

# AMATH 482 Homework 3

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## Abstract

Three cameras recorded a paint can with a pink flashlight attached to its top bouncing up and down. Here I take these videos as input, extract the location of the can in each video frame, and use Principal Component Analysis (PCA) to ascertain information about the paint can's movement. I attempt this analysis under four conditions: an ideal case (case 1) in which the cameras are steady and the can bounces only up and down, a noisy case (case 2) in which the cameras shake and the can bounces only up and down, a horizontal displacement case (case 3) in which the can is bouncing up and down while swinging side to side, and a horizontal displacement and rotation case (case 4) in which the can is bouncing up and down, swinging side to side, and rotating about the string from which it hangs. The PCA was most effective at identifying the motion in cases 1 and 3 and was least effective in cases 2 and 4.

## 1 Introduction and Overview

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) involves performing the Singular Value Decomposition (SVD) on a pre-processed data matrix. The SVD allows for the identification of the primary directions of variance present in a dataset, enabling the production of low-dimensional reductions of high-dimensional data that preserve the dynamics and behavior of the system [2]. In this exercise, three cameras are recording the motion of a paint can. An X and Y value for the location of the can was identified for each frame of each camera's recording. This resulted in a matrix containing six dimensions of input data for each case. This matrix was pre-processed and run through the SVD, resulting in a decomposition of the matrix into constituent matrices that describe the basis vectors of the data and the relative magnitudes of those basis vectors in the data. The resulting basis vectors and singular values were inspected to see whether PCA was able to accurately capture the motion in the system in each condition. It was most successful in cases 1 and 3 and least successful in cases 2 and 4.

## 2 Theoretical Background

### 2.1 Singular Value Decomposition (SVD)

#### 2.1.1 Overview and Definition of Components

Assume we have a large data set  $X \in \mathbb{C}^{n \times m}$  in which each column  $x_k$  contains data from a distinct instance of measurement (for example, each column contains the x or y location of the can found from analyzing one camera):

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} | & | & & | \\ a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_m \\ | & | & & | \end{bmatrix} \quad (1)$$

The SVD expresses this matrix as the product of three constituent matrices as shown in equation 2.

$$X = U\Sigma V^* \quad (2)$$

In this equation,  $U$  is a  $n \times n$  unitary matrix with orthonormal columns,  $V$  is an  $m \times m$  unitary matrix with orthonormal columns, and  $\Sigma$  is an  $m \times m$  diagonal matrix that's number of nonzero elements is equal to the rank of  $X$ . The nonzero elements of  $\Sigma$  will be, at most, the smaller dimension of matrix  $X$  ( $n$  or  $m$ ). The economy SVD is a version of the SVD that minimizes the dimensions of these matrices to eliminate the zero

entries on  $\Sigma$  (this reduced  $\Sigma$  is now called  $\hat{\Sigma}$ ) and to eliminate the corresponding columns of  $U$  (this reduced  $U$  is now called  $\hat{U}$ ). Equation 3 shows to reduced SVD [1]. I used the reduced SVD for this project so for the remainder of this document I will use the terminology associated with the reduced SVD (though all concepts are the same for the full SVD).

$$X = \hat{U}\hat{\Sigma}V^* \quad (3)$$

The values  $\sigma_n$  along the diagonal of  $\hat{\Sigma}$  are called the singular values of matrix  $A$  and are ordered from smallest to largest. The vectors  $u_n$  that make up the columns of  $\hat{U}$  are called the left singular values of  $X$  and the vectors  $v_n$  that make up the columns of  $V$  are called the right singular values of  $X$  (note that the MATLAB implementation of the econ SVD returns matrices  $\hat{U}$ ,  $\hat{\Sigma}$ , and  $V$ , NOT the complex conjugate transpose  $V^*$  in Equation 3. In this document I will describe  $V$ , not  $V^*$ ). This left/right terminology relates to the geometric understanding of what each element of the SVD is doing and the resulting derivation [3]. These details are beyond the scope of this paper. Instead I will present a conceptual overview of the contents of each matrix.

The columns of  $\hat{U}$  will have the same dimensions as the columns of  $X$ . Each column contains a basis vector that describes some amount of variance present in the columns of  $X$ . These basis vectors are orthonormal and are hierarchically arranged such that the basis vector in the first column describes more of the variance in the columns of  $X$  than the basis vector in the second column, and so on. The number of columns will be equal to the number of nonzero entries in  $\hat{\Sigma}$ .

The singular values held in  $\hat{\Sigma}$  are all non-negative and represent the energy in the dataset captured by the corresponding basis vector, or the relative amount of variance in the cols of  $X$  that is in the direction of the corresponding basis vector. These values are also hierarchically arranged, such that the first value is the largest and the value in each subsequent row/col is less than the value in the previous row/col [2]. The value in each row/col  $m$  corresponds to the basis vector in  $\hat{U}[:, m]$ .

Each columns of  $V$  also corresponds to a basis vector (the  $m$  column corresponds to the basis vector in the  $m$  col of  $\hat{U}$ , however each row  $n$  corresponds to a the column  $n$  of  $X$ . Each element  $[n, m]$  is the projection of the  $m$ th standard basis vector onto the  $n$ th column of  $X$ . Conceptually, this tells me how much of the  $n$ th column of  $X$  is in the direction of the  $m$ th standard basis vector. If talking about the conjugate transpose of  $V V^*$ , each entry  $[n, m]$  of  $V^*$  tells gives the inner product between the  $n$ th column of  $X$  and the  $m$ th column of  $\hat{U}$ , or the  $m$ th basis vector.

### 2.1.2 Use for Matrix Approximation

The SVD provides a hierarchy of optimal low-rank approximation of matrix  $X$ . Matrix  $X$  is the sum of  $r$  rank-one matrices calculated in Equation 4 [2].

$$X = \sum_{j=1}^r \sigma_j u_j v_j^* \quad (4)$$

The SVD can be used to see how many independent basis vectors are present in the dataset and will order them from most to least important. By determining the proportion of the overall energy in the matrix each basis vector describes (found by dividing each singular value by the sum of all the singular values) you can set a threshold for how much of the energy you want represented in your matrix approximation and determine how many singular values (or ranks) you need to keep to reach that threshold. By setting  $r$  to this number of ranks in Equation 4, you can create a low-rank approximation of your input Matrix and can eliminate all information related to extraneous singular values. This allows for accurate and efficient matrix reduction.

## 2.2 Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

PCA requires pre-processing the input data before performing SVD. PCA literature depicts the example matrix in the opposite orientation compared to SVD literature, but I will keep with same orientation as described above. The mean of each column  $k$  of  $X$  is subtracted from each element in column  $k$  such that the mean of each column is set to zero. Additionally, every element in the matrix is divided by  $\sqrt{n - 1}$ . This sets the variance of the data to one. The PCA is then performed on this pre-processing data. Because of the pre-processing, the resultant coordinate system will be defined by principal components that are uncorrelated to each other (orthogonal) but that have maximal correlation with the measurements in  $X$  [1].

## 3 Algorithm Implementation and Development

### 3.1 Can Location Extraction

The first frame of each video was inspected to identify the approximate initial location of the light on the top of the can. An appropriate search area size was specified for each video condition and for the first frame this area was centered around the approximate location of the light found from initial visual inspection. The window was made to be larger in video clips where the can moved a large distance between frames and smaller when the can didn't move very far between frames. For each frame, this window was searched for either a white or a pink pixel (depending on the case and whether or not the bright point of the light was always visible to the camera, I searched for a near-white pixel in every video except case 3 camera 1, case 3 camera 2, case 3 camera 3, case 4 camera 1 and case 4 camera 2). I implemented this search by searching for pixels that had r, g, and b values within certain range. For white all three had to be over either 245, 240, or 235 depending on the camera and instance. For pink the r value had to be between 240 and 255, the g value had to be between 19 and 200, and the b value had to be between 130 and 205.

The first pixel found in the window that was within the color thresholds signified (so that was either sufficiently white or sufficiently pink) was recorded as the location of the can in that frame. The x location was saved to an x location vector and the y location was saved to a y location vector. The search window was then centered on this point and this relocated search window was the area searched for a white or pink pixel in the next frame. If a white or pink pixel was not found in the search window of a frame, the previous frame's can location was recorded as the current frame's can location and the search window was not moved.

### 3.2 Video Synchronizing

Following the can location extraction process, the can location data was held in six vectors, one x location vector and one y location vector for each camera. These data were plotted to determine the offset in timing between each camera. The frame that held the first identifiable peak or trough of the can's bounce was identified for each camera. Frames were then trimmed off the beginning of two of the videos and the can location extraction was repeated so that the first peak or trough of the can's motion occurred on the same frame for all cameras.

### 3.3 Data Pre-Processing and SVD

The six location vectors were trimmed to 200 frames to eliminate some bad tracking artifacts that occurred near the end of the videos. They were then combined into a 6x200 matrix such that each row of the matrix was a different vector. The mean of each row was subtracted from each element of each row such that the mean of each row was made to be zero. The matrix was then transposed, divided by  $\sqrt{(\text{number of elements}) - 1}$ , and fed into MATLAB's svd function.

### 3.4 Plotting Results

For each condition I plotted each basis vector (each column of  $\hat{U}$  scaled to its principal component), the original data matrix, the rank one approximation of the matrix and the minimal-rank approximation of the data required to capture 80% of the energy in the system. This 80% threshold was determined by visually inspecting the matrix approximations capturing %70, 80%, and 90% of the motion in the system for each case and deciding that 80 looked close enough. I wanted to use the minimal percent that still looked reasonable in order to maximize the potential for data compression.

