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6. Geometric applications

- localization from multiple camera views
- orthogonal Procrustes problem
- fitting affine sets to points
- linear discriminant analysis

Introduction

applications in this lecture use matrix methods to solve problems in geometry

- $m \times n$ matrix is interpreted as collection of m points in \mathbb{R}^n or n points in \mathbb{R}^m
- $m \times n$ matrices parametrize affine functions f(x) = Ax + b from \mathbb{R}^n to \mathbb{R}^m
- $m \times n$ matrices parametrize affine sets $\{x \mid Ax = b\}$ in \mathbb{R}^n

Multiple view geometry

- n objects at positions $x_j \in \mathbf{R}^3$, $j = 1, \ldots, n$, are viewed by l cameras
- $y_{ij} \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is the location of object j in the image acquired by camera i
- each camera is modeled as an affine mapping:

$$y_{ij} = P_i x_j + q_i, \quad i = 1, \dots, l, \quad j = 1, \dots, n$$

define a $2l \times n$ matrix with the observations y_{ij} :

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} y_{11} & y_{12} & \cdots & y_{1n} \\ y_{21} & y_{22} & \cdots & y_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ y_{l1} & y_{l2} & \cdots & y_{ln} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 & q_1 \\ P_2 & q_2 \\ \vdots & & \\ P_l & q_l \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & x_2 & \cdots & x_n \\ 1 & 1 & \cdots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

- 2nd equality assumes noise-free observations and perfectly affine cameras
- the goal is to estimate the positions x_i and the camera models P_i , q_i

Factorization algorithm

minimize Frobenius norm of error between model predictions and observations Y

minimize
$$||PX + q\mathbf{1}^T - Y||_F^2$$

• P is $2l \times 3$ matrix and q is 2l-vector with the l camera models:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} P_1 \\ \vdots \\ P_l \end{bmatrix}, \qquad q = \begin{bmatrix} q_1 \\ \vdots \\ q_l \end{bmatrix}$$

- variables are the $3 \times n$ position matrix $X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & \cdots & x_n \end{bmatrix}$ and camera models P, q
- variable q can be eliminated: least squares estimate is $q = (1/n)(Y PX)\mathbf{1}$
- substituting expression for optimal q gives

minimize
$$||PX_c - Y_c||_F^2$$

subject to $X_c \mathbf{1} = 0$

here $Y_c = Y(I - (1/n)\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T)$ and the variable is $X_c = X(I - (1/n)\mathbf{1}\mathbf{1}^T)$

Factorization algorithm

minimize
$$||PX_c - Y_c||_F^2$$

subject to $X_c \mathbf{1} = 0$

with variables P (a $2l \times 3$ matrix) and X_c (a $3 \times 2n$ matrix)

• the solution follows from an SVD of *Y_c*:

$$Y_{\rm c} = \sum_{i=1}^{2n} \sigma_i u_i v_i^T$$

• (assuming $rank(Y_c) \ge 3$) truncate SVD after 3 terms and define:

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 u_1 & \sigma_2 u_2 & \sigma_3 u_3 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X_c = \begin{bmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & v_3 \end{bmatrix}^T$$

- vectors v_1 , v_2 , v_3 are in the row space of Y_c , hence orthogonal to $\mathbf{1}$
- solution is not unique, since $PX_c = (PT)(T^{-1}X_c)$ for any nonsingular T
- ullet this ambiguity corresponds to the choice of coordinate system in ${f R}^3$

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the original paper on the factorization method

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a more recent survey of the factorization method and extensions

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Orthogonal Procrustes problem

given $m \times n$ matrices A, B, solve the optimization problem

minimize
$$||AX - B||_F^2$$

subject to $X^TX = I$ (1)

the variable is an $n \times n$ matrix X

- a matrix least squares problem with constraint that X is orthogonal
- rows of B are approximated by orthogonal linear function applied to rows of A

Solution: $X = VU^T$ with U, V from an SVD of the $n \times n$ matrix $B^TA = U\Sigma V^T$

