

## Statistical and Empirical Modeling of Relationship between Physical State and Exercise Observables of College Students Based on Measured Data

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**Abstract.** This paper statistically investigates the physical state and physical exercise observables, using the VIP method and the data measured in the physical exercise of the college students. The physical state observables include stature, avoirdupois, thigh circumference, calf girth, waistline, upper arm, circumference, and so on. The physical exercise observables include 100m race, standing long jump, shot put, deep squat, pull back, bench press and biceps curl. The VIP values of the observables are then analyzed to evaluate the importance of the individual physical exercise observables influencing the physical state observables, or the importance of the individual physical state observables influencing the physical exercise observables. The data for the male and female students are respectively analyzed to compare their difference. Finally, an empirical modeling is conducted to propose the relationship between a physical exercise index and the corresponding training time and training intensities of physical state or exercise observables. The obtained importance order of these observables and the proposed methods might be a useful reference for the instructor or trainer to instruct the students' physical exercise activities.

### Introduction

It is well known that physical health/fitness and physical exercise have consequential relationship which have been studied by many researchers around the world in the past decades. Since the object of study is human being with the complicated factors and great variation in human physical exercise performance, the researches on this relationship are also considerable and extensive. Basically, the purpose for addressing an issue in physical exercise activities is basically to discover the certain intrinsic characteristics in the physical state and exercise of the people, and then applies them to serve for human physical health/fitness.

Hence, this study has tried a method to combine some functions of the statistical and empirical methods to mine out some unseen knowledge on the relationship, from the data measured in the practical physical exercise of college students. A relationship is established between an investigated physical exercise index and the relative physical state observables based on the statistical results of the measured data.

**A Brief of the Observable's Data.** An empirical modeling of a system is to organize the knowledge on the system involving in state changes, agency and interaction with the model in an open exploratory manner and in an experimental way. In this study,

In order to obtain an empirical model which could be referred to the coming the physical exercise of students, the practical data were taken from the operation of the system. The data records the measured physical exercise and state values. A part of the data is shown in Tables 1 and 2. The data characteristics embody in

**Table 1** Data of Students' Physical Exercise (male)

| No  | Age | Stature(cm) | Avioidupois(kg) | Circumferen ce(cm) | Waistline(c m) | Upper arm(cm) | circumference( cm) | Calf girth(cm) | Biceps Curl | Pull back | Bench press (kg) | Deep squat (kg) | 100m race | Shot put (5kg) | Standing long jump | Exercise time(year) |
|-----|-----|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|----------------|-------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1   | 21  | 183         | 75              | 87                 | 78             | 30            | 54                 | 39             | 11          | 150       | 60               | 140             | 12.4      | 11.5           | 2.7                | 1                   |
| 2   | 20  | 175         | 68              | 90                 | 71             | 31            | 53                 | 37             | 41          | 200       | 20               | 100             | 12.8      | 11             | 2.5                | 1                   |
| 3   | 20  | 177         | 85              | 97                 | 93             | 35            | 60                 | 42             | 30          | 180       | 20               | 90              | 12.5      | 11             | 2.5                | 2                   |
| ... |     |             |                 |                    |                |               |                    |                |             |           |                  |                 |           |                |                    |                     |

**Table 2** Data of Students' Physical Exercise (female)

| No  | Age* | Stature(cm) | Avioidupois(kg) | Circumference (cm) | Waistline(cm) | Hipline circumference(c m) | Calf girth(cm) | Upper arm(cm) | 100m race(sec) | Shot put (5kg) | Deep squat (kg) | Bench press(kg) | Sit-ups | Push-up | Standing long jump(m) | Biceps Curl (30LB/time) | Drop down (1 R) | Lunge squat (min/times) | Exercise time (year) |
|-----|------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|---------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | 21   | 164         | 53              | 90                 | 65            | 100                        | 36             | 25            | 13.8           | 7              | 70              | 25              | 47      | 20      | 2                     | 20                      | 50              | 3/130                   | 1                    |
| 2   | 22   | 166         | 60              | 91                 | 71            | 102                        | 35             | 29            | 14.12          | 9              | 80              | 30              | 42      | 20      | 2                     | 60                      | 100             | 3/120                   | 3                    |
| 3   | 21   | 164         | 35.5            | 85                 | 60            | 90                         | 34             | 23            | 14.5           | 7.4            | 50              | 30              | 35      | 30      | 2                     | 30                      | 60              | 3/110                   | 1                    |
| ... |      |             |                 |                    |               |                            |                |               |                |                |                 |                 |         |         |                       |                         |                 |                         |                      |