To find the number of ranks needed to surpass this 80% threshold I first divided each sigma value by the sum of all the sigma values to determine the percent of energy in the system described by each basis vector. I looked at the percent energy associated with the first principal component to see if it was over .8. If not, I added the percent energy associated with the next principal component and asked if that sum was over .8. I continued this until I broke the 80% threshold. The number of principal component energies I needed to break this threshold determined the number of ranks I needed to incorporate in order to represent 80% of the energy in the system. I calculated this rank's approximation for each condition using Equation 4.

## 4 Computational Results

Full plots of the input data, the 1-rank approximation, the minimal rank approximation needed to capture 80% of the energy in the system, the scaled basis vectors, and the unscaled basis vectors can be found in

Appendix 3. Table 1 in Appendix 3 contains, for each case, the values of the principal components needed to capture 80% of the energy in the input matrix. All plots for cases 3 and 4 are in Appendix 3.

#### 4.1 Case 1: Ideal

The raw data from the can tracking in case 1 can be seen in Figure 1 a. Tracking for this case was largely successful. The shape of the basis vector with the largest singular value is sinusoidal (see Figure 1 d.), suggesting that the vertical bouncing of the can was the primary motion detected in the matrix. Two ranks are required to capture 80% of the motion in matrix X (see rank 2 approximation in Figure 1 b. and principal component values in Table 1 in Appendix 3). Though the second basis vector is required to capture 80% of the energy in matrix X, I am not sure how to interpret what motion the second basis vector is describing. If my tracking and my synchronizing of the cameras had been perfect I would have expected to see all of the motion in one principal component. On the whole PCA effectively identified the dominant motion in this dataset.

#### 4.2 Case 2; Noisy

The raw data from the can tracking in case 1 can be seen in Figure 2 a. Tracking for this case was not nearly as successful as Case 1; the raw data are not very smooth. This is reflected in the shapes of the basis vector with large singular values (seen in Figure 2 d-g), suggesting that the PCA analysis did not interpret the primary motion in the matrix to be sinusoidal. This is reasonable given that my input data was so scattered. Four ranks are required to capture 80% of the motion in matrix X (see Figure 2 c, principal component values can be found in Table 1 in Appendix 3). I do not know specifically what motion to attribute the second, third, and fourth basis vectors to, but because my data were so noisy it is reasonable that there was detectable motion in many directions as the recorded location of the can jumped around between frames.

#### 4.3 Case 3 : Horizontal Displacement

The raw data from the can tracking in case 1 can be seen in Figure 7 in Appendix C. Tracking for this case was fairly successful; the raw data are quite smooth and both X and Y location vectors exhibit sinusoidal motion. This is reflected in the shapes of the basis vectors with large singular values (seen in Figure 8 in Appendix C). I think the first basis vector describes the motion in the up-and-down direction and the second basis vector describes the motion in the horizontal direction, suggesting that the PCA analysis interpreted the primary motion in both Cartesian directions to be sinusoidal. Four ranks are required to capture 80% of the motion in matrix X (see Figure 7 in Appendix C, principal component values can be found in Table 1 in Appendix 3). It is expected that more ranks would be required in this matrix than in the ideal case because there is motion in more than one direction. The third and fourth basis vectors are also lightly sinusoidal, and I am similarly not sure what motion they describe.

#### 4.4 Case 4 : Horizontal Displacement and Rotation

The raw data from the can tracking in case 1 can be seen in Figure 9 in Appendix C. Tracking for this case was moderately successful at capturing the bouncing motion of the can but it is hard for me to tell whether my tracking function effectively tracked the rotation. Visually the raw data are generally smooth and both X and Y location vectors exhibit sinusoidal motion. This is reflected in the shape of the basis vector with the largest singular value (seen in Figure 10 in Appendix C). Four ranks are required to capture 80% of the motion in matrix X (see Figure 9 in Appendix C, principal component values can be found in Table 1 in Appendix 3). As in Case 3 is expected that more ranks would be required in this matrix than in the ideal case because there is motion in more than one direction. I think the first basis vector describes the motion in the up-and-down direction, but I am not sure what motion is described by the subsequent three basis vectors.

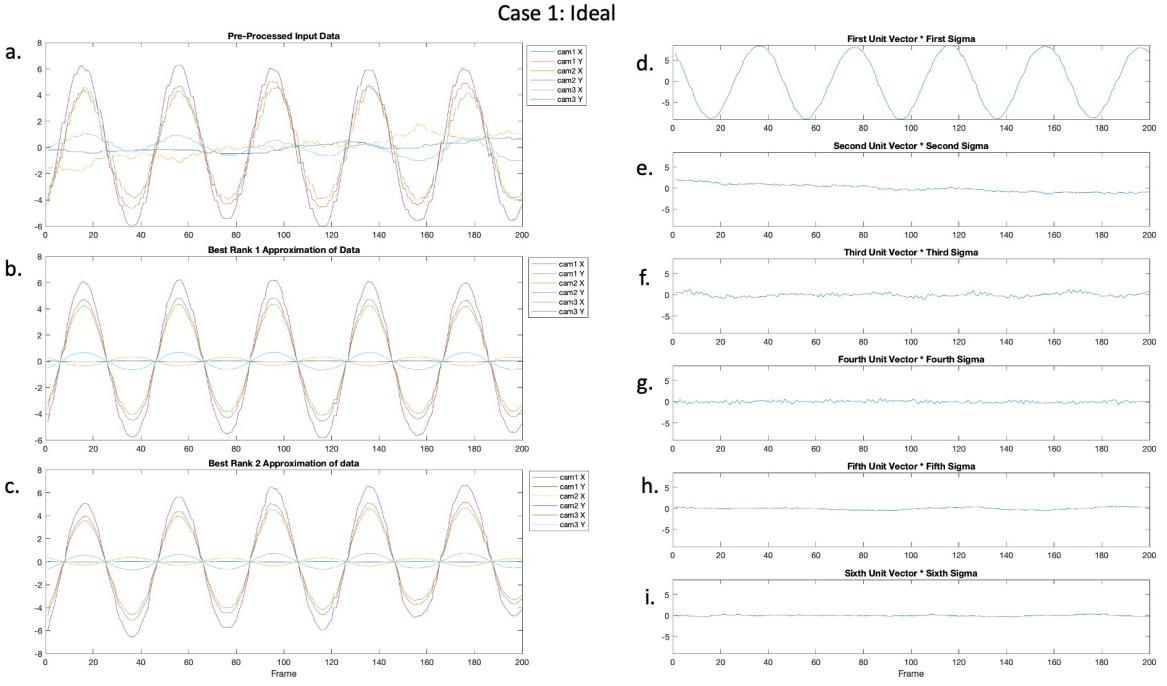


Figure 1: Ideal Case: a. Tracking data X after mean subtraction and setting variance to unity. b. and c. are rank 1 and rank 2 approximations of X respectively. d. - i. are basis vectors in order from greatest importance (d.) to least importance (i.) scaled to their respective singular values.

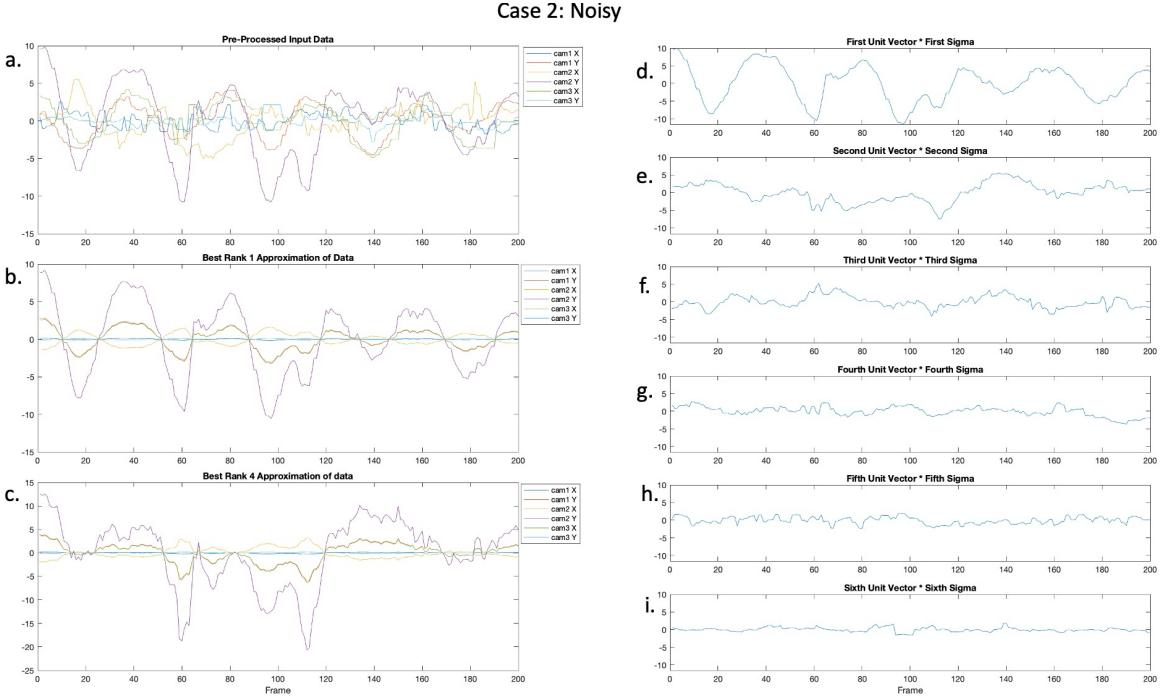


Figure 2: Noisy Case: a. Tracking data X after mean subtraction and setting variance to unity. b. and c. are rank 1 and rank 4 approximations of X respectively. d. - i. are basis vectors in order from greatest importance (d.) to least importance (i.) scaled to their respective singular values.