Solution of orthogonal Procrustes problem

• the problem is equivalent to maximizing $trace(B^TAX)$ over orthogonal X:

$$||AX - B||_F^2 = \operatorname{trace}((AX - B)(AX - B)^T)$$

$$= ||A||_F^2 + ||B||_F^2 - 2\operatorname{trace}(AXB^T)$$

$$= ||A||_F^2 + ||B||_F^2 - 2\operatorname{trace}(B^TAX)$$

• compute $n \times n$ SVD $B^TA = U\Sigma V^T$ and make change of variables $Y = V^TXU$:

maximize
$$\operatorname{trace}(\Sigma Y) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_{i} Y_{ii}$$

subject to $Y^{T}Y = I$ (2)

• if *Y* is orthogonal, then $Y_{ii} \leq 1$ and $\operatorname{trace}(\Sigma Y) \leq \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sigma_i$:

$$1 = (Y^T Y)_{ii} = Y_{ii}^2 + \sum_{j \neq i} Y_{ji}^2 \ge Y_{ii}^2$$

• hence Y = I is optimal for (2) and $X = VYU^T = VU^T$ is optimal for (1)

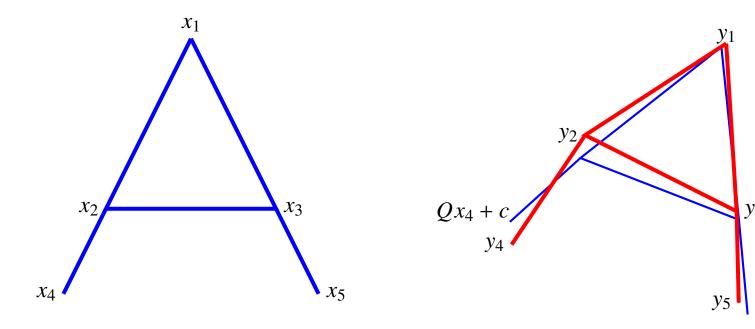
Application

given two sets of points x_1, \ldots, x_m and y_1, \ldots, y_m in \mathbf{R}^n , solve the problem

minimize
$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \|Qx_i + c - y_i\|^2$$

subject to
$$Q^TQ = I$$

- the variables are an $n \times n$ matrix Q and n-vector c
- Q and c define a shape-preserving affine mapping f(x) = Qx + c



Solution

the problem is equivalent to an orthogonal Procrustes problem

• for given Q, optimal c is

$$c = \frac{1}{m} \sum_{i=1}^{m} (y_i - Qx_i)$$

• substitute expression for optimal *c* in the cost function:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{m} \|Qx_i + c - y_i\|^2 = \sum_{i=1}^{m} \|Q\tilde{x}_i - \tilde{y}_i\|^2 = \|Q\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y}\|_F^2$$

where $\tilde{X} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{x}_1 & \cdots & \tilde{x}_m \end{bmatrix}$, $\tilde{Y} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{y}_1 & \cdots & \tilde{y}_m \end{bmatrix}$, and \tilde{x}_i , \tilde{y}_i are the centered points

$$\tilde{x}_i = x_i - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m x_j, \qquad \tilde{y}_i = y_i - \frac{1}{m} \sum_{j=1}^m y_j,$$

• optimal Q minimizes $\|Q\tilde{X} - \tilde{Y}\|_F^2 = \|\tilde{X}^TQ^T - \tilde{Y}^T\|_F^2$ over orthogonal matrices

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Affine set

a subset S of \mathbf{R}^n is affine if

$$\alpha x + \beta y \in \mathcal{S}$$

for all vectors $x, y \in S$ and all scalars α, β with $\alpha + \beta = 1$

- ullet affine combinations of elements of ${\cal S}$ are in ${\cal S}$
- if $x \neq y$ are two points in S, then the entire line through x, y is in S

Examples

- a subspace $\mathcal V$ is an affine set: if $x,y\in\mathcal V$ then $\alpha x+\beta y\in\mathcal V$ for all α,β
- subspace plus vector: $\{x + a \mid x \in \mathcal{V}\}$ where \mathcal{V} is a subspace and a a vector
- solution set of linear equation $\{x \mid Ax = b\}$
- the empty set is affine (but not a subspace)

