

* Eigenvalues and Eigenvectors

Def: Consider an matrix $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, A scalar λ is called an eigenvalue of A if there is a nonzero vector \vec{v} such that $A\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$. Such \vec{v} is called an eigenvector ~~corresponding~~ corresponding to a the eigenvalue λ .

What does it mean geometrically?

If \vec{v} is an eigenvalue eigenvector of A ,
the image of \vec{v} under A is parallel to \vec{v} .

Note that an eigenvector cannot be $\vec{0}$, but an eigenvalue can be 0.

Suppose 0 is an eigenvalue of A . What does that say about A ? \Rightarrow there must be some nontrivial vector \vec{v} for which

$$A\vec{v} = 0\vec{v} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow A$ is not invertible

Thm: If $\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r$ are eigenvectors that correspond to distinct eigenvalues $\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_r$ of an $n \times n$ matrix A , then the set $\{\vec{v}_1, \dots, \vec{v}_r\}$ is linearly independent

E.g. What are eigenvalues of a projector P ?

Suppose λ is an eigenvalue of P and

\vec{v} is its corresponding eigenvector. Then

$$P\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v}$$

$$\Rightarrow P P\vec{v} = \lambda P\vec{v}.$$

$$P^2\vec{v} = \lambda^2\vec{v}.$$

$$\text{Since } P^2 = P, \quad P^2\vec{v} = P\vec{v} = \lambda\vec{v} \quad ?$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda\vec{v} = \lambda^2\vec{v}.$$

$$(\lambda^2 - \lambda)\vec{v} = 0.$$

$$\text{but } \vec{v} \neq \vec{0} \Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 1 \text{ or } \lambda = 0.$$

Thm: All eigenvalues (all roots of the characteristic polynomials) of a symmetric matrix are real.

Thm: Eigen vectors of a symmetric matrix corresponding to different eigenvalues are orthogonal.

Pf: Let $A^T = A$. have eigenvectors v_1 and v_2 corresponding to eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$.

Then

$$\langle A\vec{v}_1, \vec{v}_2 \rangle = \langle \lambda_1 v_1, v_2 \rangle = \lambda_1 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle.$$

on the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle Av_1, v_2 \rangle &= (Av_1)^T v_2 = v_1^T A^T v_2 \\ &= v_1^T A v_2 \\ &= v_1^T \lambda_2 v_2 \\ &= \lambda_2 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_1 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = \langle Av_1, v_2 \rangle = \lambda_2 \langle v_1, v_2 \rangle$$

Since $\lambda_1 \neq \lambda_2$, $\langle v_1, v_2 \rangle = 0$.

- Symmetric positive definite matrices

Suppose λ is an eigenvalue of A and v its corresponding eigenvector.

$$\Rightarrow Av = \lambda v$$

$$v^T Av = v^T (\lambda v) \\ = \lambda \|v\|^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{v^T Av}{\|v\|^2}$$

\therefore A symmetric matrix is positive definite if and only if all of its eigenvalues are positive.

- Eigenvectors of symmetric pd. matrices are orthogonal.

* Review of multivariable calculus.

Def: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, then the derivative $\frac{df}{dx}$ is a row vector

$$\frac{df}{dx} = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}, \dots, \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

if $\vec{x} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ x_n \end{bmatrix}$

E.g. 1) $f(\vec{x}) = \|\vec{x}\|_2^2 = x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \dots + x_n^2$
Then

$$\frac{df}{dx} = (2x_1, 2x_2, \dots, 2x_n) = 2\vec{x}^T$$

2) If C is a $k \times n$ matrix, then

$$\frac{d(C\vec{x})}{dx} = C^T$$

2) The derivative of a scalar product ~~of~~ $\vec{c}^T \vec{x}$ where \vec{c} is an n -dimensional vector, $\vec{c} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, is equal to \vec{c} :

$$\frac{d}{dx}(C^T x) = C^T$$

3) Let $g(\vec{x}) = \|\vec{a} - \vec{x}\|^2$.