### Statistical Modeling of the Relationship between Physical Observables

**VIP Method for Analyzing importance of Observables.** In multi-variable regression analysis, the importance of variable in projection (called as the VIP method) is based on partial least squares regression. The VIP method reflects the interpreting ability of independent variable to dependent variable<sup>[14-15]</sup>. The formula defined by the VIP method is Eq. 1

$$VIP_j = \sqrt{\frac{k}{Rd(y; t_1, \dots, t_m)} \sum_{h=1}^m Rd(y; t_h) \omega_{hj}^2} \quad (1)$$

where,  $\omega_{hj}$  is the  $j$ th component of Axis  $w_h$ , which is the measurement of the contribution of the independent variable  $x_j$  in the principle component  $t_h$ .  $Rd(y; t_h)$  and  $Rd(y; t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m)$  interpreted by  $y$  and  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$  respectively are the precision of variation called as “determination coefficient”, which respectively represents the ability to interpret  $y$  from  $t_h$  and  $t_1, t_2, \dots, t_m$ . refer with: Eq. 2, Eq. 3.

$$Rd(y; t_h) = r^2(y, t_h) \quad (2)$$

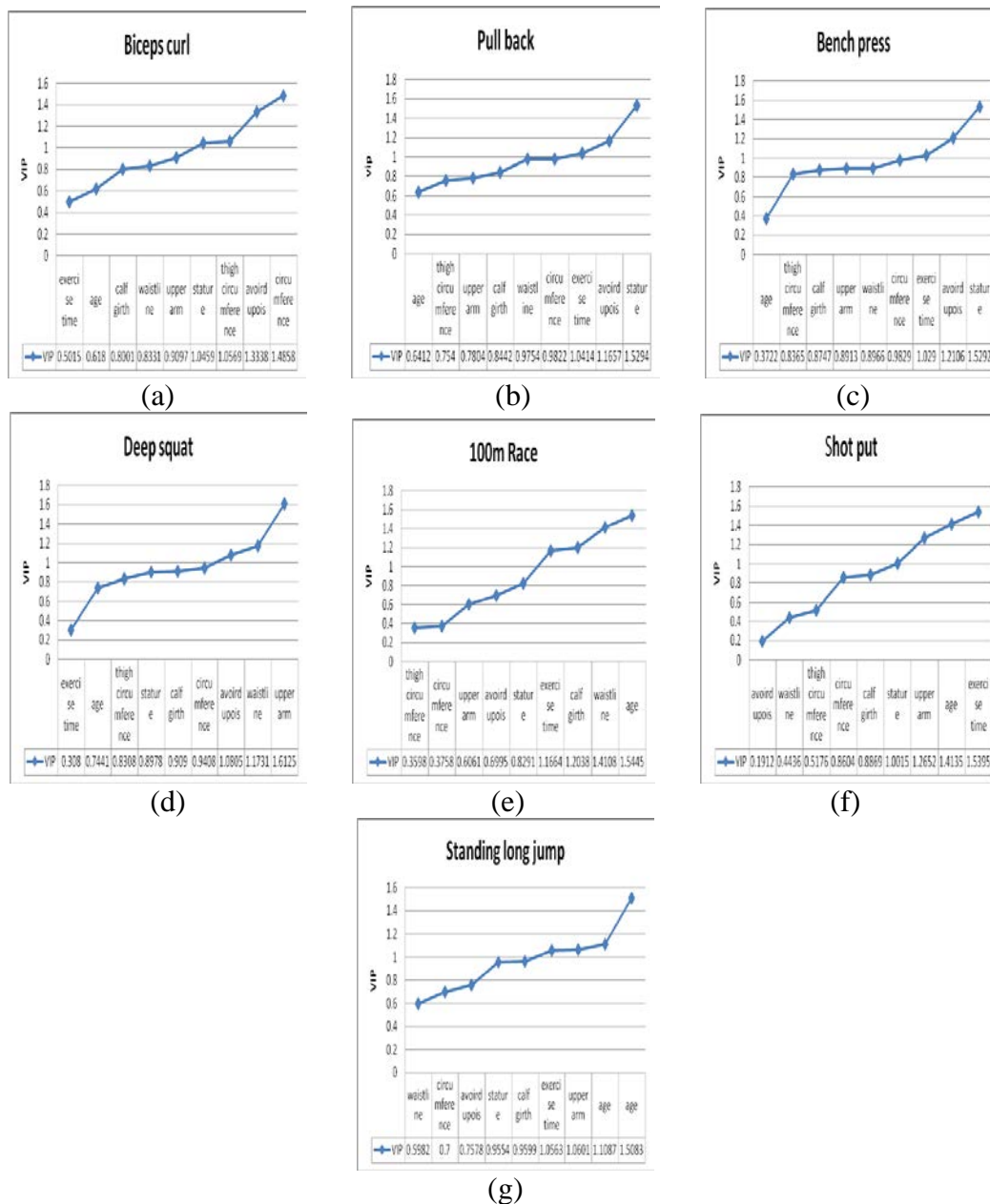
$$Rd(y; t_1, \dots, t_m) = \sum_{h=1}^m Rd(y; t_h) \quad (3)$$

