_{X_3Y_1}, \sigma_{X_3Y_2}, \sigma_{X_3Y_3}) \begin{pmatrix} \text{Var}[Y_1] & \sigma_{Y_1Y_2} & \sigma_{Y_1Y_3} \\ \sigma_{Y_2Y_1} & \text{Var}[Y_2] & \sigma_{Y_2Y_3} \\ \sigma_{Y_3Y_1} & \sigma_{Y_3Y_2} & \text{Var}[Y_3] \end{pmatrix}^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 - \mu_{Y_1} \\ \mathbf{y}_2 - \mu_{Y_2} \\ \mathbf{y}_3 - \mu_{Y_3} \end{pmatrix}
 \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

Where all the covariances are endogenously determined:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sigma_{Y_1Y_2} &= \beta_{ji2}\beta_{jk2} \cdot \Sigma + \beta_{ji3}\beta_{jk3} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{Y_1Y_3} &= \beta_{ji2}\beta_{ki2} \cdot \Sigma + \beta_{ji3}\beta_{ki3} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{Y_2Y_3} &= \beta_{jk2}\beta_{ki2} \cdot \Sigma + \beta_{jk3}\beta_{ki3} \cdot \Sigma; \\
 \sigma_{X_2Y_1} &= \beta_{ji2} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{X_2Y_2} &= \beta_{jk2} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{X_2Y_3} &= \beta_{ki2} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{X_3Y_1} &= \beta_{ji3} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{X_3Y_2} &= \beta_{jk3} \cdot \Sigma; & \sigma_{X_3Y_3} &= \beta_{ki3} \cdot \Sigma;
 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

To solve the problem, I match equation (5) with equation (1) and find the equilibrium values for the  $\lambda$ s and  $\mu$ s. To fully characterise the equilibrium, I plug the  $\lambda$ s and  $\mu$ s back into the formulas for  $\alpha$ s and  $\beta$ s and obtain their equilibrium values. The model is solved.