## 5 Summary and Conclusions

The two conditions in which my can location extraction was most accurate were cases 1 and 3. In these cases, the PCA identified principal components with sinusoidal shapes. Despite not knowing information about the equations governing the motion of the system, it was able to use the data to extract basis vectors that correctly describe the shape of the motions of the can.

My location extraction for case 2 was quite poor, and as a result the directions of motion extracted by the PCA do not reflect the motion of the can as accurately as was seen in case 1. This is expected as the SVD is determining the directions that contain the most variance in pixel values in my matrix X. By introducing noise variance was introduced to the data set and the SVD has no way of separating that variance from the variance due to the movement of the can.

My location extraction in case 4 was ok, but case 4 highlights a weakness of the SVD. Even if I had captured the rotation of the can perfectly, the PCA would produce two orthogonal components to describe the circular motion (one for the variance due to the rotation in the x direction and one for the variance due to the rotation in the y direction). It is possible that the waves seen in the third and fourth basis vectors from the case 4 analysis are describing the rotation of the can (see Figure 10 in Appendix C).

In addition to the rotation weakness outlined above, another weakness of the PCA in this context is that it required me to synchronize my videos. If I had not synchronized my videos, the PCA would not have been able to recognize the time delay and the motion of the can in one video clip would be interpreted as a motion independent to the motion of the can in another video clip. This would result in the motion of the can being described by multiple different basis vectors and principal components. Additionally, without knowing what motion you expect to see, it can be difficult to ascribe the principal components to specific features of the input dataset.

## References

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## Appendix A MATLAB Functions

The first function is a MATLAB function. The other three are functions I wrote.

- `[uhat,shat,v] = svd(X'/sqrt(n-1), 'econ');` - produces an economy-size decomposition of m-by-n matrix A. If m < n — Only the first n columns of U are computed, and S is n-by-n. If m = n — svd(A,'econ') is equivalent to svd(A). If m > n — Only the first m columns of V are computed, and S is m-by-m.
- `[pixel_color_in_range] = in_range(pixr, pixg, pixb, rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, bmin, bmax);` - takes a pixel and returns a boolean. True if rgb values of pixel are within parameter thresholds, otherwise false.
- `[normalized_energy] = find_svd(X)` - performs SVD, plots all my plots, returns vector of normalized principal components.
- `[] = plot_raw_data(xvec, yvec)` - plots my raw input data
- `[xloc, yloc] = track_light(vidframes, height, width, num_frames, rowmin, rowmax, colmin, colmax, rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, bmin, bmax, window_side_length, parameter_optimize_mode)` - takes a video clip and tracks the light (by locating either a pink or white pixel in a search window of specified dimensions) in each frame. Returns vector of x and y locations of light for each video.

## Appendix B MATLAB Code

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1 %% Ideal Case
2 clear all; close all;
3 %% Camera 1
4 load cam1_1.mat;
5 [height1_1 width1_1 rgb1_1 num_frames1_1] = size(vidFrames1_1);
6 % align timing with falling of the can
7 vidFrames1_1=vidFrames1_1(:,:,:,:15:num_frames1_1);
8 [height1_1 width1_1 rgb1_1 num_frames1_1] = size(vidFrames1_1);
9 %search from half way through cols to 2/3 of wat through cols
10 colmin = floor(width1_1/2);
11 colmax = (width1_1 - floor(width1_1/3));
12 %look for white pixel
13 min_color_val = 245;
14 max_color_val = 255;
15 window_side_length = 20;
16 rowmin = 1;
17 rowmax = height1_1;
18 [x1loc , y1loc] = track_light(vidFrames1_1 , height1_1 , width1_1 , ...
19     num_frames1_1 , rowmin , rowmax , colmin , colmax , ...
20     min_color_val , max_color_val , min_color_val , max_color_val , ...
21     min_color_val , max_color_val , window_side_length , false);
22
23 %plot_raw_data(x1loc , y1loc);
24
25 %% Camera 2
26 load cam2_1.mat;
27 [height2_1 width2_1 rgb2_1 num_frames2_1] = size(vidFrames2_1);
28 % align timing with falling of the can
29 vidFrames2_1=vidFrames2_1(:,:,:,:25:num_frames2_1);
30 [height2_1 width2_1 rgb2_1 num_frames2_1] = size(vidFrames2_1);
31
32 rowmin2 = 1;
33 rowmax2 = height2_1;
34 %search only middle third of columns
35 colmin2 = floor(width2_1/3);
36 colmax2 = width2_1 - floor(width2_1/3);
37 %look for white pixel
38 min_color_val = 245;
39 max_color_val = 255;
40 window_side_length = 20;
41 [x2loc , y2loc] = track_light(vidFrames2_1 , height2_1 , width2_1 , ...
42     num_frames2_1 , rowmin2 , rowmax2 , colmin2,colmax2 , ...
43     min_color_val , max_color_val , min_color_val , max_color_val , ...
44     min_color_val , max_color_val , window_side_length , false);
45
46 %plot_raw_data(x2loc , y2loc)
47 %% Camera 3
48 %import data
49 load cam3_1.mat;
50 [height3_1 width3_1 rgb3_1 num_frames3_1] = size(vidFrames3_1);
51 % align timing with falling of the can
52 vidFrames3_1=vidFrames3_1(:,:,:,:14:num_frames3_1);
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53 [ height3_1 width3_1 rgb3_1 num_frames3_1] = size(vidFrames3_1);
54
55 %For first search , search middle third of rows , middle third of cols
56 rowmin3 = floor(height3_1/3);
57 rowmax3 = height3_1 - floor(height3_1/3);
58 colmin3 = floor(width3_1/3);
59 colmax3 = width3_1 - floor(width3_1/3);
60 min_color_val = 235;
61 max_color_val = 255;
62 window_side_length = 20;
63 [x3loc , y3loc] = track_light(vidFrames3_1 , height3_1 , width3_1 , ...
64     num_frames3_1 , rowmin3 , rowmax3 , colmin3 , colmax3 , ...
65     min_color_val , max_color_val , min_color_val , max_color_val , ...
66     min_color_val , max_color_val , window_side_length , false);
67
68 %%plot_raw_data(x3loc , y3loc)
69 %% make 6xtime Matrix
70 %matrix_width = min([num_frames1_1; num_frames2_1; num_frames3_1]);
71 matrix_width = 200;
72 case1_matrix = [x1loc(1:matrix_width);y1loc(1:matrix_width); ...
73     x2loc(1:matrix_width); y2loc(1:matrix_width); x3loc(1:matrix_width)...
74     ;y3loc(1:matrix_width)];
75 %% SVD
76 X = case1_matrix;
77 normalized = find_svd(X);
78
79 %% CASE 2
80 clear all; close all;
81
82 %% Camera 1
83 clear all; close all;
84 load cam1_2.mat;
85 [height1_2 width1_2 rgb1_2 num_frames1_2] = size(vidFrames1_2);
86 %align first trough
87 vidFrames1_2=vidFrames1_2(:,:,18:num_frames1_2);
88 [height1_2 width1_2 rgb1_2 num_frames1_2] = size(vidFrames1_2);
89
90 %search from half way through cols to 2/3 of wat through cols
91 colmin = floor(width1_2/2);
92 colmax = (width1_2 - floor(width1_2/3));
93 minc = 250;
94 maxc = 255;
95 rmin = minc;
96 rmax = maxc;
97 gmin = minc;
98 gmax = maxc;
99 bmin = minc;
100 bmax = maxc;
101
102
103 window_side_length = 40;
104 %look at bottom half of rows
105 rowmin = height1_2/2;
106 rowmax = height1_2;

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107 [x1loc, y1loc] = track_light(vidFrames1_2, height1_2, width1_2, ...
108 num_frames1_2, rowmin, rowmax, colmin, colmax, ...
109 rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, ...
110 bmin, bmax, window_side_length, false);
111
112 %%plot_raw_data(x1loc, y1loc)
113
114 %% Camera 2
115 load cam2_2.mat;
116 [height2_2 width2_2 rgb2_2 num_frames2_2] = size(vidFrames2_2);
117
118 rowmin2 = 1;
119 rowmax2 = height2_2;
120 %search only middle third of columns
121 colmin2 = floor(width2_2/3);
122 colmax2 = width2_2 - floor(width2_2/3);
123 %look for white pixel
124 minc = 240;
125 maxc = 255;
126 rmin = minc;
127 rmax = maxc;
128 gmin = minc;
129 gmax = maxc;
130 bmin = minc;
131 bmax = maxc;
132 window_side_length = 70;
133 [x2loc, y2loc] = track_light(vidFrames2_2, height2_2, width2_2, ...
134 num_frames2_2, rowmin2, rowmax2, colmin2, colmax2, ...
135 rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, ...
136 bmin, bmax, window_side_length, false);
137
138 %%plot_raw_data(x2loc, y2loc)
139 %% Camera 3
140 load cam3_2.mat;
141 [height3_2 width3_2 rgb3_2 num_frames3_2] = size(vidFrames3_2);
142
143 %align first trough
144 vidFrames3_2=vidFrames3_2(:, :, :, 20:num_frames3_2);
145 [height3_2 width3_2 rgb3_2 num_frames3_2] = size(vidFrames3_2);
146
147 %For first search, search middle third of rows, middle third of cols
148 rowmin3 = floor(height3_2/3);
149 rowmax3 = height3_2 - floor(height3_2/3);
150 colmin3 = floor(width3_2/3);
151 colmax3 = width3_2 - floor(width3_2/3);
152 %look for white pixeks
153 minc = 240;
154 maxc = 255;
155 rmin = minc;
156 rmax = maxc;
157 gmin = minc;
158 gmax = maxc;
159 bmin = minc;
160 bmax = maxc;