Then

$$\frac{dg}{dx} = -2(\vec{a} - \vec{x})^T$$

Pf: $g(\vec{x}) = \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i - x_i)^2$

$$\frac{\partial g(\vec{x})}{\partial x_i} = -2(a_i - x_i)$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial g}{\partial x}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dg}{dx} = \left(\frac{\partial g}{\partial x_1}, \dots, \frac{\partial g}{\partial x_n} \right)$$

$$= (-2(a_1 - x_1), \dots, -2(a_n - x_n)).$$

$$= -2(a - x)^T.$$

Def: $f: \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^m$, then

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x_n} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x_n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_1} & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_2} & \cdots & \frac{\partial f_m}{\partial x_n} \end{bmatrix}$$

E.g. $f(x) = x_1 \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix} + x_2 \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 + 3x_2 \\ 2x_1 + 4x_2 \end{bmatrix}$.

Find $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1}$, $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2}$, and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$.

$$\frac{\partial f}{\partial x} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \frac{\partial f}{\partial x_1} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x_2} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$

* Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

Data set $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$, $x_i \in \mathbb{R}^m$.
 (centered at 0, i.e., $E[X] = 0$)

Let $\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ be an O.N.B. of \mathbb{R}^m

Facts: 1) $x_i = \sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{ji} b_j$.

2) $\alpha_{ji} = \langle x_i, b_j \rangle = x_i^\top b_j$ (why?)

3) Consider a subspace V spanned by

$$\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$$

Let $Q = [b_1 \ b_2 \ \dots \ b_m]$.

\Rightarrow orth. proj. x on $V = \hat{x} = Q Q^\top x$

- PCA: Consider a subspace, say, $V = \text{span}\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$

• PCA: Find a subspace $V = \text{span}\{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ which minimizes the cost:

$$J = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - \underbrace{\sum_{j=1}^m \alpha_{ji} b_j}_{\tilde{x}_i}\|_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - \tilde{x}_i\|_2^2$$

$$\frac{\partial J}{\partial (\beta_{ji} b_j)} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{x}_i} \cdot \frac{\partial \tilde{x}_i}{\partial (\beta_{ji} b_j)}$$

Fact: $\frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{x}_i} = -\frac{2}{n} (x_i - \tilde{x}_i)^T$

Chain rule: $\frac{\partial J}{\partial (\beta_{ji})} = \frac{\partial J}{\partial \tilde{x}_i} \frac{\partial \tilde{x}_i}{\partial \beta_{ji}}$

Note that: $\frac{\partial \tilde{x}_i}{\partial \beta_{ji}} = b_j, j = 1, \dots, M.$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial J}{\partial \beta_{ji}} = -\frac{2}{n} (x_i - \tilde{x}_i)^T b_j.$$

$$= -\frac{2}{n} (x_i - \sum_{l=1}^M \beta_{li} b_l)^T b_j$$

Q.N.B.
 $= -\frac{2}{n} (x_i^T b_j - \underbrace{\beta_{ji} b_j^T b_j}_{=1})$
 $= -\frac{2}{n} (x_i^T b_j - \beta_{ji})$

$$= 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \beta_{ji} = x_i^T b_j = \langle b_j, x_i \rangle$$

That is, \tilde{x}_i is the orthogonal projection of x_i onto $\text{span}\{b_1, \dots, b_M\}$.

$$+ \tilde{x}_i = \left(\sum_{j=1}^m b_j b_j^T \right) x_i$$

$$\Rightarrow x_i - \tilde{x}_i = \left(\sum_{j=M+1}^m b_j b_j^T \right) x_i = \sum_{j=M+1}^m \langle b_j, x_i \rangle b_j$$

