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L14 – Principal Components

# *Feature Extraction for Signal Representation*

## *Principal Components*

- Principal component analysis is a classical statistical technique that eliminates correlation among variables and is can be used to reduce data dimensionality for
  - Visualization
  - Data compre
  - Dimension re
- The method is covariance-base n't "know" about higher order correlation in the data.
- We'll look at classic treatment, and a probabilistic interpretation.

# Eigenvectors and Eigenvalues of Covariance

The covariance matrix  $\Sigma_x$  of n-dimensional random variables  $x$  is a real, symmetric matrix. So there's a complete set of orthonormal eigenvectors  $\phi$  that form a spanning set (complete basis) for  $\mathbb{R}^n$

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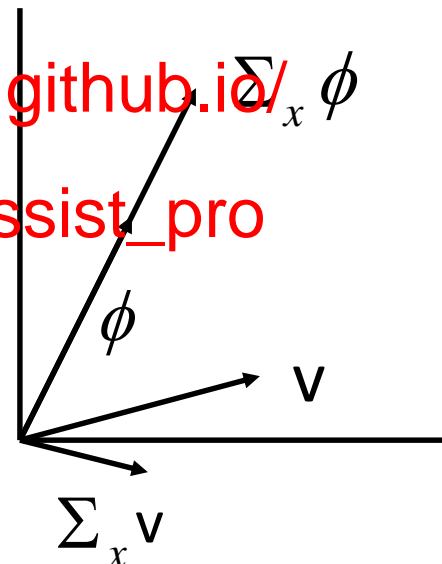
$$\Sigma_x \phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i, \quad i = 1 \dots n$$

$$\phi_i^T \phi_j = \delta_{ij} \quad \text{orthonormal}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \phi_i^T = I \quad \text{complete}$$

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# Positive Semi-Definite Covariance

The covariance is positive semi-definite

$$\begin{aligned} V^T \Sigma_x V / \|V\|^2 &= E \left[ V^T (x - E[x])(x - E[x])^T V \right] / \|V\|^2 \\ &= E \left[ \left( V^T (x - E[x]) \right)^2 \right] / \|V\|^2 = \sigma_V^2 \geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

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Since the  $\phi$  form a orthonormal basis and  $V$  as

$$V = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \phi_i, \quad \text{with} \quad c_i = \phi_i^T V$$

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then the inner product above becomes

$$\begin{aligned} V^T \Sigma_x V &= \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \phi_i^T \Sigma_x \phi_j = \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \lambda_j \phi_i^T \phi_j \\ &= \sum_{i,j} c_i c_j \lambda_j \delta_{ij} = \sum_i c_i^2 \lambda_i \geq 0. \quad \text{Hence } \lambda_i \geq 0. \end{aligned}$$

# *Positive Semi-Definite*

The two definitions of positive semi-definite

$$V^T \Sigma_x V / \|V\|^2 = \sigma_V^2 \geq 0$$

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 $\lambda_i \geq 0$

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are equivalent.

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Usually, unless there is a strict linear constraint in the system, the covariance is positive-definite  $\lambda_i > 0$

# Zero Eigenvalues, Singularities, and Correlations

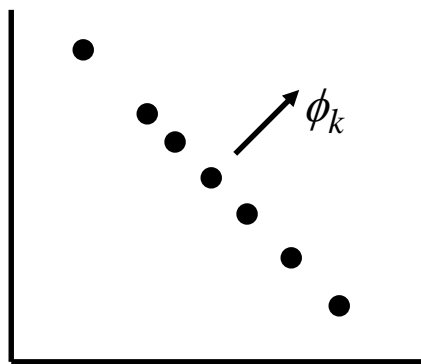
To get a zero eigenvalue, it must be true that the corresponding eigenvector is in the null space

$$\Sigma_x \phi_k = 0$$

and hence the covariance is singular. A reflection of this is that the determinant vanishes

$$|\Sigma_x| = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i = 0$$

Geometrically, we get a singular covariance matrix if the data has zero spread along  $\phi_k$



Consequently, some components of  $x$  are perfectly correlated, and the data are on an  $n-1$  dimensional (or smaller) sub-space.