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161 window_side_length = 70;
162 [x3loc , y3loc] = track_light(vidFrames3_2 , height3_2 , width3_2 , ...
163 num_frames3_2 , rowmin3 , rowmax3 , colmin3 , colmax3 , ...
164 rmin , rmax , gmin , gmax , ...
165 bmin , bmax , window_side_length , false );
166
167 %plot_raw_data(x3loc , y3loc)
168 %% make 6xtime Matrix
169 %matrix_width = min([num_frames1_1; num_frames2_1; num_frames3_1]);
170 matrix_width = 200;
171 case2_matrix = [x1loc(1:matrix_width); y1loc(1:matrix_width); ...
172 x2loc(1:matrix_width); y2loc(1:matrix_width); x3loc(1:matrix_width)...
173 ;y3loc(1:matrix_width)];
174 %% SVD
175 X = case2_matrix ;
176 normalized = find_svd(X);
177
178 %% CASE 3
179 clear all; close all;
180
181 %% Camera 1
182 clear all; close all;
183 load cam1_3.mat;
184 [height1_3 width1_3 rgb1_3 num_frames1_3] = size(vidFrames1_3);
185 %align first trough
186 vidFrames1_3=vidFrames1_3(:,:,9:num_frames1_3);
187 [height1_3 width1_3 rgb1_3 num_frames1_3] = size(vidFrames1_3);
188
189 %search from 1/3 way through cols to 1/2 of way through cols
190 colmin = floor(width1_3/3);
191 colmax = (width1_3 - floor(width1_3/2));
192
193 %look for pink pixel
194 rmin = 240;
195 rmax = 255;
196 gmin = 19;
197 gmax = 200;
198 bmin = 130;
199 bmax = 205;
200
201 window_side_length = 40;
202 %look at bottom half of rows
203 rowmin = height1_3/2;
204 rowmax = height1_3;
205 [x1loc , y1loc] = track_light(vidFrames1_3 , height1_3 , width1_3 , ...
206 num_frames1_3 , rowmin , rowmax , colmin , colmax , ...
207 rmin , rmax , gmin , gmax , ...
208 bmin , bmax , window_side_length , false );
209
210 %plot_raw_data(x1loc , y1loc)
211
212 %% Camera 2
213 load cam2_3.mat;

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215 [ height2_3 width2_3 rgb2_3 num_frames2_3] = size(vidFrames2_3);
216
217 %search only bottom half of rows
218 rowmin2 = height2_3/2;
219 rowmax2 = height2_3;
220 %search only middle third of columns
221 colmin2 = floor(width2_3/3);
222 colmax2 = width2_3 - floor(width2_3/3);
223 %look for pink pixel
224 rmin = 240;
225 rmax = 255;
226 gmin = 19;
227 gmax = 200;
228 bmin = 130;
229 bmax = 205;
230 window_side_length = 40;
231 [x2loc , y2loc] = track_light(vidFrames2_3 , height2_3 , width2_3 , ...
232 num_frames2_3 , rowmin2 , rowmax2 , colmin2 , colmax2 , ...
233 rmin , rmax , gmin , gmax , ...
234 bmin , bmax , window_side_length , false );
235
236 %plot_raw_data(x2loc , y2loc)


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237 %% Camera 3
238 load cam3_3.mat;
239 [ height3_3 width3_3 rgb3_3 num_frames3_3] = size(vidFrames3_3);
240
241 %align first trough
242 vidFrames3_3=vidFrames3_3(:,:,4:num_frames3_3);
243 [ height3_3 width3_3 rgb3_3 num_frames3_3] = size(vidFrames3_3);
244
245 %For first search , search middle third of rows , middle third of cols
246 rowmin3 = floor(height3_3/3);
247 rowmax3 = height3_3 - floor(height3_3/3);
248 colmin3 = floor(width3_3/3);
249 colmax3 = width3_3 - floor(width3_3/3);
250 %look for pink pixel
251 rmin = 240;
252 rmax = 255;
253 gmin = 19;
254 gmax = 200;
255 bmin = 130;
256 window_side_length = 70;
257 [x3loc , y3loc] = track_light(vidFrames3_3 , height3_3 , width3_3 , ...
258 num_frames3_3 , rowmin3 , rowmax3 , colmin3 , colmax3 , ...
259 rmin , rmax , gmin , gmax , ...
260 bmin , bmax , window_side_length , false );
261
262 %plot_raw_data(x3loc , y3loc)


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263 %% make 6xtime Matrix
264 %matrix_width = min([num_frames1_1; num_frames2_1; num_frames3_1]);
265 matrix_width = 200;
266 case3_matrix = [x1loc(1:matrix_width);y1loc(1:matrix_width); ...
267 x2loc(1:matrix_width); y2loc(1:matrix_width); x3loc(1:matrix_width)...
268 ;y3loc(1:matrix_width)];
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269 %% SVD
270 X = case3_matrix;
271 normalized = find_svd(X);
272
273 %% Case 4
274 close all;
275 clear all;
276 %% Camera 1
277 clear all; close all;
278 load cam1_4.mat;
279 [height1_4 width1_4 rgb1_4 num_frames1_4] = size(vidFrames1_4);
280
281 %search from 1/2 way through cols to 2/3 of way through cols
282 colmin = floor(width1_4/2);
283 colmax = (width1_4 - floor(width1_4/3));
284
285 %look for pink pixel
286 rmin = 240;
287 rmax = 255;
288 gmin = 19;
289 gmax = 200;
290 bmin = 130;
291 bmax = 205;
292
293
294 window_side_length = 40;
295 %look at bottom half of rows
296 rowmin = height1_4/2;
297 rowmax = height1_4;
298 [x1loc, y1loc] = track_light(vidFrames1_4, height1_4, width1_4, ...
299     num_frames1_4, rowmin, rowmax, colmin, colmax, ...
300     rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, ...
301     bmin, bmax, window_side_length, false);
302
303 %plot_raw_data(x1loc, y1loc)
304
305 %% Camera 2
306 load cam2_4.mat;
307 [height2_4 width2_4 rgb2_4 num_frames2_4] = size(vidFrames2_4);
308 %align first peak
309 vidFrames2_4=vidFrames2_4(:, :, :, 10:num_frames2_4);
310 [height2_4 width2_4 rgb2_4 num_frames2_4] = size(vidFrames2_4);
311
312 %search only bottom half of rows
313 rowmin2 = height2_4/2;
314 rowmax2 = height2_4;
315 %search only middle third of columns
316 colmin2 = floor(width2_4/3);
317 colmax2 = width2_4 - floor(width2_4/3);
318 %look for pink pixel
319 rmin = 240;
320 rmax = 255;
321 gmin = 19;
322 gmax = 200;

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323 bmin = 130;
324 bmax = 205;
325 window_side_length = 40;
326 [x2loc , y2loc] = track_light(vidFrames2_4 , height2_4 , width2_4 , ...
327     num_frames2_4 , rowmin2 , rowmax2 , colmin2 , colmax2 , ...
328     rmin , rmax , gmin , gmax , ...
329     bmin , bmax , window_side_length , false );
330
331 %plot_raw_data(x2loc , y2loc)
332
333 %% Camera 3
334 load cam3_4.mat;
335 [height3_4 width3_4 rgb3_4 num_frames3_4] = size(vidFrames3_4);
336
337 %align first peak
338 vidFrames3_4=vidFrames3_4(:,:,4:num_frames3_4);
339 [height3_4 width3_4 rgb3_4 num_frames3_4] = size(vidFrames3_4);
340
341 %For first search , search middle third of rows , bottom half of cols
342 rowmin3 = floor(height3_4/3);
343 rowmax3 = height3_4 - floor(height3_4/3);
344 colmin3 = floor(width3_4/2);
345 colmax3 = width3_4;
346 % %look for white pixel
347 minc = 200;
348 maxc = 255;
349 rmin = minc;
350 rmax = maxc;
351 gmin = minc;
352 gmax = maxc;
353 bmin = minc;
354 bmax = maxc;
355 % rmin = 240;
356 % rmax = 255;
357 % gmin = 100;
358 % gmax = 200;
359 % bmin = 130;
360 % bmax = 205;
361 window_side_length = 70;
362 [x3loc , y3loc] = track_light(vidFrames3_4 , height3_4 , width3_4 , ...
363     num_frames3_4 , rowmin3 , rowmax3 , colmin3 , colmax3 , ...
364     rmin , rmax , gmin , gmax , ...
365     bmin , bmax , window_side_length , false );
366
367 %plot_raw_data(x3loc , y3loc)
368
369 %% make 6xtime Matrix
370 %matrix_width = min([num_frames1_1; num_frames2_1; num_frames3_1]);
371 matrix_width = 200;
372 case4_matrix = [x1loc(1:matrix_width); y1loc(1:matrix_width); ...
373     x2loc(1:matrix_width); y2loc(1:matrix_width); x3loc(1:matrix_width)...
374     ; y3loc(1:matrix_width)];
375 %% SVD
376 X = case4_matrix;