Parallel subspace

suppose S is a nonempty affine set, x_0 is a point in S, and define

$$\mathcal{V} = \{ x - x_0 \mid x \in \mathcal{S} \}$$

• \mathcal{V} is a subspace: if $x \in \mathcal{V}$, $y \in \mathcal{V}$, then $x + x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$, $y + x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$, and

$$\alpha x + \beta y + x_0 = \alpha(x + x_0) + \beta(y + x_0) + (1 - \alpha - \beta)x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$$
 for all α, β

(right-hand side is affine combination of 3 points $x + x_0$, $y + x_0$, and x_0 in S)

• \mathcal{V} does not depend on the choice of $x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$: if $x + x_0 \in \mathcal{S}$ and $y_0 \in \mathcal{S}$, then

$$x + y_0 = (x + x_0) - x_0 + y_0 \in S$$

(right-hand side is affine combination of 3 points $x + x_0$, x_0 , y_0 in S)

ullet the dimension of ${\cal S}$ is defined as the dimension of the parallel subspace ${\cal V}$

Range representation

every nonempty affine set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^m$ can be represented as

$$S = \{Ax + b \mid x \in \mathbf{R}^n\}$$

- b is any vector in S
- A is any matrix with range equal to the parallel subspace: S = range(A) + b
- $\dim(S) = \operatorname{rank}(A)$

Nullspace representation

every affine set $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ (including the empty set) can be represented as

$$\mathcal{S} = \{ x \in \mathbf{R}^n \mid Ax = b \}$$

for a nonempty affine set S:

- $b = Ax_0$ where x_0 is any vector in S
- A is any matrix with nullspace equal to the parallel subspace: $S = \text{null}(A) + x_0$
- $\dim(S) = \operatorname{rank}(A) n$

the empty set is the solution set of an inconsistent equation (e.g., A = 0, $b \neq 0$)

Distance to affine set

suppose S is the affine set $S = \{y \mid Ay = b\}$

Projection: projection of x on S is the solution y of the "least-distance" problem

minimize
$$||y - x||$$

subject to $Ay = b$

- if *A* has linearly independent rows, $y = x + A^{\dagger}(b Ax)$
- if *A* has orthonormal rows, $y = x + A^{T}(b Ax)$

Distance: we denote the distance of x to S by d(x,S)

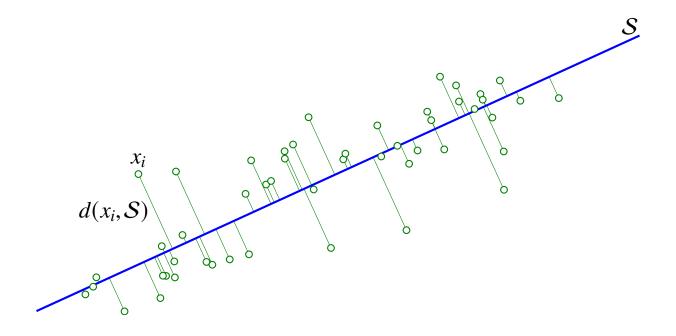
- if A has linearly independent rows, $d(x, S) = ||A^{\dagger}(Ax b)||$
- if *A* has orthonormal rows, d(x, S) = ||Ax b||

Least squares fit of affine set to points

fit an affine set S of specified dimension k to N points x_1, \ldots, x_N in \mathbf{R}^n :

minimize
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} d(x_i, S)^2$$

Example: k = 1, N = 50, n = 2



Least squares fit of affine set to points

use nullspace representation $S = \{x \mid Ax = b\}$, where A has orthonormal rows:

minimize
$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} ||Ax_i - b||^2$$

subject to
$$AA^T = I$$

the variables are the $m \times n$ matrix A and m-vector b, where m = n - k

Algorithm (assuming $m \le n \le N$):

- compute center $\bar{x} = (1/N)(x_1 + \cdots + x_N)$
- rows of optimal *A* are the last *m* left singular vectors of matrix of centered points

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 - \bar{x} & x_2 - \bar{x} & \cdots & x_N - \bar{x} \end{bmatrix}$$