# Correlations in Real Data

In real data, components are almost never perfectly correlated. However, high dimensional data often has many strongly correlated components. This is reflected in the eigenvalue *spectrum* of the covariance having some very small (but non-zero) eigenvalues.

Here's the eigenvalue spectrum of the m-phenol data.

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# *Correlations in Real Data*

Here's the covariance eigenspectrum for 8x8 blocks (64-dim vectors) of pixel intensities from a grayscale image (4096 vectors) – note log scale!

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# PCA

Transform to basis of eigenvectors:

$$y_i = \phi_i^T x \quad \text{or} \quad y = \Phi x \quad \text{where} \quad \Phi = \begin{pmatrix} (\phi_1) \\ (\phi_2) \\ \vdots \end{pmatrix}$$

The  $y$ 's are the principal components. Note that  $\Phi \Phi^T = I$  (the identity matrix) and

$$\Sigma_x \Phi^T = \Phi^T \Lambda, \quad \text{where} \quad \Lambda \equiv \begin{pmatrix} \lambda_1 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda_2 \\ & \ddots \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the covariance of  $y$  is

$$\Sigma_y = E[(y - E[y])(y - E[y])^T]$$

$$= \Phi \Sigma_x \Phi^T = \Phi \Phi^T \Lambda = I \Lambda$$

Since  $\text{cov}(y)$  is diagonal, the components of  $y$  are uncorrelated.

# Maximal Variance Directions

The variance of the data along an arbitrary direction  $V$  (with  $|V|=1$ ) is

$$V^T \Sigma_x V = \sigma_V^2$$

Let's find  $V$  that maximizes this subject to the constraint that  $V$  is unit norm. Construct the Lagrangian

$$L = V^T \Sigma_x V - \gamma (V^T V - 1)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial L}{\partial V_i} &= \frac{\partial}{\partial V_i} \left( \sum_{k,l} V_k \Sigma_{kl} V_l - \gamma \left( \sum_k V_k^2 - 1 \right) \right) \\ &= \sum_l \Sigma_{il} V_l + \sum_k V_k \Sigma_{k i} - 2\gamma V_i \\ &= 2 \left( \Sigma_x V \right)_i - 2\gamma V_i = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } \boxed{\Sigma_x V = \gamma V}$$

# Maximal Variance

We have  $\Sigma_x V = \gamma V$

The data has maximal variance along an eigenvector of the covariance. Which one?

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 $\sigma_{\phi_i}^2 = \phi_i^T \Sigma_x \phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i^T \phi_i = \lambda_i$   
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The variance is maximum along the eigenvector corresponding to the largest eigenvalue.

Typically we order the indices such that

$$\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_n$$

# Deflation

So the leading variance direction is  $\phi_1$ . Let's project the data orthogonal to this eigenvector with a projection operator

$$x' = (1 - \phi_1 \phi_1^T) x \equiv \Pi_1 x$$

where the projection operator  $\Pi_1$  satisfies  $\Pi_1^T = \Pi_1$ ,  $\Pi_1 \Pi_1 = \Pi_1$

The  $x'$  have covari

$$\Sigma_{x'} = \Pi_1 \Sigma_x \Pi_1$$

with eigenvalues and eigenvector

$$\Sigma_{x'} \phi_i = \lambda_i \phi_i \quad i > 1$$

The highest variance direction of the new data  $x'$  is the old second eigenvector  $\phi_2 \dots$  etc.

# Dimension Reduction

For visualization and as a precursor to compression or other processing, PCA is useful as a dimension reduction technique.

