

# Chemical Engineering 4H03

**N**on-Linear **I**terative **PA**rtial **L**east-**S**quares

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#### Objectives for this Class

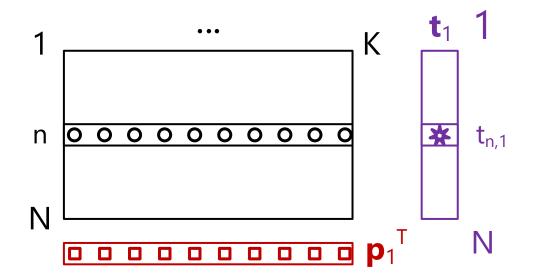
- Where we came from...
  - Computing  $p_k$  from Eigenvalue Decomposition
  - Gave us a fundamental understanding of how PCA works
  - Understand that there are advantages and disadvantages
- Now: is there a more "reliable" way to compute  $p_k$ ?
  - Don't want to compute all Eigenvectors at once
  - Want to handle missing data
- How will we do this?
  - 1. Introduce NIPALS (Non-Linear Iterative Partial Least-Squares)
  - 2. See how NIPALS can handle missing data (and what this means for our data matrix **X**)





#### **NIPALS**

Now I'll Probably Actually Lose Someone



## Review: Linear Regression

• You may recall the LSOE that can be solved for the regression coefficients in our regression  $\hat{y} = a_0 + a_1 x$ :

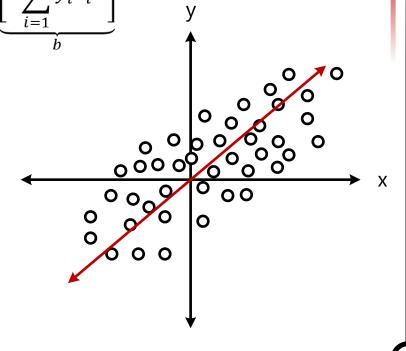
$$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
\sum_{i=1}^{N} 1 & \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i} & \sum_{i=1}^{N} x_{i}^{2} \\
A
\right] = \left[\begin{array}{c}
\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_{i} \\
a_{1} \\
\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_{i}x_{i}
\end{array}\right]$$

#### QUESTION

– What is special about the data we are trying to regress in PCA?

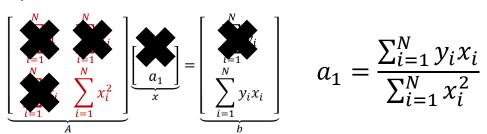
#### ANSWER

– It is **centered**, thus  $a_0 = 0$ 

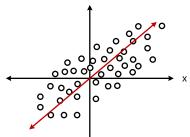


### Linear Regression in Vector Form

Our "system of equations" in that case simply boils down to one equation and one unknown:



$$a_1 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i x_i}{\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i^2}$$



Fun fact, these sums of the elements in each vector can pretty easily be written as dot-products

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} y_i x_i = y^T x$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{N} x_i^2 = x^T x$$

We can thus collapse our equation for  $a_1$  into:

$$a_1 = \frac{y^T x}{x^T x}$$
 ----- At this point, I should not need to convince you that this expression is identical to the one for  $a_1$  above



#### **NIPALS**

- Non-Linear Iterative Partial Least-Squares
- Why study it?
  - Additional insight into what loads and scores mean
  - A different way of looking at orthogonality
  - Handles missing data
  - Does not compute all Eigenvectors (efficient)
  - Used by most popular software packages
    - SIMCA
    - Aspen ProMV
    - Most pre-made Python packages



#### NIPALS: The Basic Idea

- NIPALS begins with X
  - X is pre-processed via scaling and centering
  - **NOMENCLATURE ADDITION**:  $X_a$  is the data set after a components have been fit to it (more on this later)
  - Thus, NIPALS initializes with  $X_{a=0} \equiv X_0$  since no components are fit

#### FOR a = 1, 2, ..., A:

- 1. Select an (arbitrary) column as  $t_a$
- 2. In a loop until convergence:
  - I. Regress columns from  $X_{a-1}$  onto  $t_a$  to get  $p_a$
  - II. Normalize  $p_a$  to unit length
  - III. Regress rows from  $X_{a-1}$  onto  $p_a^T$  to get  $t_a$
- 3. Deflate component from  $X_{a-1}$  to get  $X_a$

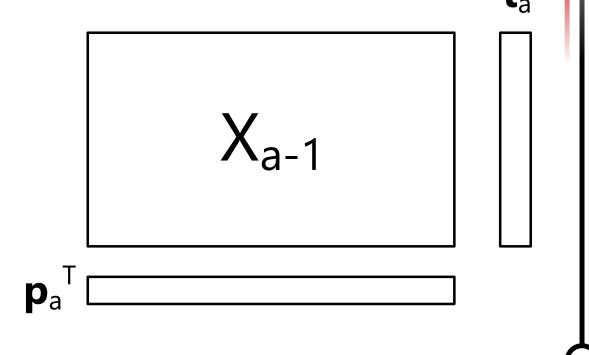
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These are much easier to visualize if we use the vector regression notation just discussed

QUESTION: what do you think this means?



- STEP 1 Select an arbitrary column for  $t_a$ 
  - Any individual column in X
  - A column of normally distributed random numbers
  - Basically anything except the zero column (WHY??)





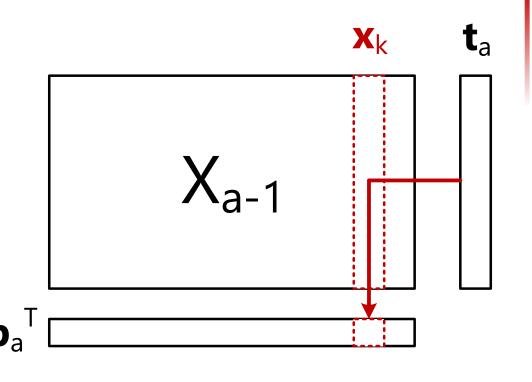
- STEP 2.1 Regress each column of  $X_{a-1}$  ( $x_k$ ) onto  $t_a$ 
  - Perform a LS regression of  $x_k$  onto  $t_a$  (regress y onto x)
  - Store the regression coefficient as  $p_{k,a}$

• Recall that a linear equation with zero intercept is  $\hat{y} = a_1 x$ 

$$a_1 = \frac{y^T x}{x^T x}$$

Therefore in this case:

$$p_{k,a} = \frac{\boldsymbol{t}_a^T \, \boldsymbol{x}_k}{\boldsymbol{t}_a^T \, \boldsymbol{t}_a}$$



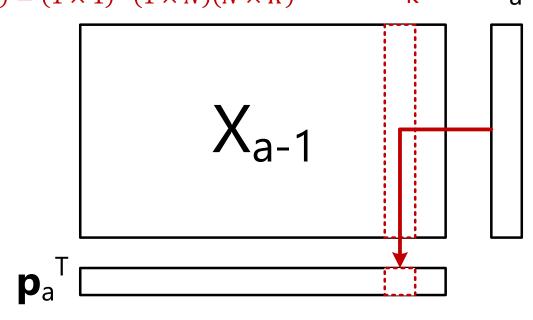


- STEP 2.1 Repeat regression for all columns in  $X_{n-1}$
- Can compute all regressions in one go (HOW!?)

$$\boldsymbol{p}_a^T = \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{t}_a^T \, \boldsymbol{t}_a} \cdot \boldsymbol{t}_a^T X_{a-1}$$

$$(1 \times K) = (1 \times 1) \cdot (1 \times N)(N \times K)$$

- $t_a \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times 1}$
- $X_{a-1} \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times K}$   $\boldsymbol{p}_a \in \mathbb{R}^{K \times 1}$





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- STEP 2.2 Normalize the loadings
  - $p_a$  will not have unit length (WHY?)
  - Rescale to magnitude of 1.0:

$$\boldsymbol{p}_a = \frac{\boldsymbol{p}_a}{\|\boldsymbol{p}_a\|}$$

Recall that 
$$||x|| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2 + \cdots}$$

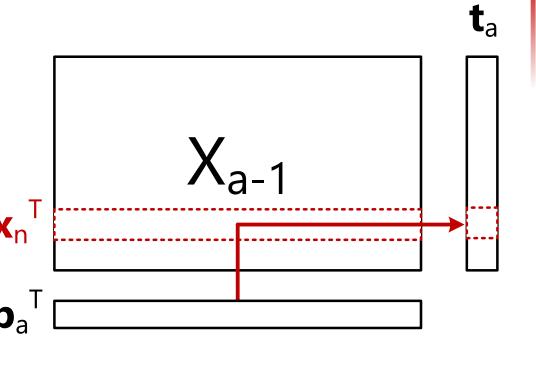


- STEP 2.3 Regress each row of  $X_{a-1}$  ( $x_n$ ) onto  $p_a^T$ 
  - Perform a LS regression of  $x_n$  onto  $p_a^T$  (regress y onto x)
  - Store the regression coefficient as  $t_{n,a}$
- Recall that a linear equation with zero intercept is  $\hat{y} = a_1 x$

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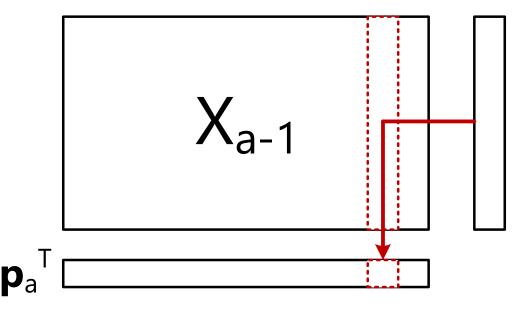


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$$\boldsymbol{t}_a = \frac{1}{\boldsymbol{p}_a^T \, \boldsymbol{p}_a} \cdot X_{a-1} \boldsymbol{p}_a$$

$$(N \times 1) = (1 \times 1) \cdot (N \times K)(K \times 1)$$

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#### CHECK FOR CONVERGENCE

- WORKSHOP What are some methods we can use?
  - Compare  $t_a$  to  $t_a$  from previous iteration
  - Stop if  $\Delta t_a \leq \sqrt{\epsilon} \approx 10^{-8}$  (demo in MATLAB)
  - Change could mean  $\|\boldsymbol{t}_a^i \boldsymbol{t}_a^{i-1}\| \leq \sqrt{\epsilon}$  [absolute]
  - Change could mean  $\frac{\|\boldsymbol{t}_a^i \boldsymbol{t}_a^{i-1}\|}{\|\boldsymbol{t}_a^{i-1}\|} \le \sqrt{\epsilon}$  [relative]
  - ALSO probably want an iterations limit in case (500 is good)

#### AT CONVERGENCE

- $t_a$  and  $p_a$  are the  $a^{th}$  component
- Store in T and P, respectively!



- STEP 3 Deflate  $X_{a-1}$  to achieve  $X_a$
- Deflation means removing the part we can explain
  - What can we explain? Why,  $\hat{X}_a$  of course!
  - $-E_a = X_{a-1} \hat{X}_a \quad \Rightarrow \quad E_a = X_{a-1} \boldsymbol{t}_a \boldsymbol{p}_a^T$
  - $E_a$  are the residuals after fitting the  $a^{th}$  component
  - Therefore, let  $X_a = E_a$  and repeat from step 1 for a + 1
  - Example: for a = 1, use  $X_0$  which is preprocessed data
  - Example: for a=2, use  $X_1$  which are residuals after 1 component
- A discussion about orthogonality
  - How do we know that subsequent components are orthogonal to those that came before it?

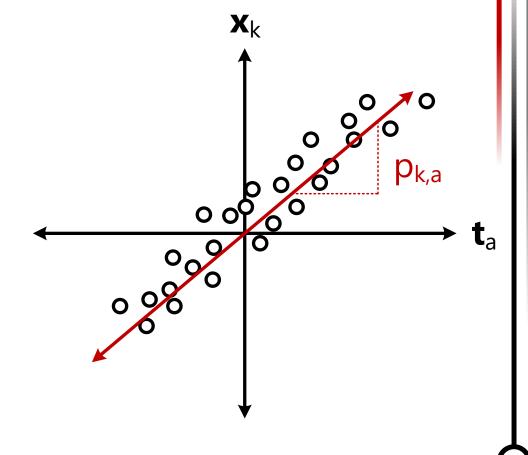


## Interpretation of Regression Steps

- Let's teleport back to STEP 2.1 for a minute
  - STEP 2.1 Regress each column of  $X_{a-1}$  ( $x_k$ ) onto  $t_a$

$$\bullet \quad p_{k,a} = \frac{\mathbf{t}_a^T \mathbf{x}_k}{\mathbf{t}_a^T \mathbf{t}_a}$$

- What does regression look like for a strong relationship?
- Weak relationship?
- What does that mean about  $p_{k,a}$ ?
- Regression can be used to predict  $\hat{x} = t_a^T p_{k,a}$
- WORKSHOP: interpret step
   2.3 as a linear regression
  - STEP 2.3 Repeat regression for all rows in  $X_{a-1}$





## Properties After Convergence

Dropping subscripts (for simplicity), we have

$$- p = \frac{t^T X}{t^T t} \qquad t = \frac{Xp}{p^T p}$$

- Recall that p is of unit length, thus  $p^T p = 1$
- Substitute t into equation for p to get:

$$-\boldsymbol{p} = \frac{X^T X \boldsymbol{p}}{\boldsymbol{t}^T t}$$
 \*OR\*  $\boldsymbol{t}^T \boldsymbol{t} \; \boldsymbol{p} = X^T X \boldsymbol{p}$ 

- This gives  $(X^TX \mathbf{t}^T \mathbf{t} I_K)\mathbf{p} = 0$  where  $I_K$  is a  $K \times K$  identity
- And therefore\*...
  - p is an eigenvector of  $X^TX$
  - The eigenvalue for that eigenvector is  $\lambda = t^T t$ , which we know to be the variance explained in t



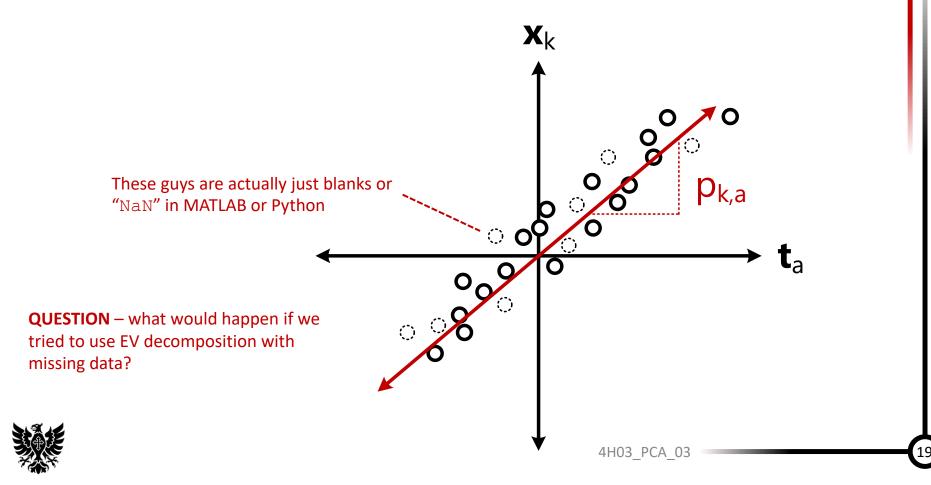
#### General NIPALS Comments

- In general, we can make the following remarks:
  - Convergence of NIPALS is guaranteed if left long enough
  - Convergence is fast if eigenvalues (variance explained by t) are well separated
    - In other words, each component fits a new source of variance
  - If two eigenvalues are close (nearly equal variance explained by each component), convergence will be slow for the first component and fast for the second
  - NIPALS is capable of handling missing data
    - More on this now...



## Handling Missing Data

- Missing values are simply ignored
  - WORKSHOP: What does this mean in our algorithm?
  - WORKSHOP: How would you implement this in practice?



#### Final Remarks

- NIPALS: The GOOD
  - Calculates ONE component at a time
  - Can handle missing data
  - Convergence guaranteed
- NIPALS: The BAD
  - Round-off errors will accumulate
  - Can suffer from outliers
- Other points to note
  - $\hat{X} = t p^T \equiv (-t)(-p^T)$
  - Flipping signs does not matter; result will be the same
  - Can happen due to initial guesses, computer, blah blah



#### Next Up...

- Using model fitting statistics to improve accuracy
  - Filtering outliers from dataset
  - Using PCA on-line for soft sensors
- And finally, extension of PCA to PLS
  - Not much more, just one extra regression step in NIPALS!