• optimal b is $b = A\bar{x}$

we derive this solution on the next page

Least squares fit of affine set to points

- for given A, optimal b is average $(1/N)A(x_1 + \cdots + x_N) = A\bar{x}$
- eliminating b reduces the problem to an optimization over $m \times n$ variable A

minimize
$$||AX||_F^2$$

subject to $AA^T = I$

- denote singular values of $m \times N$ matrix AX by $\tau_1 \ge \cdots \ge \tau_m$
- if $X = U\Sigma V^T$ is a full SVD, then by the min–max properties of singular values,

$$au_1 \geq \sigma_{n-m+1}, \qquad au_2 \geq \sigma_{n-m+2}, \qquad \ldots, \qquad au_{m-1} \geq \sigma_{n-1}, \qquad au_m \geq \sigma_n,$$
 with equality if $A = \begin{bmatrix} u_{n-m+1} & \cdots & u_n \end{bmatrix}^T$

• this choice of A also minimizes

$$||AX||_F^2 = \tau_1^2 + \dots + \tau_m^2$$

k-means clustering with affine sets

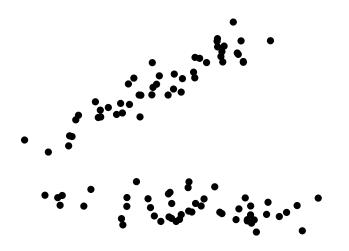
partition N points x_1, \ldots, x_N in k classes

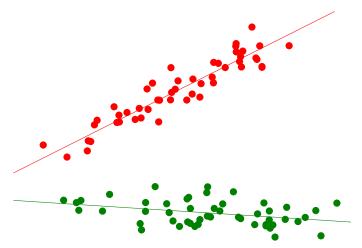
- ullet in the k-means algorithm, clusters are represented by representative vectors s_j
- the k-means algorithm is a heuristic for minimizing the clustering objective

$$J^{\text{clust}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} ||x_i - s_{j_i}||^2 \quad (j_i \text{ denotes index of the group point } i \text{ is assigned to})$$

by alternating minimization over assignment and over representatives

as an extension, we can use affine sets as representatives





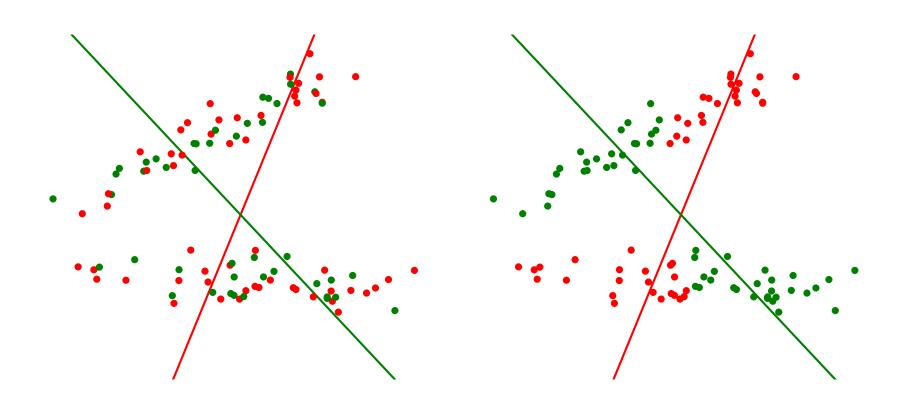
k-means clustering with affine sets

- represent the k clusters by affine sets S_1, \ldots, S_k of specified dimension
- use the *k*-means alternating minimization heuristic to minimize the objective

$$J^{\text{clust}} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^{N} d(x_i, S_{j_i})^2$$
 (j_i denotes index of the group point i is assigned to)