where,  $r(y, t_h)$  is the correlation coefficient between the dependent variable  $y$  and the principal component  $t_h$ .

The definition of  $VIP_j$  means that the ability for  $x_j$  to interpret  $y$  will be considered to be strong if  $t_h$  used to transfer the interpretation from  $x_j$  to  $y$  has a strong interpreting ability to  $y$  and  $x_j$  also plays an important role in constructing  $t_h$ .

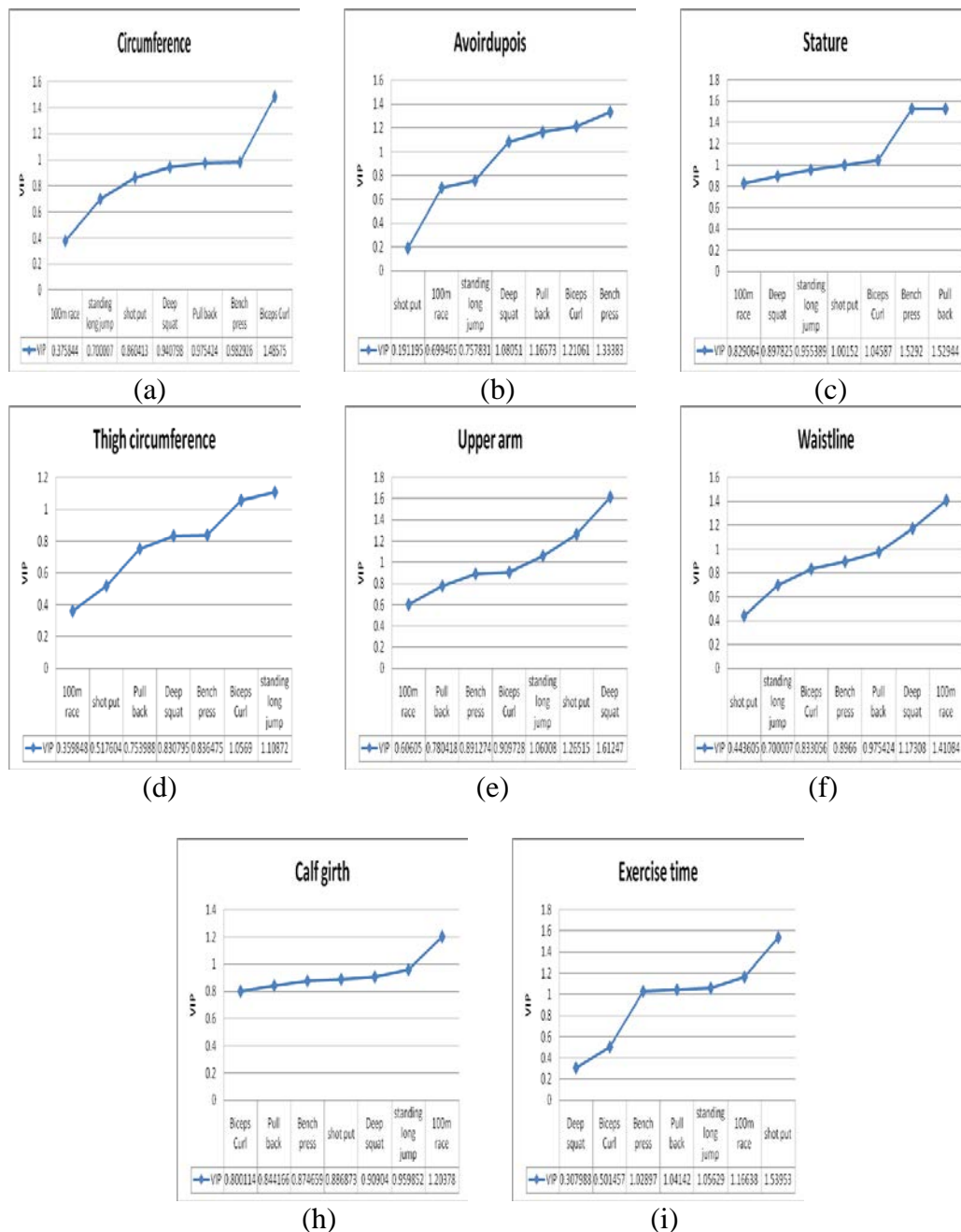
**Statistical Modeling of the Relationship between Physical Observables.** Based on the VIP method above, the following studies give out the importance indexes, VIP values, of the individual observables in Tables 1 and 2.

