

Generalized shifted-factor analysis method for multivariate geo-referenced data

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ABSTRACT

Multivariate data with spatial dependencies arise in many areas of application, including environmental sciences, precision agriculture, and ecology. For analysis of such data, a methodology based on a generalized shifted-factor model is developed. The model incorporates potential lagged dependencies between factors and observed variables, representing asymmetric spatial dependencies observed in practice. Identification and estimation issues are discussed. A prediction procedure is proposed and illustrated.