


Probabilistic PCA

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PCA: Recap

Motivation: real-world data $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N, \mathbf{x}_n \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times 1}$ often lies in a lower-dimensional space

PCA's idea to “save memory”:

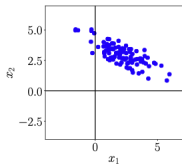
- Project \mathbf{x}_n onto a lower-dim space $\text{span}(\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_M\})$ to get

$$\mathbf{z}_n := (z_{n1}, \dots, z_{nM}), \quad z_{nm} = \mathbf{b}_m^T \mathbf{x}_n, \quad M < D,$$

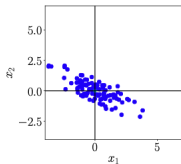
then store \mathbf{z}_n instead of \mathbf{x}_n ;

- When needed, get reconstruction $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_n = \sum_{m=1}^M z_{nm} \mathbf{b}_m$
- To get orthonormal basis $\{\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_M\}$: PCA
 - maximum variance view
 - minimum reconstruction error view

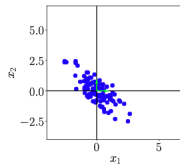
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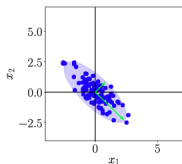
(a) Original dataset.



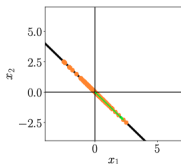
(b) Step 1: Centering by subtracting the mean from each data point.



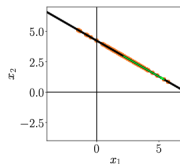
(c) Step 2: Dividing by the standard deviation to make the data unit free. Data has variance 1 along each axis.



(d) Step 3: Compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors (arrows) of the data covariance matrix (ellipse).



(e) Step 4: Project data onto the principal subspace.



(f) Undo the standardization and move projected data back into the original data space from (a).

Fig from the MML book.

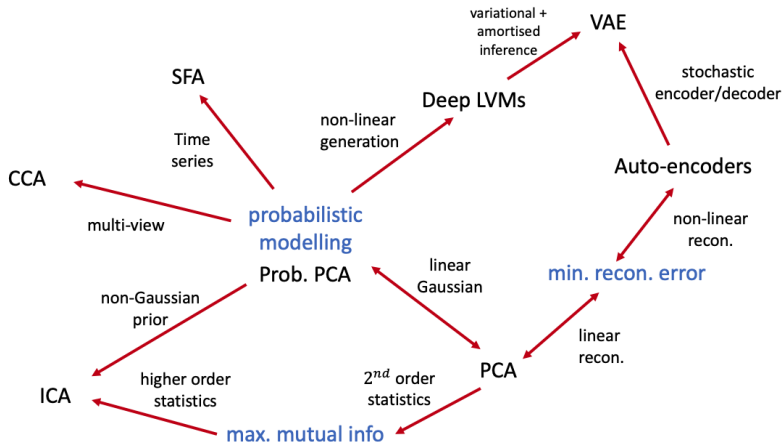
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An issue with PCA in test time:

- Given an x , we can find the low-dim projection z of it using trained PCA
- However, PCA alone cannot generate new x (unless we do something further)

Generative models

To name a few dimensionality reduction methods:



Generative models



Sprouts in the shape of text 'Imagen' coming out of a fairytale book.



A photo of a Shiba Inu dog with a backpack riding a bike. It is wearing sunglasses and a beach hat.



A high contrast portrait of a very happy fuzzy panda dressed as a chef in a high end kitchen making dough. There is a painting of flowers on the wall behind him.



Teddy bears swimming at the Olympics 400m Butterfly event.



A cute corgi lives in a house made out of sushi.



A cute sloth holding a small treasure chest. A bright golden glow is coming from the chest.