(1) The male student's physical exercise observables include 100m race, standing long jump, shot put, deep squat, pull back, bench press and biceps curl. The male student's physical state observables include calf girth, waistline, upper arm, stature, thigh circumference, avoirdupois, circumference, exercise time and age. It needs to point out that exercise time and age are listed in the physical state observables just for convenience. The curves plotted in Fig. 1 (a)-(g) show that the importance indexes, VIP values treated in order, of the male student's physical state observables correspond to the individual male student's physical exercise observables.



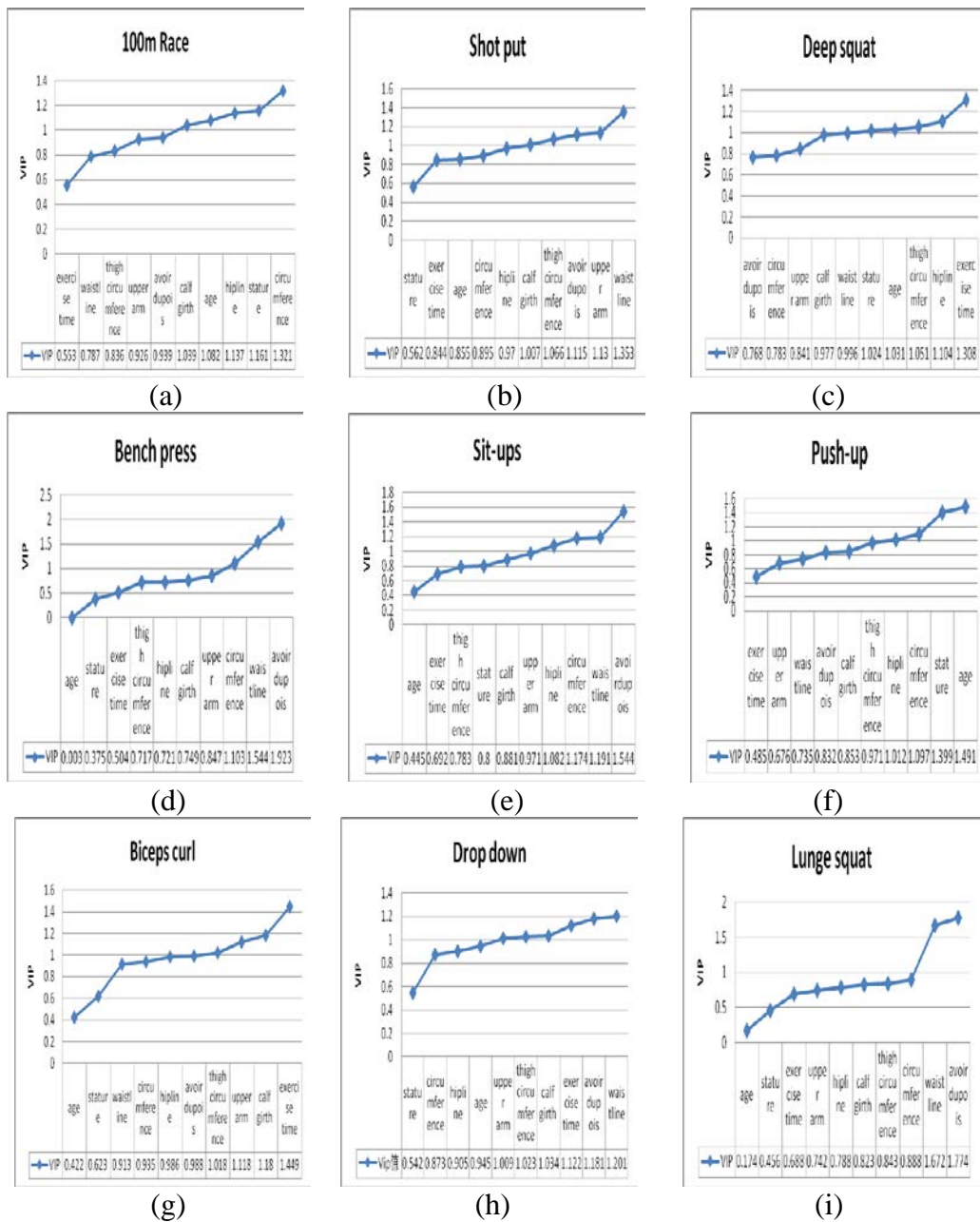
**Fig. 1** The VIP curves of the male student's physical exercise observables