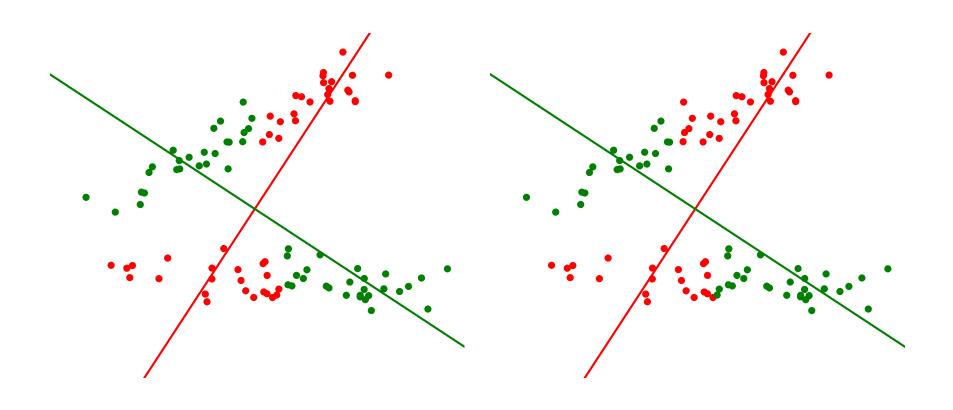
- to update partition we assign each point x_i to nearest representative
- ullet to update each group representative \mathcal{S}_j we fit affine set to points in group j
- standard k-means is a special case with affine sets of dimension zero