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*while the original  $x$  is*

$$x(m) = \sum_{i=1}^m \phi_i \phi_i^T x \quad x = \sum_{i=1}^n \phi_i \phi_i^T x$$

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Approximate the vector  $x$  by its ex terms of the leading  $m < n$  eigenvectors (translate the origin so that  $E[x]=0$  for simplicity)

# Dimension Reduction

The expected squared distance between  $x$  and  $x(m)$  is

$$E\left[\|x - x(m)\|^2\right] = E\left[\left\|\sum_{i=m+1}^n \phi_i \phi_i^T x\right\|^2\right] = E\left[\left(\sum_{i=m+1}^n \phi_i (\phi_i^T x)\right)^T \left(\sum_{j=m+1}^n \phi_j (\phi_j^T x)\right)\right]$$

$$= E\left[\sum_{i=m+1}^n y_i^2\right]$$

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the sum of the discarded eigenval

# *Example --- Eigenfaces*

Developed for face characterization --- M. Kirby and L. Sirovich.  
Application of the Karhunen-Loeve procedure for  
characterization of human faces. IEEE Trans. Patt. Anal. Mach.  
Int., 12, 103-108, 1990.

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First applied to face and Alex Pentland.  
Eigenfaces for Recognition. IEEE Trans. Patt. Anal. Mach. Int., 13, 711-716, 1991.

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Still a standard method for faces



# *Eigenfaces*

Examples from

<http://www.owl.net.rice.edu/~elec301/Projects99/faces/results.html>

Original Images: greyscale  $250 \times 300 = 75,000$  pixel images, 31 subjects, 86 images (only 86 non-zero eigenvalues --- why?)

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# *Leading Eigenvectors (Eigenfaces)*

18 eigenvectors corresponding to largest eigenvalues

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# Visualization

Since the principal components –  $y_i$  are uncorrelated, they can provide a better basis for visualization than the old coordinates which can be strongly correlated.

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# *Visualization PC*

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# Estimation from Data

Estimating PCs from data is straightforward. Find the sample covariance, find its eigenvectors and eigenvalues, and project the data onto the eigenvectors.

What's the bias and variance of the estimates of the eigenvectors and eigenvalues?

Fukunaga gives results for Gaussian data, these are simply related to the restriction arises because the calculation requires four of the data. For variance.

$$E_D \left[ \hat{\phi}_k \right] = \phi_k + O(1/N)$$

$$\text{var}_D(\hat{\lambda}_k) \cong \frac{2}{N} \lambda_k^2$$

$$E_D \left[ \hat{\lambda}_k \right] = \lambda_k + O(1/N)$$

$$E_D \left[ \left\| \hat{\phi}_i - \phi_i \right\|^2 \right] \cong \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j \neq i} \frac{\lambda_i \lambda_j}{(\lambda_i - \lambda_j)^2}$$

# *Probabilities and Principal Components*

Principal components rely on computation of the data's mean and covariance.

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Since they only compute principal components, we might suppose that we could do with Gaussian distributions.

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Here's a sense in which it does.

# PCA Probability Model

Latent data  $s$  – dim  $m$ , Gaussian,  $\mathcal{N}(0, I)$

Observed data space  $x$  – dim  $n > m$ .

Map from  $S$  into  $x$ :  $W s + \mu$  has an image in the  $m$ -dimensional hyperplane  $S$ . Matrix  $W$  is  $n \times m$ .



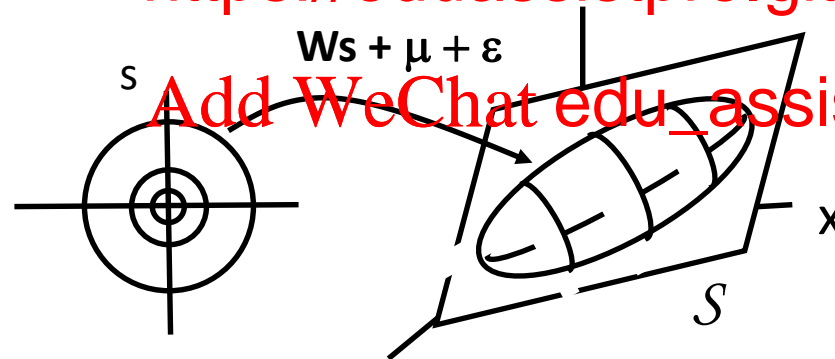
A. Basilevsky. *Statistical Factor Analysis and Related Methods*, Wiley 1994.

# Probabilistic PCA

Next add spherical Gaussian noise  $\varepsilon$  with density  $N(0, \sigma^2 I)$ . The resulting

$$x = W s + \mu + \varepsilon$$

also has Gaussian density, and occupies  $\mathbb{R}^n$  rather than the subspace  $\mathcal{S}$ .