Similarly, the curves plotted in Fig. 2 (a)-(h) show that the importance indexes, VIP values treated in order, of the male student's physical exercise observables correspond to the male student's individual physical state observables.



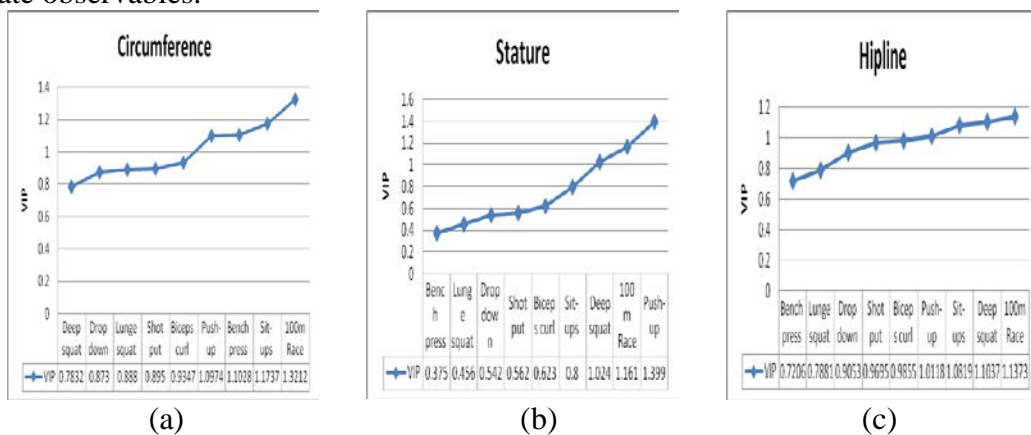
**Fig. 2** The VIP curves of the male student's physical state observables