we start with a random initial assignment



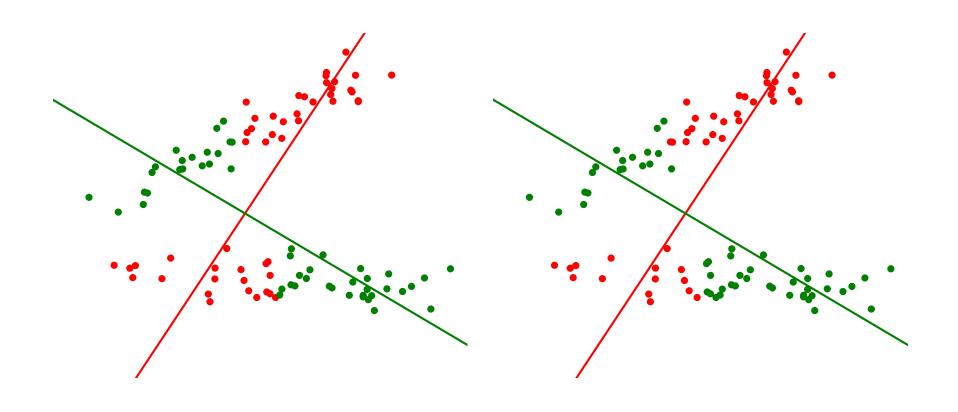
fit representatives to groups

update assignment



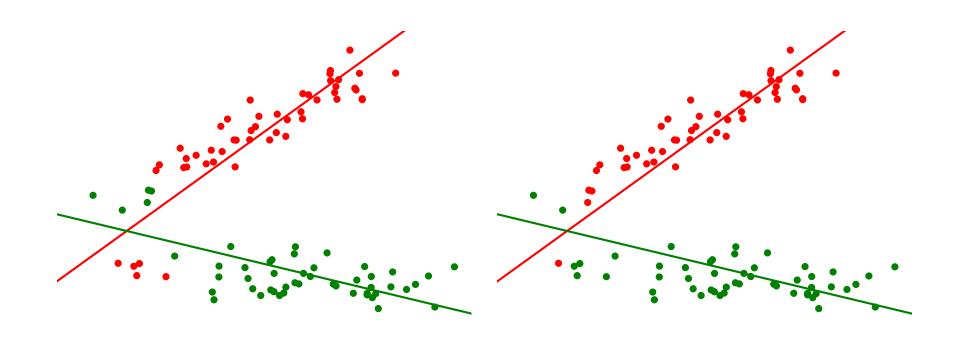
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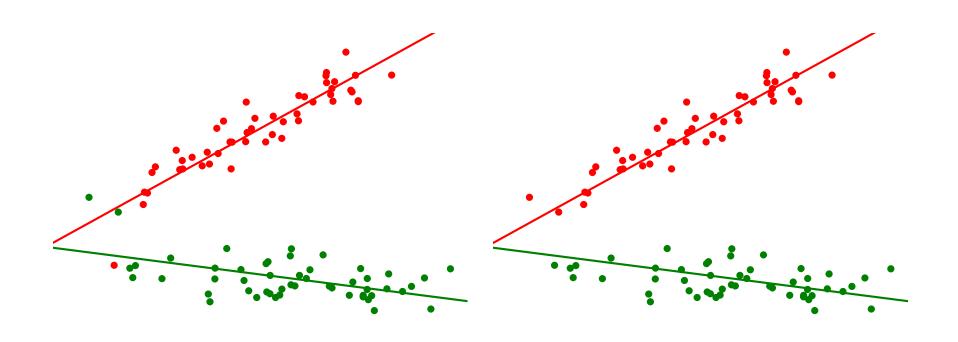
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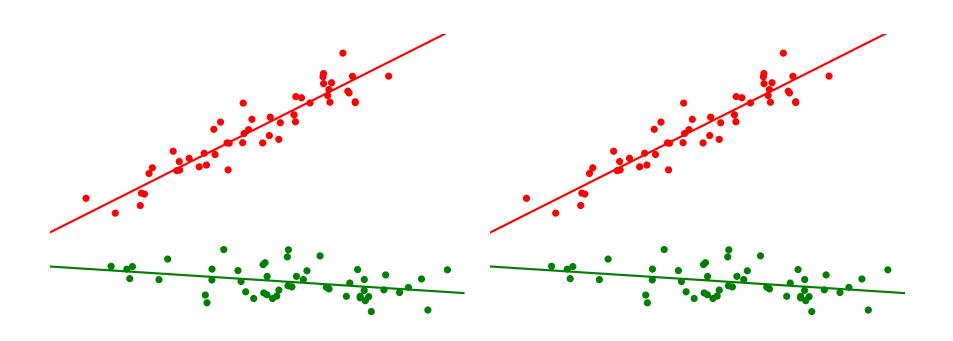
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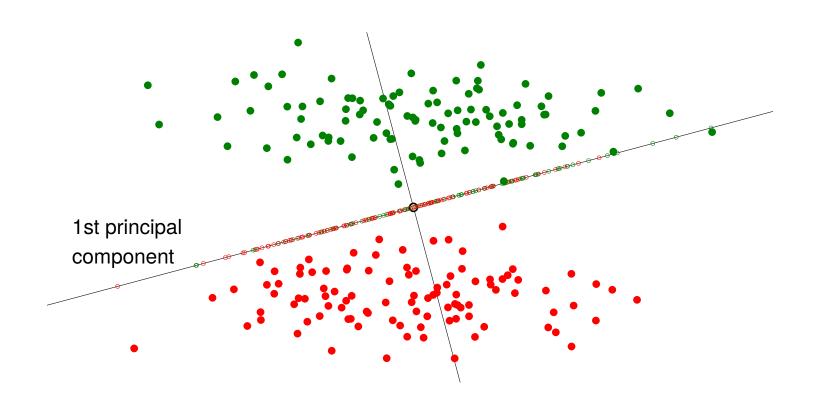
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Motivation

principal components are not necessarily good features for classification



- the two sets of points (large dots) are linearly separable
- their projections on the 1st principal component direction (small circles) are not

Classification problem

we are given a training set of examples of K classes

 C_k : set of examples for class k

 N_k : number of examples for class k

C: set of all training examples $C = C_1 \cup \cdots \cup C_K$

N: total number of training examples $N = N_1 + \cdots + N_K$

• \bar{x}_k denotes the mean for class k, \bar{x} denotes the mean for the entire set:

$$\bar{x}_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{x \in C_k} x, \qquad \bar{x} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in C} x = \frac{1}{N} (N_1 \bar{x}_1 + \dots + N_K \bar{x}_k)$$

• *S*_k is the covariance matrix for class *k*:

$$S_k = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{x \in C_k} (x - \bar{x}_k)(x - \bar{x}_k)^T = \frac{1}{N_k} \sum_{x \in C_k} x x^T - \bar{x}_k \bar{x}_k^T$$

• *S* is the covariance matrix for the entire set:

$$S = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in C} (x - \bar{x})(x - \bar{x})^T = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{x \in C} x x^T - \bar{x} \bar{x}^T$$

