

# PCA Tutorial

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# Image as n-Dimensional vector

- Image  $X_i = [1, 0, \dots]^T x_{i1} + [0, 1, \dots]^T x_{i2} + \dots$
- Image  $X_i = B_1 y_{i1} + B_2 y_{i2} + \dots = \sum_{j=1}^D B_j y_{ij}$

# Principle Component Analysis

- Intuition
  - Pixel intensities are related
  - -> in new basis, only a few of the coordinates are significant
  - Less computation

# Algorithm

- Find optimal set of principle components (basis)
- Compute patch coordinate in new basis
- Discard the axes with near 0 coordinates

$$(X_i = B_1 y_{i1} + B_2 y_{i2} + \cdots = \sum_{j=1}^D B_j y_{ij}, \quad X_i' = \sum_{j=1}^d B_j y_{ij})$$

# Find basis

- Compute the average  $\bar{X}$
- Subtract average from each patch  $Z_i = X_i - \bar{X}$  (centralized)
- $Z = [Z_1, Z_2, \dots]$
- $B_1, B_2 \dots$  are the eigenvectors of  $ZZ^T$  corresponding to d largest eigenvalues

# Face recognition using PCA (Eigenface)

- Database creation
  - Input: N face images
  - Compute d eigenfaces (basis) :  $B_j$ 
    - $d < 10-15$
  - Compute new coordinates for each input:  $y_{ij} = B_j^T X_i$
  - Store  $B_j$  &  $y_{ij}$
- Recognition
  - Input: a new image T
  - Express T by  $B_j$  (Compute T's new coordinate):  $t_j$
  - Find closest  $y_i$  of t, and return  $X_i$

# Theory

- $Z = [Z_1, Z_2, \dots]$
- Column:  $i$ th patch
- Row:  $j$ th coordinate
- $Y = [Y_1, Y_2, \dots]$
- We want coordinates in the new basis:
  - Variance for each coordinate to be large
  - Covariance between every 2 coordinate to be small
- We want  $YY^T$  diagonal

# Derivation

- $Z = BY$
- $Y = B^{-1}Z$
- Let  $A=B^{-1}$ , so  $Y = AZ$
- Proof:
- $A^T = [e_1, e_2 \dots]$ , where  $e_j$  is the  $j$ th eigenvector of  $ZZ^T$
- .. Will make  $YY^T$  diagonal



- (Define  $A = B^{-1}$ , so we have  $Y = A * Z$ .)

- Then

$$\begin{aligned} Y * Y^T &= (A * Z) * (A * Z)^T \\ &= A * Z * Z^T * A^T \quad [\text{transpose rule}] \\ &= A * (Z * Z^T) * A^T \quad [\text{regroup}] \end{aligned}$$

- So we want  $Y * Y^T = A * (Z * Z^T) * A^T$  to be diagonal.

- Examine the eigenvector decomposition of  $(Z * Z^T)$ :

$$(Z * Z^T) * e_i = e_i * \lambda_i \quad [def]$$

$$(Z * Z^T) * [e_1 \dots e_M] = [e_1 \dots e_M] * diag(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_M)$$

[stack the eqns]

$$(Z * Z^T) * E = E * L \quad [matrix \ notation]$$

- Left-multiply this by  $E^T$ :

$$E^T * (Z * Z^T) * E = E^T * E * L$$

$$= (E^T * E) * L \text{ [regroup]}$$

$$= I * L \quad \text{[eigenvecs are orthogonal, } E * E^T = I]$$

$$= L \quad \text{[eigenval matrix L is diagonal]}$$

- Observe that setting  $A = E^T$  gives us

$$\begin{aligned} E^T * (Z * Z^T) * E &= A * (Z * Z^T) * A^T [A = E^T] \\ &= (A * Z) * (A * Z)^T \text{ [transpose rule]} \\ &= Y * Y^T [Y = A * Z = E^T * Z] \\ &= L \quad \text{[see above, note L is diagonal]} \end{aligned}$$

- and so satisfies our requirement that  $Y * Y^T$  be diagonal.

# Practical PCA

- Remember that  $Z$  is  $(M \times N)$ , with  $M \gg N$   
e.g.  $M = 75,000$  pixels per face  
 $N = 200$  faces in the database
- Compute eigenvectors of  $Z^T Z$  first
- Then compute eigenvectors of  $ZZ^T$

# Proof

- Definition of eigenvectors for the \*much\* smaller  $Z^T * Z$  (N x N):

$$(Z^T * Z) * e_i = \lambda_i * e_i \quad [\text{def}]$$

$$(Z^T * Z) * [e_1 \dots e_N] = [e_1 \dots e_N] * \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$$

[stack the eqns]

$$(Z^T * Z) * E = E * L \quad [\text{matrix notation}]$$

- Note: E and L are also (N x N)

- Now a little algebra ...

$$Z * (Z^T * Z) * E = Z * E * L \quad \text{[left multiply by } Z]$$

$$(Z * Z^T) * (Z * E) = (Z * E) * L \quad \text{[regroup]}$$

- Define  $e'_i = Z * e_i$ , and  $E' = Z * E$  (M x N), and observe how this form
- gives us N eigenvector equations for the \*huge\* matrix  $Z * Z^T$  (M x M):

$$(Z * Z^T) * E' = E' * L \qquad [E' = Z * E]$$

$$(Z * Z^T) * [e'_1 \dots e'_N] = [e'_1 \dots e'_N] * \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_N)$$

[matrix notation]

$$(Z * Z^T) * e_i = \lambda_i * e'_i$$

[unstack eqns]



- So to obtain  $N$  eigenvectors,  $E'$ , for  $Z * Z^T$ , simply find the eigenvectors,  $E$ , for the “much” smaller  $Z^T * Z$  (all  $N$  of them), and then transform them according to  $E' = Z * E$ .
- This smaller set of  $N$  ( $\ll M$ ) eigenvectors actually covers all the “interesting”/non-degenerate eigenvectors available.

- Why?
- We know that  $\text{rank}(Z) \leq N = \min(M, N)$ , but it's also the case that  $\text{rank}(Z * Z^T) = \text{rank}(Z^T * Z) = \text{rank}(Z)$ . So this tells us that the eigenvector decomposition for  $Z * Z^T$  can have at most  $N$  non-zero  $\lambda_i$ 's, i.e. we've covered them all.