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377 normalized = find_svd(X);
378
379
380 %% Functions
381 function [pixel_color_in_range] = in_range(pixr, pixg, pixb, rmin, rmax, ...
382     gmin, gmax, bmin, bmax)
383 pixel_color_in_range = false;
384 if (pixr >= rmin) && (pixg >= gmin) && (pixb >= bmin) && (pixr <= rmax)
385     pixel_color_in_range = true;
386 end
387 end
388
389 function [] = plot_raw_data(xvec, yvec)
390 figure()
391 allvals = [xvec; yvec];
392 min_all = min(allvals);
393 min_y = min_all(1) - 10;
394 max_all = max(allvals);
395 max_y = max_all(1) + 10;
396 plot(1:length(xvec), xvec(:,1), "Linewidth", 1);
397 hold on;
398 plot(1:length(yvec), yvec(:,1), "Linewidth", 1);
399 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 16);
400 xlabel('Frame')
401 ylabel('Coordinate')
402 %legend()
403
404 legend('X Coordinate', 'Y Coordinate')
405 end
406
407 function [normalized_energy] = find_svd(X)
408 %% SVD
409 [m,n] = size(X); %data size
410 mn = mean(X,2); %row means
411 X = X - repmat(mn,1,n); %subtract mean
412
413 %u is principal directions, sigma is most important values, v is time
414 %series in each direction
415 [uhat, shat, v] = svd(X'/sqrt(n-1), 'econ'); %perform reduced svd
416
417
418 % Pull out eigen values
419 eigVals = diag(shat);
420
421
422 % Plot the eigen functions
423 figure;
424 subplot(1, 6, 1); plot(uhat(:,1)); title('First Unit Basis Vector');
425 xlabel('Frame');
426 subplot(1, 6, 2); plot(uhat(:,2)); title('Second Unit Basis Vector');
427 xlabel('Frame');
428 subplot(1, 6, 3); plot(uhat(:,3)); title('Third Unit Basis Vector');
429 xlabel('Frame');
430 subplot(1, 6, 4); plot(uhat(:,4)); title('Fourth Unit Basis Vector');

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431 xlabel('Frame');
432 subplot(1, 6, 5); plot(uhat(:,5)); title('Fifth Unit Basis Vector');
433 xlabel('Frame');
434 subplot(1, 6, 6); plot(uhat(:,6)); title('Sixth Unit Basis Vector');
435 xlabel('Frame');
436
437
438 % Plot the amount of each mode in each dimension
439 figure;
440 subplot(2, 3, 1); bar(v(:,1));
441 title('Importance of Unit Vector 1 in each Input');
442 xticks(1:1:6)
443 ylabel('Dot Product Result');
444 xticklabels({'Cam1X', 'Cam1Y', 'Cam2X', 'Cam2Y', 'Cam3X', 'Cam3Y'})
445 subplot(2, 3, 2); bar(v(:,2));
446 title('Importance of Unit Vector 2 in each Input');
447 xticks(1:1:6)
448 xticklabels({'Cam1X', 'Cam1Y', 'Cam2X', 'Cam2Y', 'Cam3X', 'Cam3Y'})
449 ylabel('Dot Product Result');
450 subplot(2, 3, 3); bar(v(:,3));
451 title('Importance of Unit Vector 3 in each Input');
452 xticks(1:1:6)
453 xticklabels({'Cam1X', 'Cam1Y', 'Cam2X', 'Cam2Y', 'Cam3X', 'Cam3Y'})
454 ylabel('Dot Product Result');
455 subplot(2, 3, 4); bar(v(:,4));
456 title('Importance of Unit Vector 4 in each Input');
457 xticks(1:1:6)
458 xticklabels({'Cam1X', 'Cam1Y', 'Cam2X', 'Cam2Y', 'Cam3X', 'Cam3Y'})
459 ylabel('Dot Product Result');
460 subplot(2, 3, 5); bar(v(:,5));
461 title('Importance of Unit Vector 5 in each Input');
462 xticks(1:1:6)
463 xticklabels({'Cam1X', 'Cam1Y', 'Cam2X', 'Cam2Y', 'Cam3X', 'Cam3Y'})
464 ylabel('Dot Product Result');
465 subplot(2, 3, 6); bar(v(:,6));
466 title('Importance of Unit Vector 6 in each Input');
467 xticks(0:1:6)
468 xticklabels({'', 'Cam1X', 'Cam1Y', 'Cam2X', 'Cam2Y', 'Cam3X', 'Cam3Y', ''})
469 ylabel('Dot Product Result');
470
471
472 normalized_energy = eigVals/sum(eigVals);
473
474 % The cumulative energy content for the m'th eigenvector is the
475 % sum of the energy content across eigenvalues 1:m
476 running_sum = 0;
477 num_modes_needed = 0;
478 i = 1;
479 while running_sum <= .80;
480     running_sum = running_sum + normalized_energy(i);
481     num_modes_needed = i;
482     i = i+1;
483 end
484 fprintf('Number Modes Needed =%d \n', num_modes_needed)

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485
486 bestrank1 = uhat(:,1)*eigVals(1)*v(:,1)';
487
488 figure;
489 subplot(3,1,1); plot(X'/sqrt(n-1)); title('Pre-Processed Input Data');
490 legend('cam1 X', 'cam1 Y', 'cam2 X', 'cam2 Y', 'cam3 X', 'cam3 Y')
491 bestrank = bestrank1;
492 i = 1;
493 while i < num_modes_needed
494     i = i + 1;
495     bestrank = bestrank + (uhat(:,2)*eigVals(i)*v(:,1)');
496 end
497 subplot(3, 1, 2); plot(bestrank1); title('Best Rank 1 Approximation of Data');
498 legend('cam1 X', 'cam1 Y', 'cam2 X', 'cam2 Y', 'cam3 X', 'cam3 Y')
499 subplot(3, 1, 3); plot(bestrank); title(sprintf('Best Rank %d Approximation of
500 data', num_modes_needed));
501 xlabel('Frame');
502 legend('cam1 X', 'cam1 Y', 'cam2 X', 'cam2 Y', 'cam3 X', 'cam3 Y')
503
504 figure()
505 %eigenfunctions scaled to sigma
506 min_y = min(uhat(:,1)*eigVals(1));
507 max_y = max(uhat(:,1)*eigVals(1));
508 subplot(6, 1, 1); plot(uhat(:,1)*eigVals(1)); title('First Unit Vector * First
Sigma');
509 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 10);
510 subplot(6, 1, 2); plot(uhat(:,2)*eigVals(2)); title('Second Unit Vector *
Second Sigma');
511 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 10);
512 subplot(6, 1, 3); plot(uhat(:,3)*eigVals(3)); title('Third Unit Vector * Third
Sigma');
513 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 10);
514 subplot(6, 1, 4); plot(uhat(:,4)*eigVals(4)); title('Fourth Unit Vector *
Fourth Sigma');
515 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 10);
516 subplot(6, 1, 5); plot(uhat(:,5)*eigVals(5)); title('Fifth Unit Vector * Fifth
Sigma');
517 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 10);
518 subplot(6, 1, 6); plot(uhat(:,6)*eigVals(6)); title('Sixth Unit Vector * Sixth
Sigma');
519 set(gca, 'Ylim',[min_y, max_y], 'FontSize', 10);
520 xlabel('Frame');
521 end
522
523 function [xloc, yloc] = track_light(vidframes, height, width, ...
524     num_frames, rowmin, rowmax, colmin, colmax, rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, ...
525     bmin, bmax, window_side_length, parameter_optimize_mode)
526
527 %camera location vectors
528 xloc = zeros(num_frames);
529 yloc = zeros(num_frames);
530
531 %iterate through each frame

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532 for frame = 1 : num_frames
533   thisframe = vidframes(:, :, :, frame);
534 %only find one location per frame
535   location_found = false;
536
537 %look at rows within selected range (window centered on prev location)
538 for row = rowmin:rowmax
539   %look at cols within selected range
540   %(window centered on prev location)
541   for col = colmin:colmax
542     %if the location hasn't already been found and the point is in
543     %the window and close to white
544     rpix = thisframe(row, col, 1);
545     gpix = thisframe(row, col, 2);
546     bpix = thisframe(row, col, 3);
547     if ((location_found) == false &&...
548         in_range(rpix, gpix, bpix, rmin, rmax, gmin, gmax, ...
549         bmin, bmax) == true)
550       %set this boolean to true (so take first white point found
551       %in window to be the location)
552       location_found = true;
553       %save x and y locations in vectors
554       xloc(frame) = col;
555       yloc(frame) = row;
556       %set window dimensions for next frame
557       rowmin = row - window_side_length;
558       rowmax = row + window_side_length;
559       colmin = col - window_side_length;
560       colmax = col + window_side_length;
561       if rowmin < 1
562         rowmin = 1;
563       end
564       if colmin < 1
565         colmin = 1;
566       end
567       if rowmax > height
568         rowmax = height;
569       end
570       if colmax > width
571         colmax = width;
572       end
573     end
574   end
575 end
576
577 %If optimize_parameters is true, show me the video of the overlaid
578 %window in its proper location in each frame and tell me if any frames
579 %didn't find a point in the window:
580 if parameter_optimize_mode == true
581   for row = 1:height
582     for col = 1:width
583       if (row > rowmin && (row < rowmax)...
584           && (col > colmin)) && (col < colmax)
585         thisframe(row, col, 1) = 255;

