

ALGORITHM 39  
CORRELATION COEFFICIENTS WITH MATRIX  
MULTIPLICATION

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**procedure** NORM (x) number of rows: (m) number of columns:  
(n) normalized output: (y) standard deviations:  
(s) ;

**value** m, n ; **integer** m, n ; **array** x, y, s ;

**comment** Given an observation matrix [x] consisting of observations  $x_{ij}$  on a population, NORM will calculate

$$y_{ij} = \frac{x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j}{\sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2}} \quad \text{for } i = 1, \dots, m$$

$$j = 1, \dots, n$$

and the standard deviations

$$s_j = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^m (x_{ij} - \bar{x}_j)^2}{m}}$$

where  $\bar{x}_j$  is the mean of observations on the j-th factor ;

**begin** **integer** i, j ; **real** r, h, c, b ;  
r := sqrt (m) ; **for** j := 1 **step** 1 **until** n **do**  
1: **begin** h := 0 ;  
**for** i := 1 **step** 1 **until** m **do**  
h := h + x[i, j] ; h := h/m ; b := 0 ;  
**for** i := 1 **step** 1 **until** m **do**  
2: **begin** c := x[i, j] - h ; b := b + c<sup>2</sup> ; y[i, j] := c  
**end** 2 ;  
b := sqrt (b) ;  
**for** i := 1 **step** 1 **until** m **do**  
y[i, j] := y[i, j]/b ; s[j] := b/r  
**end** 1  
**end** NORM ;

**comment** The normalization is now completed, and we are ready to compute the correlation matrix ;

**procedure** TRANSMULT (y) number of rows: (m) number of columns: (n) symmetrical square matrix result: (z) ;

**value** m, n ; **integer** m, n ; **array** y, z ;

**comment** This procedure multiplies two matrices, the first being the transpose of the second. The result is a symmetrical matrix with respect to the main diagonal, therefore only the lower part of it, including the main diagonal, is computed. The upper half is obtained by equating corresponding elements;

**begin** **integer** i, j, k ; **real** h ;  
**for** j := 1 **step** 1 **until** n **do**  
**for** i := j **step** 1 **until** n **do**  
**begin** h := 0 ;  
**for** k := 1 **step** 1 **until** m **do**  
h := h + y[k, i] × y[k, j] ; z[i, j] := h ;  
**if** i ≠ j **then** z[j, i] := h  
**end** i

**end** TRANSMULT. [z] is the square matrix of the correlation coefficients of the initial observation matrix [x]