Google's Imagen text-to-image generation model

Latent Variable Models

Data distribution: $\mathcal{D} = \{\mathbf{x}_n\}_{n=1}^N, \mathbf{x}_n \sim \pi(\mathbf{x})$

Make a generative model that generates \mathbf{x} as follows:

$$\mathbf{z} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{z}), \quad \mathbf{x} \sim p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z})$$

- \mathbf{z} : latent variable
- \mathbf{x} : data
- θ : model parameter to be fitted
- if $p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}) \approx \pi(\mathbf{x})$, then the model can generate realistic data

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$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$$

Sampling from this generative model:

$$\mathbf{z} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}), \quad \mathbf{x} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu} + \sigma\boldsymbol{\epsilon}, \quad \boldsymbol{\epsilon} \sim \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I}).$$

- model parameter: $\boldsymbol{\theta} = \{\mathbf{W}, \boldsymbol{\mu}\}$

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Fitting θ with Maximum Likelihood Estimation (MLE):

$$\begin{aligned} \max_{\theta} \mathcal{L}(\theta), \quad \mathcal{L}(\theta) &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}_n) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N \log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^{\top} + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}) \end{aligned}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mu} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n - \mu)^\top \mathbf{C}^{-1}$$

$$\text{Setting } \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mu} = \mathbf{0} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mu^* = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N x_n$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \log \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}_n; \boldsymbol{\mu}, \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I}) \\ &= \frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{W}} \left(-\frac{1}{2} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{C}^{-1} (\mathbf{x}_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) - \frac{1}{2} \log |\mathbf{C}| \right) \end{aligned}$$

- \mathbf{C} depends on \mathbf{W} , so “chain rule” applies
- However, so far we’ve only learned about chain rule applied to scalars and vectors.

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Applying chain rule: let $\mathcal{L}_n := \log \mathcal{N}(x_n; \mu, \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top + \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$

- Chain rule for individual elements W_{kl} of \mathbf{W} :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial W_{kl}} = \sum_{i,j} \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial C_{ij}} \frac{\partial C_{ij}}{\partial W_{kl}}, \quad \mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$$

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- This means for fixed k, l :

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial W_{kl}} = \sum_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial C_{kj}} W_{jl} + \sum_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial C_{ik}} W_{il}$$

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- Writing the derivatives of \mathcal{L}_n in matrix forms:

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$$\Rightarrow \sum_j \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial C_{kj}} W_{jl} = (\mathbf{W}^\top)_l \cdot \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}} \right)_{\cdot k}, \quad \sum_i \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial C_{ik}} W_{il} = \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}} \right)_k \cdot \mathbf{W}_{\cdot l}$$

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$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{W}^\top \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}}^\top \right)$$

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$\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$ is symmetric, the matrix form of the derivatives are:

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{C}} (x_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{C}^{-1} (x_n - \boldsymbol{\mu}) = -\mathbf{C}^{-1} (x_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})(x_n - \boldsymbol{\mu})^\top \mathbf{C}^{-1}$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial \mathbf{C}} \log |\mathbf{C}| = \mathbf{C}^{-1}$$

Notice that both derivatives are symmetric matrices:

$$\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{W}^\top \left(\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}} + \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}}^\top \right) = 2\mathbf{W}^\top \frac{\partial \mathcal{L}_n}{\partial \mathbf{C}}$$

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Derivative of \mathcal{L} w.r.t. \mathbf{W} with $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{W}\mathbf{W}^\top + \sigma^2\mathbf{I}$:

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1. $\mathbf{W}^* = \mathbf{0}$ (then $p_{\theta^*}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}^*, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$, not interesting)
2. Lets write down the SVD of \mathbf{W}^* and assume $\mathbf{W}^* = \mathbf{U}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}\mathbf{V}^\top$,
 $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}, \boldsymbol{\Sigma} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times M}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$

$$\boldsymbol{\Sigma} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1 & 0 & \dots & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_M & & & \\ & & & 0 & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \boldsymbol{\Sigma}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I} = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 + \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & & & \\ & \ddots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_M^2 + \sigma^2 & & & \\ & & & \sigma^2 & & \\ & & & & \ddots & \\ & & & & & \sigma^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\mathbf{S}\mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & \dots & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ & & 1 & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{U} \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_1^2 + \sigma^2 & 0 & \dots & & \\ & \ddots & & & \\ 0 & & & & \\ \vdots & & & & \\ & & \sigma_M^2 + \sigma^2 & & \\ & & & 0 & \\ & & & & \ddots \\ & & & & & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

Write $\mathbf{U} := (\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_D)$:

$$(\mathbf{S}\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{S}\mathbf{u}_M, \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0}) = ((\sigma_1^2 + \sigma^2)\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, (\sigma_M^2 + \sigma^2)\mathbf{u}_M, \mathbf{0}, \dots, \mathbf{0})$$

\Rightarrow the first M columns of \mathbf{U} contain eigenvectors of \mathbf{S} !