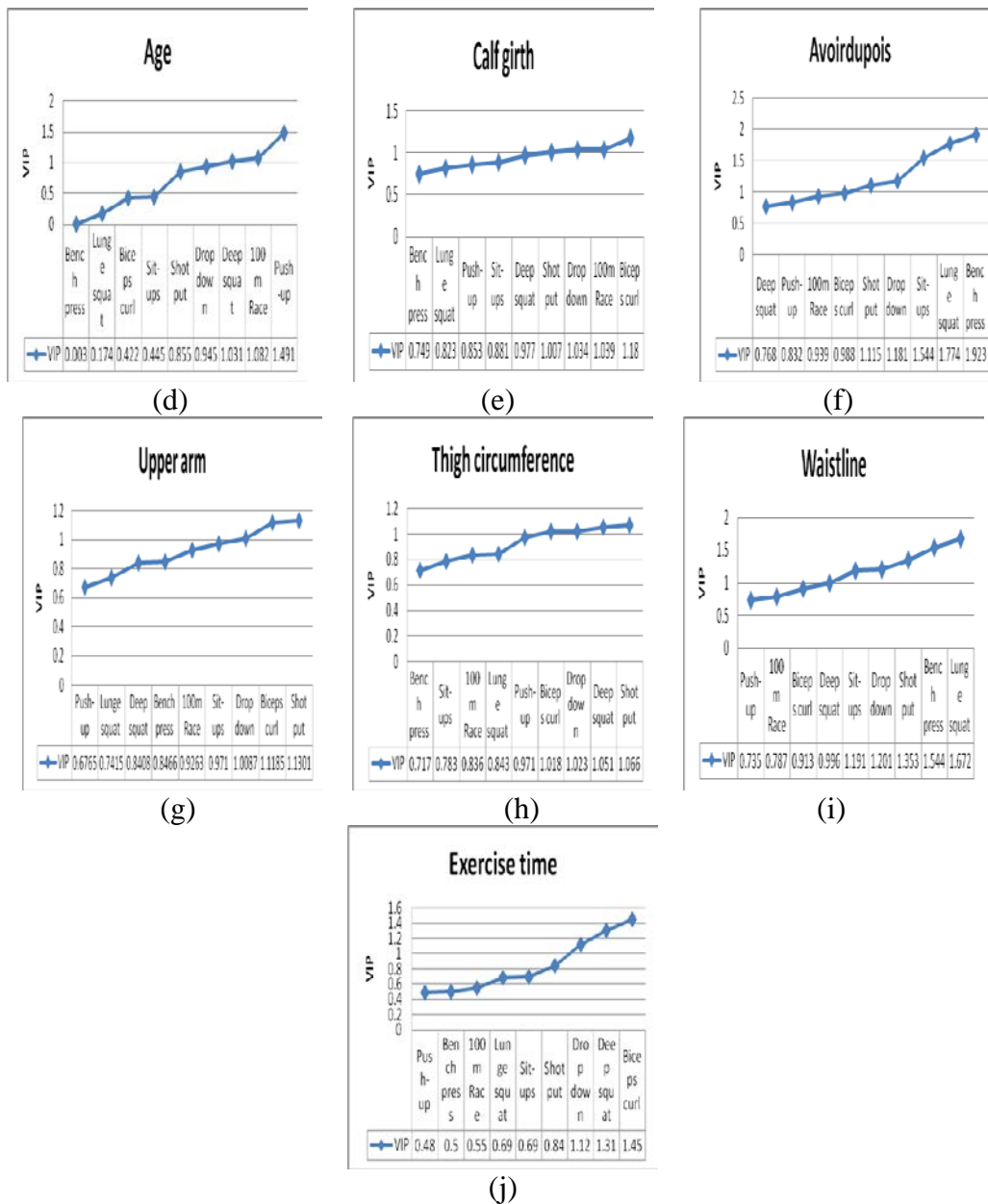
(2) The female student's physical exercise observables include 100m race, shot put, deep squat, set-ups, push up, draw down, bench press and biceps curl, lunge squat. The female student's physical state observables include exercise time, age, calf girth, waistline, hipline, upper arm, stature, thigh circumference, avourdupois and circumference. The curves plotted in Fig. 3 (a)-(i) show that the importance indexes, VIP values treated in order, of the female student's physical state observables correspond to their individual physical exercise observables.



**Fig. 3** The VIP curves of the female student's physical exercise observables

Similarly, the curves plotted in Fig. 4 (a)-(j) show that the importance indexes, VIP values treated in order, of the femal student's physical exercise observables correspond to their individual physical state observables.





**Fig. 4** The VIP curves of the female student's physical state observables

(3) The average VIP values of the male student's physical state and exercise observables are listed in Tables 3 and 4

**Table 3** The average VIP values of the male student's physical state observables

| Physical state observables<br>(male students) | Average VIP |
|---|-------------|
| thigh circumference                           | 0.780618571 |
| circumference                                 | 0.903023143 |
| waistline                                     | 0.918944571 |
| avoiirdupois                                  | 0.919881571 |
| calf girth                                    | 0.925497714 |
| exercise time                                 | 0.948862143 |
| upper arm                                     | 1.017881429 |
| stature                                       | 1.112615429 |

**Table 4** The average VIP values of the male student' physical exercise observables

| Physical Exercise observable<br>(male students) | Average VIP |
|---|-------------|
| shot put  | 0.902157778 |
| 100m race                                       | 0.910636778 |
| Deep squat                                      | 0.944069333 |
| Biceps Curl                                     | 0.953855222 |
| Bench press                                     | 0.958105444 |
| standing long jump                              | 0.967185778 |
| Pull back                                       | 0.968212111 |

(4) The average VIP values of the female student' physical state and exercise are listed in Tables 5 and 6.

