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Problem Set 9

Problems 1-6 correspond to "Linear Projections"

Problem 1

1/1 point (graded)

In $\mathbb{R}^2$, what is the unit vector corresponding to the x_1-direction?

○ $(0, 0)$

● $(1, 0)$

○ $(0, 1)$

○ $(1, 1)$

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Problem 2

1/1 point (graded)

What is the unit vector in the same direction as $(3, 2, 2, 2, 2)$?

○ $(1.5, 1, 1, 1, 1)$

○ $(1, 0.67, 0.67, 0.67, 0.67)$

● $(0.6, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4)$

○ $(0.5, 0.33, 0.33, 0.33, 0.33)$

✓

? **Hint (1 of 1):** To get a unit vector in the same direction as x, simply divide by $\|x\|$.

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Problem 3

1/1 point (graded)
What is the projection of the vector $(3, 5, -9)$ onto the direction $(0.6, -0.8, 0)$?

-2.2

✓ **Answer:** -2.2

-2.2

? **Hint (1 of 1):** If u is a unit vector, then the projection of x onto direction u is simply $u \cdot x$.

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Problem 4

1/1 point (graded)

What is the (unit) direction along which the projection of $(4, -3)$ is largest?

● $(0.8, -0.6)$

○ $(-0.6, -0.8)$

○ $(-0.8, 0.6)$

○ $(0.8, 0.6)$

✓

Explanation

The projection of $x = (4, -3)$ is going to be largest in the direction of x itself.

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Problem 5

1/1 point (graded)

What is the (unit) direction along which the projection of $(4, -3)$ is smallest?

○ $(0.8, -0.6)$

○ $(-0.6, -0.8)$

● $(-0.8, 0.6)$

○ $(0.8, 0.6)$

✓

Explanation
The projection of $x = (4, -3)$ will be smallest in the direction opposite to x, that is, the direction of $-x$.

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Problem 6

1/1 point (graded)
The projection of vector x onto direction u is exactly zero. Which of the following statements is necessarily true? Select all that apply.

- ☑ u is orthogonal to x.
- ☐ u is in the opposite direction to x.
- ☑ u is at right angles to x.
- ☐ It is not possible to have a projection of zero.

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Problems 7-8 correspond to "Principal component analysis I: one-dimensional projection"

Problem 7

4 points possible (graded)

A three-dimensional data set has covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 9 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) What is the variance of the data in the x_1-direction?

b) What is the correlation between x_1 and x_3?

c) What is the variance in the direction $(0, -1, 0)$?

d) What is the variance in the direction of $(1, 1, 0)$?

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Problem 8

1 point possible (graded)

Which of the following covariance matrices has the property that the variance is the same in any direction? Select all that apply.

☐ The all-zeros matrix.

☐ The all-ones matrix.

☐ The identity matrix.

☐ Any diagonal matrix.

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Problems 9-11 correspond to "Principal component analysis II: the top k directions"

Problem 9

8 points possible (graded)

Let $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be two vectors with $\|u_1\| = \|u_2\| = 1$ and $u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0$. Define U to be the matrix whose columns are u_1 and u_2.

What are the dimensions of the following matrices?

a) U

# of Rows =

# of Columns =

b) U^T

# of Rows =

# of Columns

c) UU^T

# of Rows =

# of Columns =

d) $u_1 u_1^T$

# of Rows =

# of Columns =

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Problem 10

1 point possible (graded)

Continuing from the previous problem, let $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be two vectors with $\|u_1\| = \|u_2\| = 1$ and $u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0$, and define U to be the matrix whose columns are u_1 and u_2.

Which of the following linear transformations sends points $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ to their (two-dimensional) projections onto directions u_1 and u_2? Select all that apply.

☐ $x \mapsto (u_1 \cdot x, u_2 \cdot x)$

☐ $x \mapsto (u_1 \cdot x)\, u_1 + (u_2 \cdot x)\, u_2$

☐ $x \mapsto U^T x$

☐ $x \mapsto UU^T x$

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Problem 11

2 points possible (graded)

For a particular four-dimensional data set, the top two eigenvectors of the covariance matrix are:

$$\frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix}1\\1\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{2}\begin{pmatrix}-1\\1\\-1\\1\end{pmatrix}.$$

a) What is the PCA projection of point $(2,4,2,6)$ into two dimensions? Write it in the form (a,b).

○ $(2,2)$

○ $(2,3)$

○ $(7,3)$

○ $(4,6)$

b) What is the reconstruction, from this projection, to a point in the original four-dimensional space? Write it in the form (a,b,c,d)

○ $(2,5,2,5)$

○ $(2,1,2,2)$

○ $(4,2,2,2)$

○ $(2,6,2,4)$

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Problems 12-14 correspond to "Linear algebra V: eigenvalues and eigenvectors"

Problem 12

2 points possible (graded)

Consider the 2×2 matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

a) One of its eigenvectors is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

b) Its other eigenvector is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$. What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

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Problem 13

6 points possible (graded)

A 2×2 matrix M has eigenvalues 10 and 5.

a) What are the eigenvalues of $2M$ (that is, each entry of M is multiplied by 2)?

Larger eigenvalue =

Smaller eigenvalue =

b) What are the eigenvalues of $M + 3I$, where I is the 2×2 identity matrix?

Larger eigenvalue =

Smaller eigenvalue =

c) What are the eigenvalues of $M^2 = MM$?

Larger eigenvalue =

Smaller eigenvalue =

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Problem 14

7 points possible (graded)

A certain three-dimensional data set has covariance matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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a) Consider the direction $u = (1,1,1)/\sqrt{3}$. What is variance of the projection of the data onto direction u?

b) Which of the following are eigenvectors of the covariance matrix? Select all that apply.

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}0\\1\\1\end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\begin{pmatrix}1\\-1\\0\end{pmatrix}$

c) Find the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix. List them in decreasing order.

d) Suppose we used principal component analysis (PCA) to project points into *two* dimensions. What would be the resulting two-dimensional projection of the point $x = (\sqrt{2}, -3\sqrt{2}, 2)$?

○ $(1, 0)$

○ $(4, 2)$

○ $(1, 4)$

○ $(4, 1)$

e) Now suppose we use the projection in (d) to reconstruct a point $\widehat{x}$ in the original three-dimensional space. What is the Euclidean distance between x and $\widehat{x}$, that is, $\|x - \widehat{x}\|$?

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Problems 15-17 correspond to "Linear algebra VI: spectral decomposition"

Problem 15

1 point possible (graded)

M is a 2×2 real-valued symmetric matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = 1$ and corresponding eigenvectors

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is M?

○ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

○ $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

○ $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

○ $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

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Problem 16

1 point possible (graded)

For a certain data set in d-dimensional space, the covariance matrix has the following interesting property: there are k positive eigenvalues and the rest are zero (where $k < d$). What can we conclude from this? Select all that apply.

☐ Each of the data points has at most k nonzero coordinates.

☐ The data can be perfectly reconstructed from their PCA projection onto k dimensions.

☐ Each data point can be expressed as a linear combination of the top k eigenvectors.

☐ It is possible to discard $d - k$ of the coordinates without losing any of the variance in the data.

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Problem 17

1 point possible (graded)

A data set in $\mathbb{R}^d$ has a covariance matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_d$. Under which of the following conditions is PCA most likely to be effective as a form of dimensionality reduction? Select all that apply.

- ☐ When the λ_i are approximately equal.
- ☐ When most of the λ_i are close to zero.
- ☐ When most of the λ_i are close to 1.
- ☐ When the sequence $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \ldots$ is rapidly decreasing.

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