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586         thisframe(row,col,2) = 0;
587         thisframe(row,col,3) = 0;
588     end
589 end
590 if location_found == false
591     fprintf("No location found in frame %d\n", frame)
592 end
593 imshow(thisframe); drawnow
594 end
595
596 %if no location found, set this location to be the same as the location
597 %in the last frame
598 if location_found == false
599     xloc(frame) = xloc(frame-1);
600     yloc(frame) = yloc(frame-1);
601 end
602 end
603 end
604
605 %function end
606 end

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## Appendix C Full Plots and Tables

| Case | Basis Vector | Principal Component | Percent of Overall Energy in Matrix | Cumulative Sum of Energy in Matrix |
|------|--------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 1    | 1            | 85.98               | 74.72                               | 74.72                              |
|      | 2            | 12.82               | 11.14                               | 85.86                              |
| 2    | 1            | 72.72               | 41.12                               | 41.12                              |
| 2    | 2            | 37.95               | 21.50                               | 62.62                              |
| 2    | 3            | 23.95               | 13.57                               | 76.19                              |
| 2    | 4            | 19.10               | 10.82                               | 87.01                              |
| 3    | 1            | 51.08               | 39.48                               | 39.46                              |
| 3    | 2            | 31.00               | 23.96                               | 63.44                              |
| 3    | 3            | 15.92               | 12.31                               | 75.75                              |
| 3    | 4            | 15.17               | 11.72                               | 87.47                              |
| 4    | 1            | 54.05               | 38.92                               | 38.92                              |
| 4    | 2            | 37.89               | 27.28                               | 66.2                               |
| 4    | 3            | 15.19               | 10.94                               | 77.14                              |
| 4    | 4            | 13.34               | 9.60                                | 86.74                              |

Table 1: Percent energy captured by basis vectors required to represent 80% of the energy in the Matrix. Condition 1 required a 2-rank approximation to capture 80% of the energy in the Matrix. Conditions 2, 3 and 4 all required rank 4 approximations.

### Case 1: Ideal

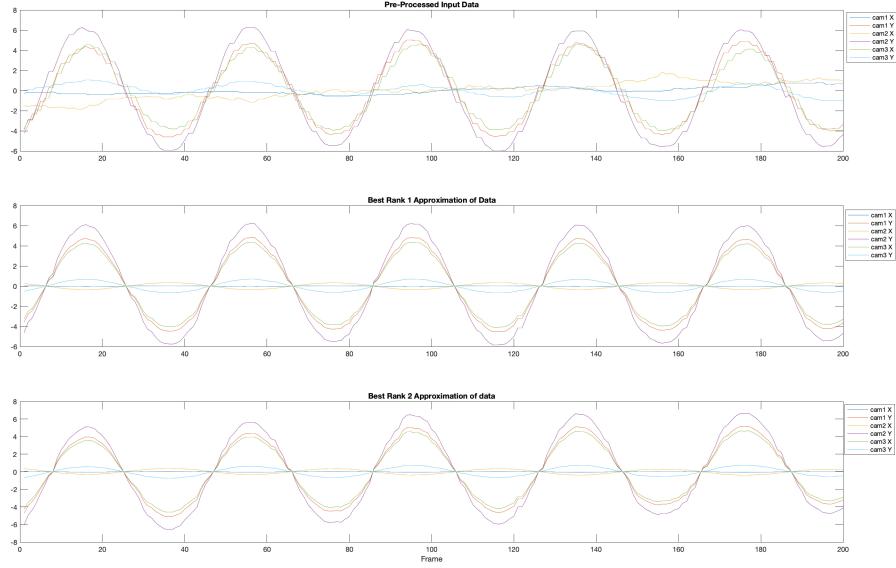


Figure 3: Case 1. Top: Data in Matrix X after mean subtraction and setting variance to unity. Middle and Bottom are one-rank and two-rank approximations of X respectively.

### Case 1: Ideal

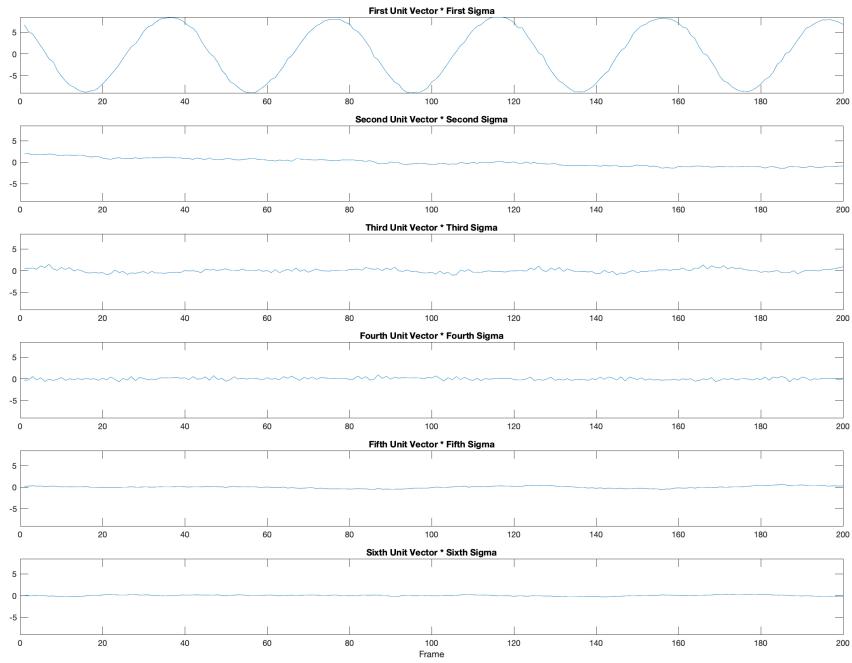


Figure 4: Case 1. Standard basis vectors in order from most (top) to least (bottom) important, scaled to their respective principal component values

## Case 2: Noisy

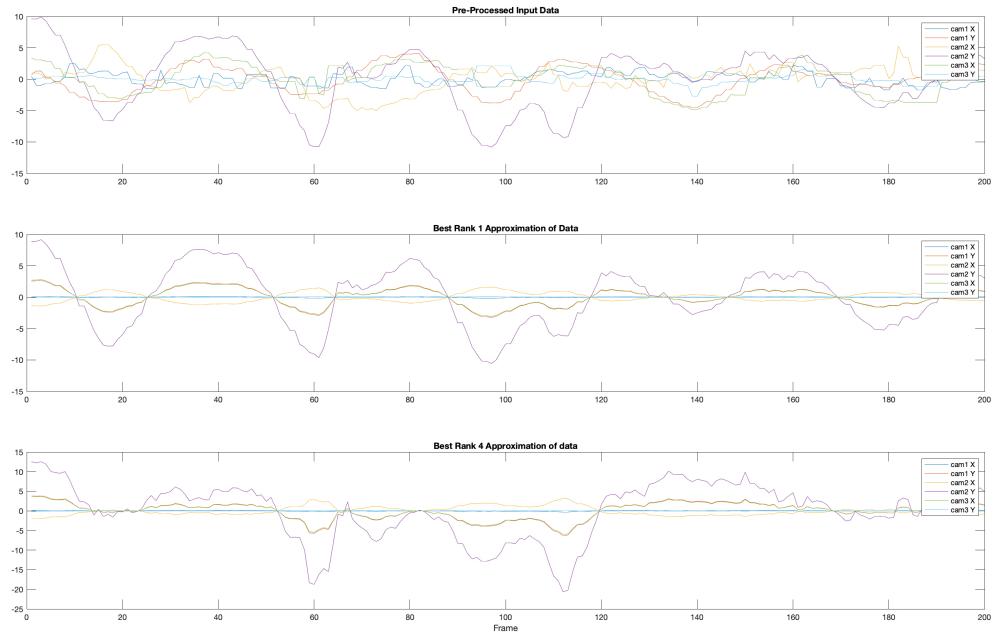


Figure 5: Case 2. Top: Data in Matrix X after mean subtraction and setting variance to unity. Middle and Bottom are one-rank and four-rank approximations of X respectively.

## Case 2: Noisy

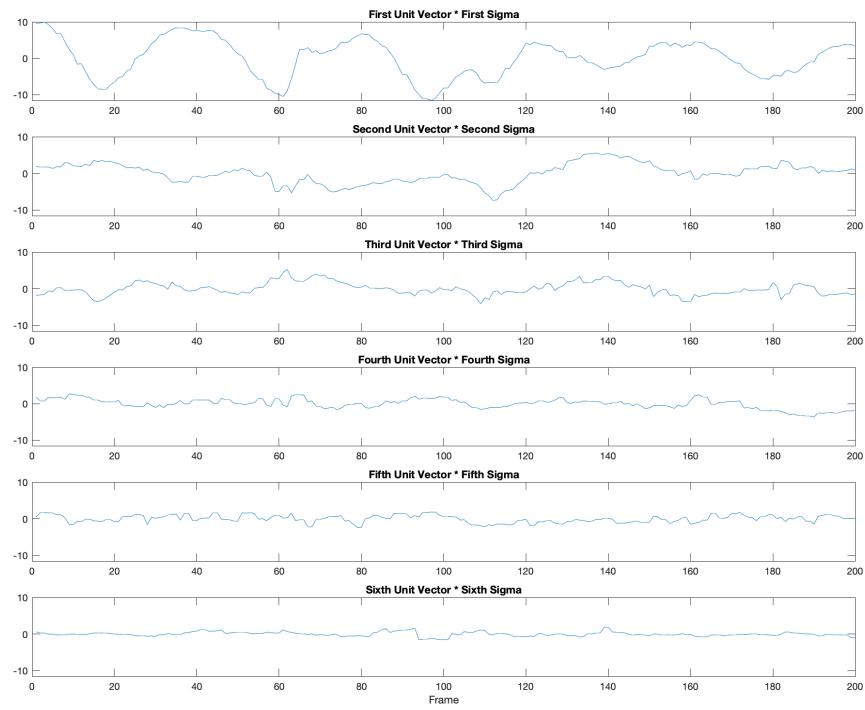


Figure 6: Case 2. Standard basis vectors in order from most (top) to least (bottom) important, scaled to their respective principal component values