**Table 5** The average VIP values of the female student' physical state observables

| Physical state observables (female students) | Average VIP |
|--|-------------|
| exercise time                                | 0.649892622 |
| age  | 0.716465056 |
| stature                                      | 0.771357889 |
| upper arm                                    | 0.917763778 |
| thigh circumference                          | 0.922884444 |
| calf girth                                   | 0.949174333 |
| hipline                                      | 0.967091333 |
| circumference                                | 1.007654333 |
| waistline                                    | 1.154670333 |
| avoiirdupois                                 | 1.229064    |

**Table 6** The average VIP values of the female student' physical exercise observables

| Physical Exercise observable<br>(female students) | Average VIP |
|---|-------------|
| Bench press                                       | 0.84831805  |
| Lunge squat                                       | 0.8846962   |
| Push-up   | 0.9549591   |
| Sit-ups   | 0.9563155   |
| Biceps curl                                       | 0.9631713   |
| 100m Race   | 0.9781418   |
| Shot put  | 0.979596    |
| Drop down   | 0.9836256   |
| Deep squat  | 0.9881834   |

### Discussion on the VIP Values of Physical State and Exercise Observables.

- The distributions of the VIP values, obtained by the statistical analysis using the VIP method, might quantitatively describe and sort the effects of the physical exercise observables on individual physical state observables, or the influence of the physical state observables on individual physical exercise observables, to a limited extent. These curves and VIP values could provide a reference to the instructor and trainer of students' physical exercise activities. Of course, a

further verification is also needed by using more measured data and in the application of the VIP curves.

● There is the obvious difference between the orders of the VIP values, for the male and female physical state observables, from Tables 3 and 5. For the female students, the order of physical state observables is avoirdupois, waistline, circumference, and so on; for the male students, the order of physical state observables is stature, upper arm, exercise time, and so on. This difference might be right from an empirical impression.

**Empirical Modeling of the Relationship between Physical Observables.** An empirical modeling of the training time and training intensity for a physical state or exercise observable is conducted based on the statistical modeling results of the VIP values/the VIP curves, as follows:

(1) Chose the physical state observables from Fig. 1 or 3, in order to improve the performance of a group of male or female students on a physical exercise observable.

(2) Distribute the physical exercise time values of the individual physical state observable in order, using Eq. 4

$$t_i = \eta_i T, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N)$$

$$\eta_i = \frac{VIP_i}{\sum VIP_i} \quad (4)$$

where,  $t_i$  is the training time for the  $i$ th physical state or exercise observable;  $T$  is the total time for all the physical state or exercise observables.  $VIP_i$  is the VIP value for the  $i$ th physical state or exercise observable;  $\eta_i$  is called as the distribution coefficient.

(3) Distribute the training intensities of the individual physical state or exercise observables. Suppose

$$s_i = \eta_i S, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N) \quad (5)$$

where,  $s_i$  is the intensity processing the  $i$ th physical state or exercise observable;  $S$  is the total training intensity for all physical state or exercise observables.

(4) Determine the the number of playing the  $i$ th physical exercise observable. Suggest that the physical exercise intensity is replaced by the corresponding number processing the physical exercise observable, that is,

$$s_i = c_i n_i = \frac{VIP_i}{\sum VIP_i} S = \eta_i S, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N) \quad (6)$$

where,  $n_i$  is the number processing the  $i$ th physical exercise observable;  $c_i$  is the physical exercise intensity coefficient of the  $i$ th physical exercise observable.

In this way, the number of playing the  $i$ th physical exercise observable is determined as

$$n_i = \frac{\eta_i S}{c_i}, \quad (i = 1, 2, \dots, N) \quad (7)$$

Now, an example is given to show the application of the empirical modeling method above. The example states that an instructor/trainer plans to improve the physical performance of a group of male students on shop put. There are two training schemes,

The first training scheme is stated below.

➤ Chose the physical state observables in superiority order are upper arm, calf, chest, thigh and waist, from the curve in Fig. 1f. Also, the instructor should consider a little more physical exercise time, 30 hours in assumption.

➤ Chose the physical exercise observables in superiority, corresponding to the physical state observables chosen in the last step, from Fig. 2. Meanwhile, it can obtain the VIP values of the physical exercise observables chosen in this step. Then, calculate the distribution coefficients of the



training intensity, as listed in Table 7.

- Using Eqs. 4 and 5, distribute the training time and intensity,  $t$  and  $s$ , for each human body part, as listed in Table 7.
- Using Eq. 6, calculate the training number of each physical exercise observable.