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 $\Rightarrow \mathbf{S}\mathbf{U}(\Sigma\Sigma^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1}\Sigma = \mathbf{U}\Sigma$

Then given $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{Q}\Lambda\mathbf{Q}^\top$, $\mathbf{Q} = (q_1, \dots, q_D)$, $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_D \geq 0$,

$$\mathbf{U} := (\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_D), \mathbf{u}_m = q_{i_m}, 1 \leq i_m \leq D, m = 1, \dots, M$$

(\mathbf{U} can contain any other columns for \mathbf{u}_{M+1} to \mathbf{u}_D)

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Setting $\frac{\partial \mathcal{L}}{\partial \mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{0} \Rightarrow \mathbf{W}^*$ satisfies $\mathbf{S}(\mathbf{W}^*(\mathbf{W}^*)^\top + \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})^{-1} \mathbf{W}^* = \mathbf{W}^*$

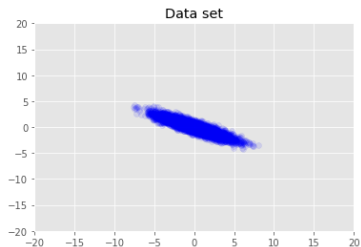
Possible solutions for the fixed points:

1. $\mathbf{W}^* = \mathbf{0}$ (then $p_{\theta^*}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \boldsymbol{\mu}^*, \sigma^2 \mathbf{I})$, not interesting)
2. Lets write down the SVD of \mathbf{W}^* and assume $\mathbf{W}^* = \mathbf{U}\Sigma\mathbf{V}^\top$,
 $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}, \Sigma \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times M}, \mathbf{V} \in \mathbb{R}^{M \times M}$

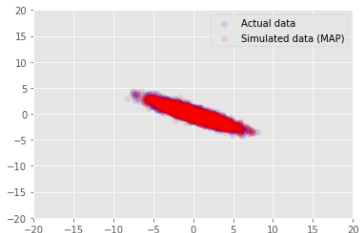
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- **Exercise:** For $m = 1, \dots, M$, $\Sigma_{mm} = \sqrt{\lambda_{i_m} - \sigma^2}$ if $\mathbf{u}_m = \mathbf{q}_{i_m}$
- **Exercise:** Global maximum: $\mathbf{u}_m = \mathbf{q}_m$ for $m = 1, \dots, M$
 \Rightarrow picking the M principal components (like PCA)

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Dataset



Generate data with Prob. PCA

https://www.tensorflow.org/probability/examples/Probabilistic_PCA

Extensions of Probabilistic PCA

Probabilistic PCA: make a latent variable model as follows:

$$p(\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{z}; \mathbf{0}, \mathbf{I})$$

$$p_{\theta}(\mathbf{x}|\mathbf{z}) = \mathcal{N}(\mathbf{x}; \mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}, \sigma^2\mathbf{I})$$

From Probabilistic PCA to other interesting generative models:

- ▶ **Factor analysis**: change conditional output covariance from $\sigma^2\mathbf{I}$ to Ψ (a learnable diagonal matrix)
- ▶ **Generator for a VAE**: change conditional output mean from $\mathbf{W}\mathbf{z} + \boldsymbol{\mu}$ to $\boldsymbol{\mu}_{\theta}(\mathbf{z})$ (See Deep Learning course next term)
- ▶ **Training**: (variational) expectation maximisation
(See Probabilistic Inference course next term)

Summary

Probabilistic PCA

- One of the simplest generative model (linear generator)
- Optimal solution closely related to PCA

One more exercise for you if you have time:

Derive the posterior $p_{\theta^*}(z|x)$ using the optimal $\theta^* = \{\mu^*, \mathbf{W}^*\}$