Principal components

the principal component directions are the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix

$$S = \sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_i v_i v_i^T$$

• can be defined recursively: v_k solves

maximize
$$x^T S x$$

subject to $||x|| = 1$
 $v_i^T x = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, k-1$

ullet max-min characterization: the matrix of first k eigenvectors $\begin{bmatrix} v_1 \cdots v_k \end{bmatrix}$ solves

maximize
$$\lambda_{\min}(X^TSX)$$

subject to $X^TX = I_k$

PCA does not distinguish between variance within and between classes

Within-class and between-class covariance

the covariance of the entire set can be written as a sum of two terms

$$S = S_{\rm w} + S_{\rm b}$$

Within-class covariance

$$S_{W} = \sum_{k=1}^{K} \frac{N_{k}}{N} S_{k} = \frac{1}{N} \left(\sum_{x \in C} x x^{T} - \sum_{k=1}^{K} N_{k} \bar{x}_{k} \bar{x}_{k}^{T} \right)$$

- $S_{\rm W}$ is the weighted average of the class covariance matrices S_k
- describes the variability of points within the same class

Between-class covariance

$$S_{b} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} N_{k} (\bar{x}_{k} - \bar{x}) (\bar{x}_{k} - \bar{x})^{T} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} N_{k} \bar{x}_{k} \bar{x}_{k}^{T} - \bar{x} \bar{x}^{T}$$

- S_b is the covariance matrix of the class means (weighted by class size)
- describes the variability between classes

Linear discriminant analysis (LDA)

- good directions for classification make $v^T S_b v$ large while keeping $v^T S_w v$ small
- instead of maximizing $(v^TSv)/(v^Tv)$ as in PCA, it is better to maximize

$$\frac{v^T S_b v}{v^T S_w v}$$

LDA directions: a sequence of vectors v_1, v_2, \ldots

• first direction v_1 maximizes $(x^T S_b x)/(x^T S_w x)$ or, equivalently, solves

maximize
$$x^T S_b x$$

subject to $x^T S_w x = 1$

ullet other directions are defined recursively: v_k is the solution x of

maximize
$$x^T S_b x$$

subject to $x^T S_w x = 1$
 $v_i^T S_w x = 0$ for $i = 1, \dots, k-1$

Computation via eigendecomposition

the kth LDA direction v_k is the solution x of

maximize
$$x^T S_b x$$

subject to $x^T S_w x = 1$
 $v_i^T S_w x = 0$ for $i = 1, ..., k-1$

we assume $S_{\rm w}$ has full rank (is positive definite)

- compute Cholesky factorization $S_{\rm w} = R^T R$
- make a change of variables y = Rx:

maximize
$$y^T(R^{-T}S_bR^{-1})y$$

subject to $y^Ty=1$
 $v_i^TR^Ty=0$ for $i=1,\ldots,k-1$

the vectors $w_k = Rv_k$ are the eigenvectors of $R^{-T}S_bR^{-1}$

Generalized eigenvectors

suppose A and B are symmetric, and B is positive definite

• nonzero x is a generalized eigenvector of A, B, with generalized eigenvalue λ , if

$$Ax = \lambda Bx$$

• via the Cholesky factorization $B = R^T R$ this can be written as

$$(R^{-T}AR^{-1})(Rx) = \lambda(Rx)$$

- generalized eigenvalues of A, B are eigenvalues of $R^{-T}AR^{-1}$
- x is a generalized eigenvector if and only if Rx is eigenvector of $R^{-T}AR^{-1}$

LDA directions are generalized eigenvectors of $S_{\rm b}$, $S_{\rm w}$

Number of LDA directions

the between-class covariance matrix has rank at most K-1

$$S_{b} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{k=1}^{K} N_{k} (\bar{x}_{k} - \bar{x}) (\bar{x}_{k} - \bar{x})^{T} = \frac{1}{N} Y Y^{T}$$

where Y is the $n \times K$ matrix

$$Y = \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{N_1} (\bar{x}_k - \bar{x})^T \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{N_K} (\bar{x}_K - \bar{x})^T \end{bmatrix}$$

the rank of Y is at most K-1 because the rows of Y are linearly dependent:

$$Y^{T} \begin{bmatrix} \sqrt{N_{1}} \\ \vdots \\ \sqrt{N_{K}} \end{bmatrix} = N_{1}\bar{x}_{1} + N_{2}\bar{x}_{2} + \dots + N_{K}\bar{x}_{K} - (N_{1} + \dots + N_{K})\bar{x} = 0$$

