

HDDA Tutorial: Dimension Reduction : