

# Homework Assignment 6

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1. (a) Why is it more efficient to process data points if they are lower-dimensional vectors? State one reason.

(b) What is a potential trouble of reducing the dimensionality of input vectors before training a classifier? State one reason.

2. (a) Given a training set  $D = \{\mathbf{x}_1, \dots, \mathbf{x}_N\}$ , show that the reconstruction error of principal component analysis (PCA) could be written down as

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \|\mathbf{x}_n - \hat{\mathbf{x}}_n\|_2^2 = \sum_{j=q+1}^d \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}_j,$$

where  $\mathbf{w}_i$  is the  $i$ -th principal component or the eigenvector of the input covariance matrix  $\mathbf{C}$ .

(b) Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma &= \mathbf{W}^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{W} \\ \iff \sigma_j^2 &= \mathbf{w}_j^\top \mathbf{C} \mathbf{w}_j, \text{ for all } j = 1, \dots, d, \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mathbf{W}$  is the weight matrix of PCA,  $\mathbf{C}$  is the input covariance matrix, and

$$\Sigma = \text{diag}(\sigma_1^2, \dots, \sigma_q^2) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \sigma_2^2 & \cdots & 0 \\ \vdots & 0 & \cdots & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \sigma_q^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is the covariance matrix of the code vectors.

**3. (Programming Assignment)** Complete the implementation of PCA and NMF using Python and scikit-learn. The completed notebooks must be submitted together with the answers to the questions above.

When submitting Jupyter notebooks, make sure to save printed outputs as well.

PCA [https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro\\_to\\_ML\\_Lecture\\_Note/blob/master/homeworks/hw5\\_pca.ipynb](https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro_to_ML_Lecture_Note/blob/master/homeworks/hw5_pca.ipynb)

NMF [https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro\\_to\\_ML\\_Lecture\\_Note/blob/master/homeworks/hw5\\_nmf.ipynb](https://github.com/nyu-dl/Intro_to_ML_Lecture_Note/blob/master/homeworks/hw5_nmf.ipynb)