- therefore $R^{-T}S_bR^{-1}$ has at most K-1 nonzero eigenvalues
- there are at most K-1 LDA directions (other directions are in $null(S_b)$)

LDA for Boolean classification (K = 2)

in the Boolean case, $\bar{x} = (N_1\bar{x}_1 + N_2\bar{x}_2)/N$ and

$$S_{b} = \frac{N_{1}}{N}(\bar{x}_{1} - \bar{x})(\bar{x}_{1} - \bar{x})^{T} + \frac{N_{2}}{N}(\bar{x}_{2} - \bar{x})(\bar{x}_{2} - \bar{x})^{T}$$
$$= \frac{2N_{1}N_{2}}{N^{2}}(\bar{x}_{1} - \bar{x}_{2})(\bar{x}_{1} - \bar{x}_{2})^{T}$$

the LDA direction v is defined as the solution x of

maximize
$$x^T S_b x$$

subject to $x^T S_w x = 1$

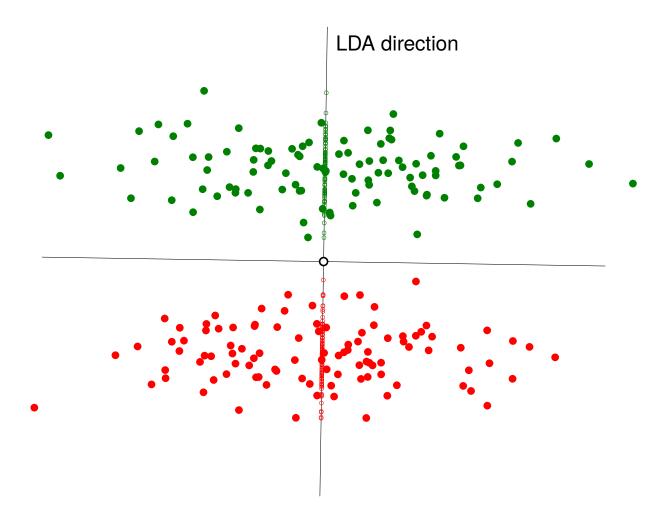
• via the change of variable y = Rx, where $S_W = R^T R$, we find the solution

$$y = \frac{R^{-T}(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)}{\|R^{-T}(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)\|}, \qquad v = R^{-1}y = \frac{S_{\mathbf{w}}^{-1}(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)}{((\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)^T S_{\mathbf{w}}^{-1}(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2))^{1/2}}$$

the LDA direction is the direction of $S_{\rm W}^{-1}(\bar{x}_1 - \bar{x}_2)$

Example

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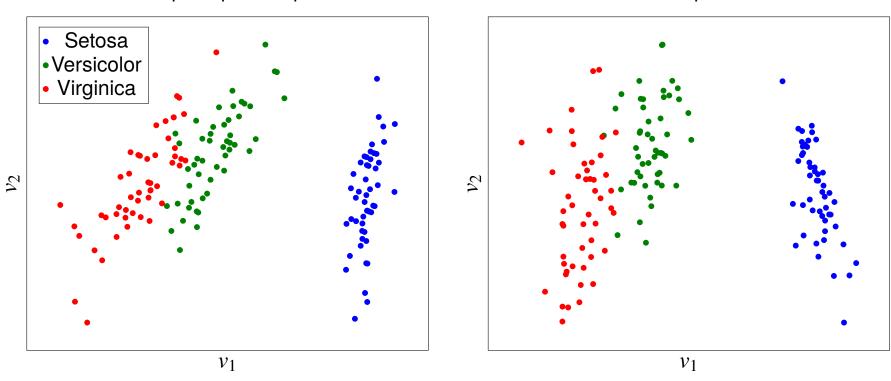


projections on LDA direction (small circles) are separable

Fisher's Iris flower data set

First two principal components





- 50 examples of each of the three classes, 4 features
- first LDA direction separates the classes better than first PCA direction
- second LDA direction does not add much information
- eigenvalues of $R^{-T}S_bR^{-1}$ are (32.19, 0.29, 0, 0) (see page 6.32)

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