Rewrite the cost function

$$J = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \|x_i - \tilde{x}_i\|_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \left\| \sum_{j=M+1}^m \langle b_j, x_i \rangle b_j \right\|_2^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=M+1}^m \langle b_j, x_i \rangle^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=M+1}^m b_j^T x_i x_i^T b_j$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=M+1}^m b_j^T \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^T \right)}_{S} b_j$$

$$= \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=M+1}^m b_j^T S b_j$$

$$= \text{trace} \left(\underbrace{\left(\sum_{j=M+1}^m b_j b_j^T \right)}_{S} S \right)$$

projection matrix

$$\Rightarrow J = \sum_{j=M+1}^m b_j^T S b_j$$

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data covariance matrix

First consider $m=2 \Rightarrow b_2$ and b_2

Suppose $J = b_2^T S b_2$

$$\Rightarrow \min J = b_2^T S b_2 \text{ subject to } b_2^T b_2 = 1.$$

$$L = b_2^T S b_2 + \lambda(1 - b_2^T b_2)$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial \lambda} = 1 - b_2^T b_2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow b_2^T b_2 = 1$$

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial b_2} = 2b_2^T S - 2\lambda b_2^T = 0 \Leftrightarrow Sb_2 = \lambda b_2$$

$$\Rightarrow J = b_2^T S b_2 = b_2^T (\lambda b_2) = \lambda.$$

$\Rightarrow J$ is minimized if λ is the smallest eigenvalue corresponding to the eigenvector b_2 .

\Rightarrow we want to project our data points onto the space spanned by the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue.

\Rightarrow For general case, b_j for $j=M+1, \dots, m$
 J is minimized if b_j are eigenvectors of S corresponding to the $m-M-1$ smallest eigenvalues of S

$$[Sb_j = \lambda_j b_j, j=M+1, \dots, m \Rightarrow J = \sum_{j=M+1}^m \lambda_j]$$

\Rightarrow We need to project our data points onto the principal subspace spanned by the ~~M~~ M largest eigenvalues corresponding to the M largest eigenvalues.

* Key steps of PCA algorithm:

- 1) Compute the mean μ of the data set of X
- standardize 2) Mean subtraction: $\tilde{x}_i = x_i - \mu$.
- the data 3) Divide the data by its standard deviation
$$\tilde{x}_i(j) = \frac{\tilde{x}_i - \mu}{\sigma(X^{(j)})}$$
$$\Rightarrow \bar{X}$$

- 4) Compute the eigenvectors and eigenvalues of the data covariance matrix

$$S = \frac{1}{n} \bar{X}^T \bar{X}$$

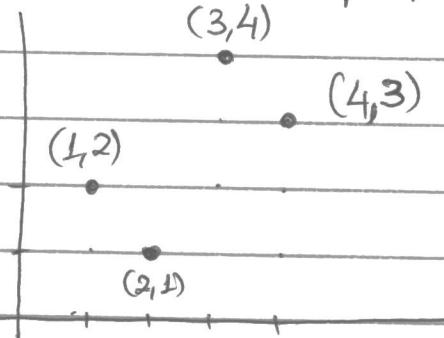
- 5) Chooses the eigenvectors associated with the M largest eigenvalues to be the basis of the principal subspace

- 6) Collect these eigenvectors in a matrix

$$B = [b_1 \dots b_M]$$

- 7) Orthogonal projection of the data onto the principal axis using the projection matrix $B B^T$.

Example: (See textbook p. 413).



$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Compute XX^T :

$$XX^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 & 28 \\ 28 & 30 \end{bmatrix}.$$

- Find eigenvalues:

$$\det \begin{bmatrix} 30-\lambda & 28 \\ 28 & 30-\lambda \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$(30-\lambda)(30-\lambda) - 28^2 = 0.$$

$$(58-\lambda)(2-\lambda) = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 58 \text{ and } \lambda = 2.$$

are eigenvalues

- Find eigenvectors:

• For $\lambda = 58$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 30-58 & 28 \\ 28 & 30-58 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -28 & 28 \\ 28 & -28 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} \text{ is an eigenvector}$$

For $\lambda = 2$:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 30-2 & 28 \\ 28 & 30-2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 28 & 28 \\ 28 & 28 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$ is an eigenvector.

\rightarrow Matrix of eigenvectors:

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{These vectors are orthonormal.}$$

Consider

$$X^T B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 1/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 3/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \\ 7/\sqrt{2} & 1/\sqrt{2} \\ 7/\sqrt{2} & -1/\sqrt{2} \end{bmatrix}$$