### Case 3: Horizontal Displacement

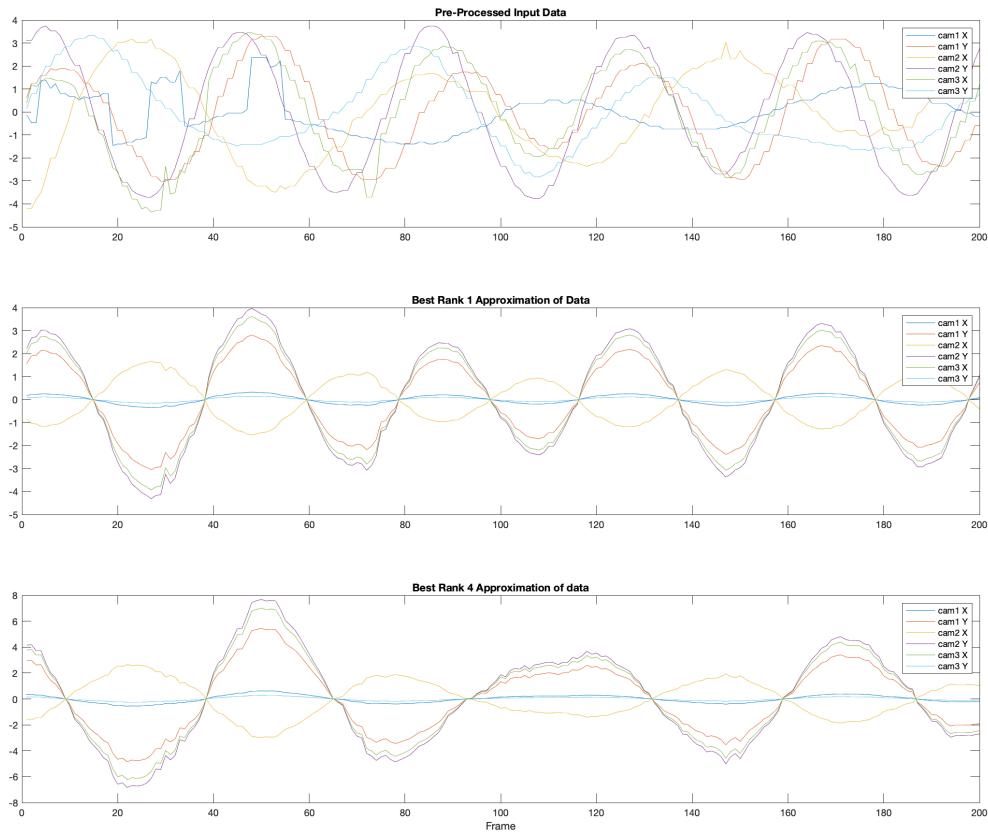


Figure 7: Case 3. Top: Data in Matrix X after mean subtraction and setting variance to unity. Middle and Bottom are one-rank and four-rank approximations of X respectively.

### Case 3: Horizontal Displacement

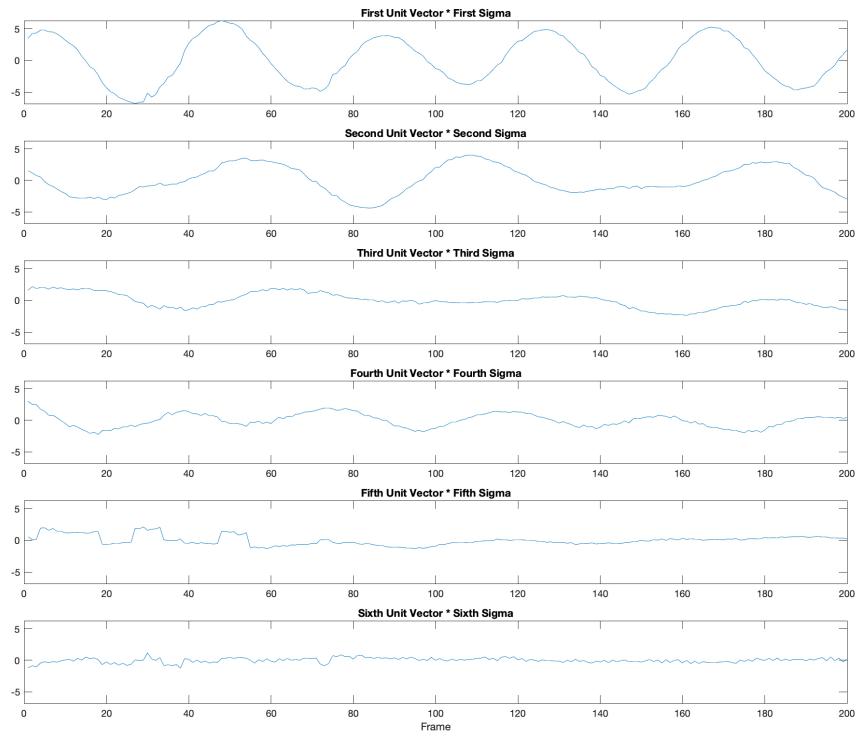


Figure 8: Case 3. Standard basis vectors in order from most (top) to least (bottom) important, scaled to their respective principal component values

### Case 4: Horizontal Displacement and Rotation

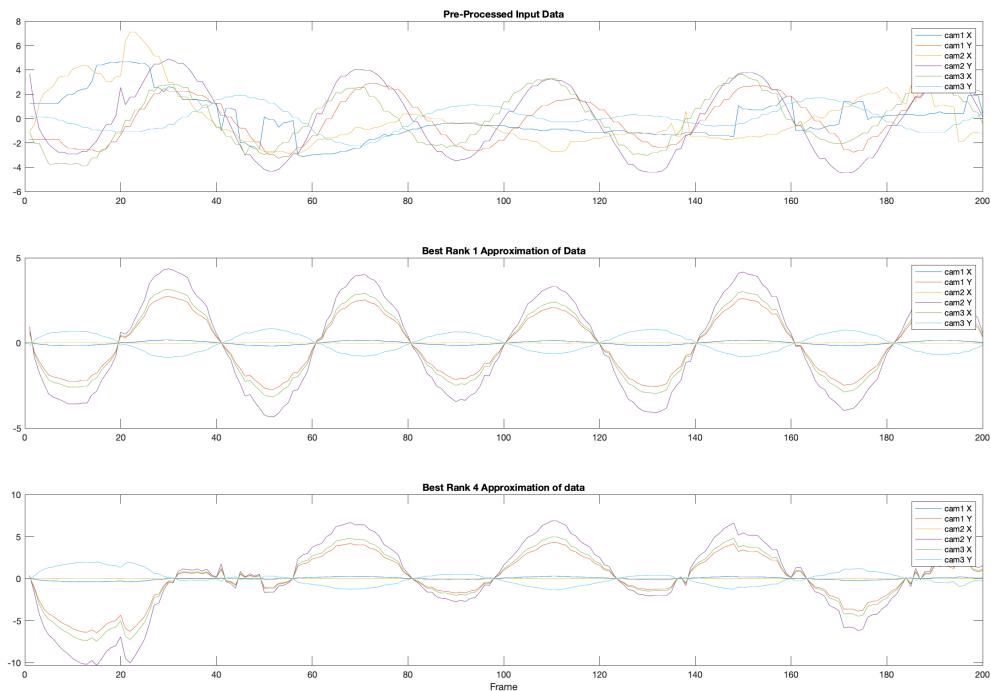


Figure 9: Case 4. Top: Data in Matrix X after mean subtraction and setting variance to unity. Middle and Bottom are one-rank and four-rank approximations of X respectively.