# Probabilistic PCA

To see that  $x$  is Gaussian, note that

$$p(x) = \int p(x | s) p(s) ds$$

where  $p(x/s)$  is normal with mean  $Ws + \mu$  and covariance  $\sigma_\varepsilon^2$ ,  
and  $p(s)$  is normal with mean zero and covariance  $I$

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It's easy to show that  $x$  has mean  $\mu$ , and covariance

$$\Sigma_x = WW^T + \sigma_\varepsilon^2 I$$

# Fitting Model Parameters to Data

## Maximum Likelihood Estimates

- MLE of  $\mu$  is the data mean.
- MLE of  $W$  is

$$W = U \Gamma^{1/2}$$

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where  $U$  are the eigenvectors of the data covariance,  $\Gamma$  is a diagonal matrix of eigenvalues.

$$\Gamma_i = \lambda_i - \sigma_\varepsilon^2, \quad i = 1 \dots m$$

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where  $\lambda_i$  are the leading  $m$  eigenvalues of the data covariance.

- MLE estimate of the noise variance is the average of the trailing eigenvalues of the data covariance.

$$\hat{\sigma}_\varepsilon^2 = \frac{1}{n-m} \sum_{i=m+1}^n \lambda_i$$

# *Probabilistic Interpretation of Projection onto the Hyperplane $\mathcal{S}$*

- Projection of  $x$  back onto  $\mathcal{S}$  corresponds to a two-step process
  - Given  $x$ , find the most likely  $s$  that generated it

$$\hat{s}(x) = \arg \max_s p(x|s)$$

- Then map this  $y$  to  $W\hat{s}(x) + \mu$

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This corresponds exactly to the orthogonal projection of  $x$  onto the space spanned by the leading  $m$  eigenvectors of the data covariance.

# PCA and SVD

PCA and singular value decomposition (SVD) are often spoken of as if they are identical. Here's the connection.

The SVD theorem says that any matrix  $X_{N \times n}$  can be decomposed as the product

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$$X = U S V^T$$

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where  $U_{N \times n}$  is column – orthogonal  
 $S_{n \times n}$  is diagonal – the 'singular values' of  $X$   
 $V_{n \times n}$  is orthogonal

# PCA and SVD

Suppose we have a collection of  $N$  vectors, each of dimension  $n$ , with zero mean (not absolutely necessary).

Load these vectors *row-wise* into the matrix  $X$

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$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x^{(1)} \\ \vdots \\ x^{(N)} \end{bmatrix}$$

# PCA and SVD

- Next, SHOW THAT

$$X^T X = N \hat{\Sigma}_x$$

- Substitute the SVD of  $X$  into the above

$$X^T X = V S U^T U S V^T = V S^2 V^T = N \hat{\Sigma}_x$$

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rearrange to give  $V \frac{1}{N} S^2 V^T = \hat{\Sigma}_x$

Compare with the equation in the middle of p3 to conclude that

The columns of  $V$  are the eigenvectors of  $\hat{\Sigma}_x$

The eigenvalues of  $\hat{\Sigma}_x$  are  $\frac{1}{N} S^2$

# PCA and SVD: Numerical Considerations

- Whenever you do algebraic operations on a computer you have to worry about truncation error and its propagation.

If the ratio of the smallest eigenvalue to the largest eigenvalue (or singular values) of a matrix approaches the machine precision. This ratio is called the *condition number*.

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- Notice that the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix  $\Sigma$  are  $S^2$ . So the condition number of the covariance matrix is the square of the condition number of  $X$ .

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Numerically, you're better off using SVD than computing the covariance and diagonalizing it directly.

# *Application: Dimensionality Reduction of Faces*

64x64 pixel 8-bit grayscale images  
(64x64=4096 dimensional points).

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PCA r

o 5 dimensions.



# *PCA – Linear Subspace Model*

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# *Nonlinear PCA Curved Manifold Model*

*(Deep learning --- cf 1995)*

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# *Approximating the Manifold By Local Tangent Spaces*

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# *PCA & Nonlinear Dimension Reduction*

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