**Table 7** The relative parameter values in the first training scheme

| The body parts relative to the shot put | Physical exercise observable | VIP value | $c_i$           | Distribution coefficient $\eta_i$ | Training Time (hour)                      | Training Intensity (TI)                             | Training Number |
|---|------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------|
| waist                                   | 100m race,...                | 1.41084   | 1               | 0.255225                          | 7.65675                                   | 30.62703  | 30.62703        |
| thigh                                   | standing long jump,...       | 0.700007  | 0.31            | 0.126633                          | 3.79899                                   | 15.19601  | 49.01938        |
| chest                                   | biceps curl ,...             | 0.833056  | 0.043           | 0.150702                          | 4.52106                                   | 18.08428  | 420.5647        |
| calf                                    | 100m race,...                | 1.41084   | 1               | 0.255225                          | 7.65675                                   | 30.62703  | 30.62703        |
| upper arm                               | deep squat,...?              | 1.17308   | 0.15            | 0.212214                          | 6.36642                                   | 25.46565  | 169.771         |
| Note                                    |                              |           | Just an example |                                   | Total training time 30<br>Just an example | Total training intensity 120 TIs<br>Just an example | Just an example |

The second training scheme is as follows.

- Chose the physical exercise observables in superiority order are upper arm, calf, chest, thigh and waist, from the curve in Fig. 1f. Also, the instructor should consider a little more physical exercise time, 30 hours in assumption.
- Using Eqs. 4 and 5, distribute the training time and intensity,  $t$  and  $s$ , for each human body part, as listed in Table 7.

**Table 8** The relative parameter values in the second training scheme

| Physical state observable | VIP value | Distribution Coefficient $\eta_i$ | Training time(hour)                       | Training intensity (TI)                         |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| waist                     | 0.443605  | 0.111637                          | 3.349104                                  | 13.39644  |
| thigh                     | 0.517604  | 0.130259                          | 3.907777                                  | 15.63108  |
| chest                     | 0.860413  | 0.21653                           | 6.495897                                  | 25.9836   |
| calf                      | 0.886873  | 0.223189                          | 6.695664                                  | 26.78268  |
| upper arm                 | 1.26515   | 0.318385                          | 9.551558                                  | 38.2062   |
|                           |           |                                   | Total training time 30<br>Just an example | Total training intensity 120<br>Just an example |

The values of  $c_i$  in Table 7 are inaccurate because of just a simple and conceptual judgement. A relative accurate calculation of  $c_i$  value is introduced below.

**Definition of the Physical Exercise Intensity Parameters  $c$  and  $S$ .** The first training scheme involves in three parameters, the training intensity coefficient  $c_i$  of the  $i$ th physical exercise observable, the training intensity  $s_i$  processing the  $i$ th physical state or exercise observable and the total training intensity  $S$  for a physical exercise observable.

In this study, define the unit of the training intensity as TI. A TI unit equals to the energy expended by a male student in a 100m race. The male student has the average weight and velocity, among a group of male students. Then, the training intensity values of the other physical exercise observables can be obtained by Eq. 8

$$c_i = \frac{E_i}{e} \quad (8)$$

where,  $E_i$  is the energy expended by a male student in  $i$ th physical exercise observable.

## Conclusion

(1)The data measured in the college students' physical exercise certainly implies much unseen knowledge, which needs the suitable method to mine out. Hence, the partial least squares regression method, VIP method, is adopted to sort the importance order of the physical state and exercise observables in view of the features shown in the measured data. The obtained VIP curves and tables quantitatively describe the importance difference between physical state and exercise observables to each other. The VIP curves lay a foundation of the proposed methods for instructing the physical training of the students.

(2)Training time and intensity are important for the instructor or trainer to instruct a scientific physical exercise to college students. The methods of calculating the training time and intensity are suggested based on the statistical results (VIP curves) of the measured data. But, it has to be stated that the methods are just as a reference to the instructor or trainer at present; in other words, the formula needs to be verified further.

(3)The analytical results embody the difference between the physical state observables of the male and female students, according to the importance order of the physical observables. For the male students, stature and upper arm are the most important; for the female students, avoirdupois and waistline are the most important. It seems that the natural physical condition of the students is the most important. It further explains why a sports instructor first investigates the natural physical condition of the athlete candidates in order to train an excellent athlete.

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