### Case 4: Horizontal Displacement and Rotation

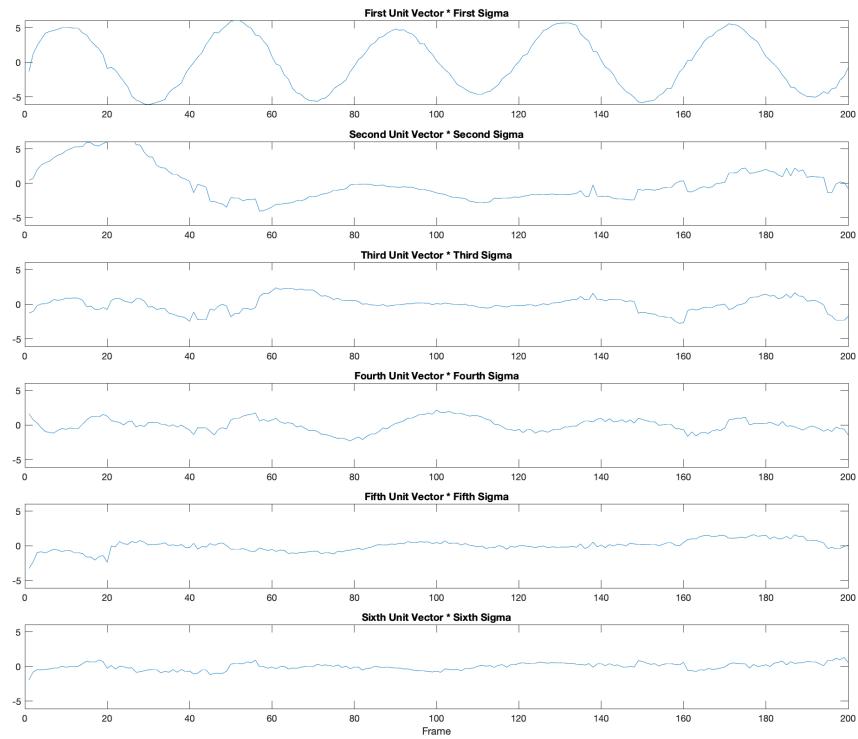


Figure 10: Case 4. Standard basis vectors in order from most (top) to least (bottom) important, scaled to their respective principal component values

**Case 1: Ideal**

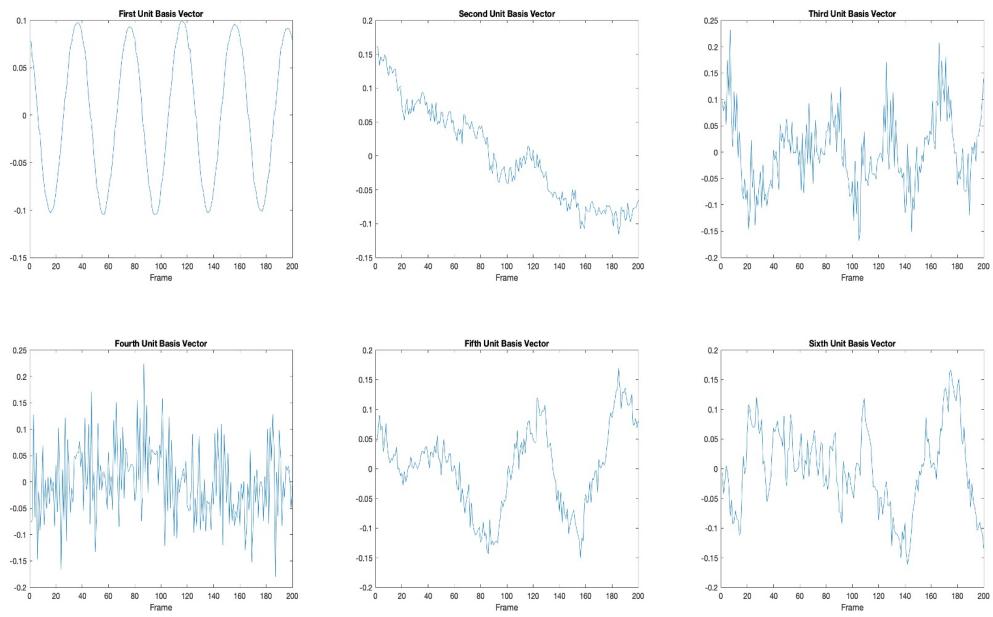


Figure 11: Unscaled Unit Basis Vectors in order from most important (upper left) to least important (lower right).

**Case 2: Noisy**

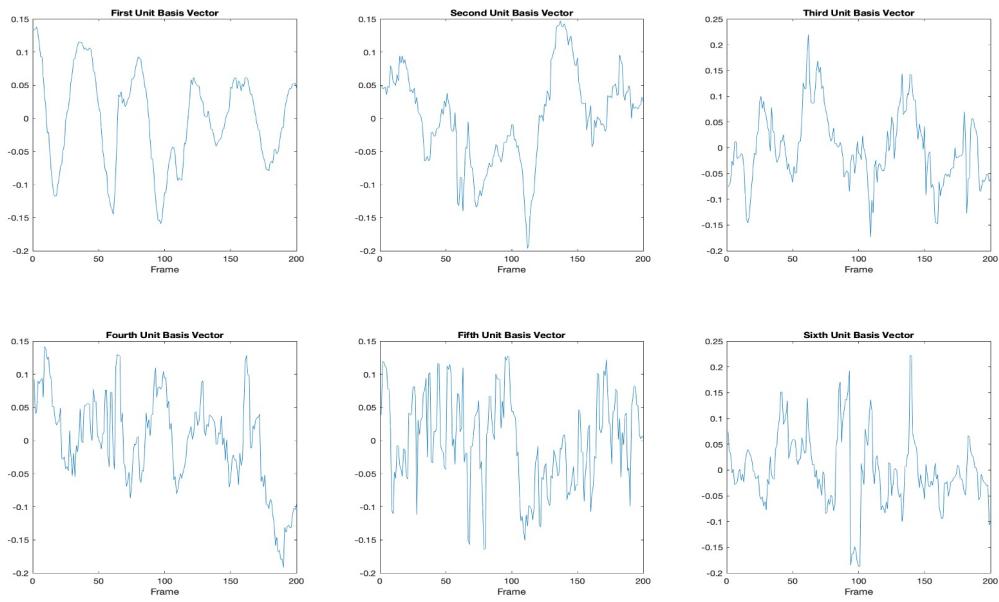


Figure 12: Unscaled Unit Basis Vectors in order from most important (upper left) to least important (lower right).

**Case 3: Horizontal Displacement**

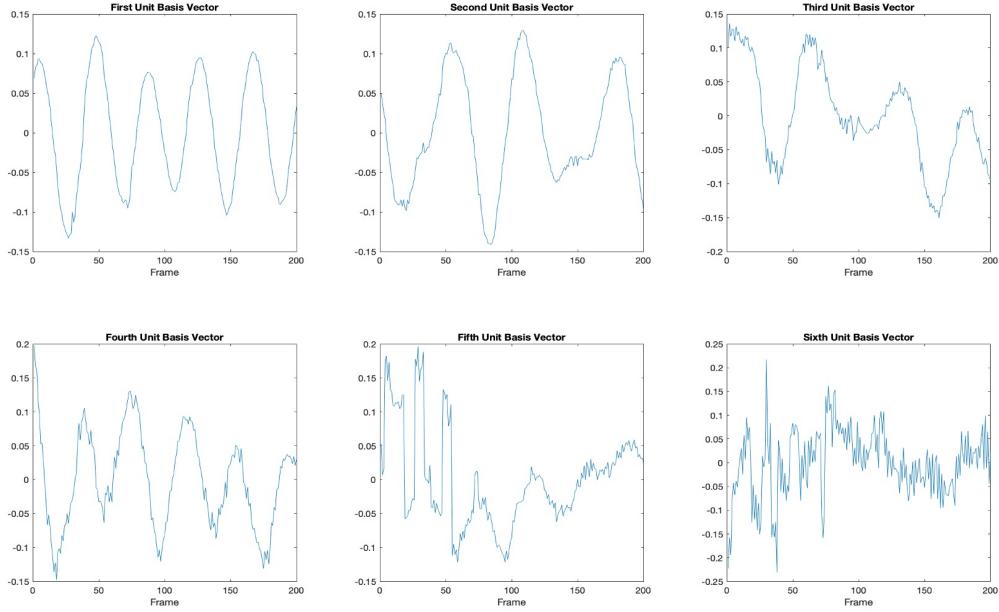


Figure 13: Unscaled Unit Basis Vectors in order from most important (upper left) to least important (lower right).

#### Case 4: Horizontal Displacement and Rotation

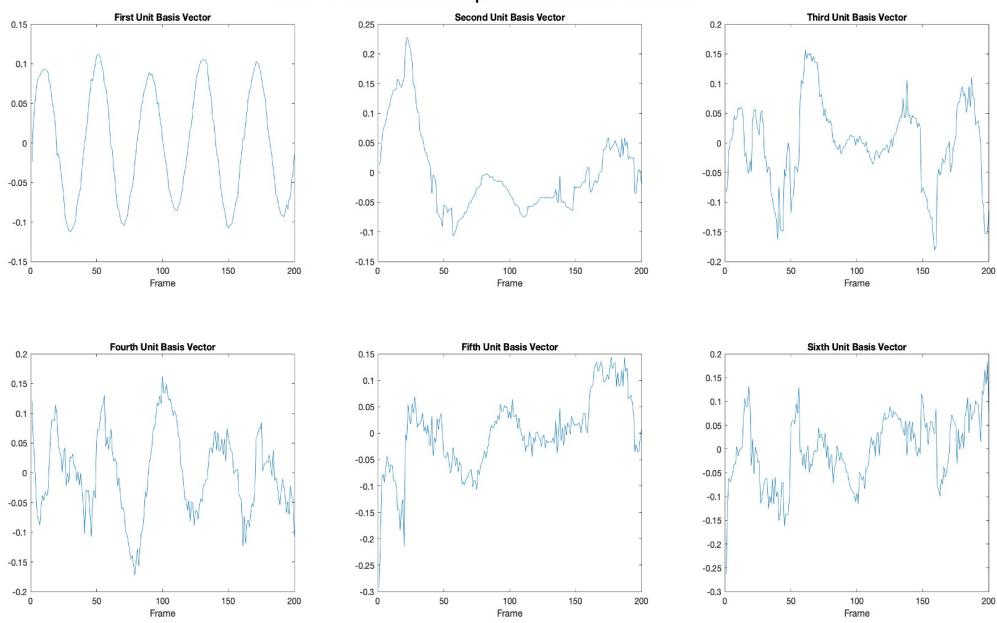


Figure 14: Unscaled Unit Basis Vectors in order from most important (upper left) to least important (lower right).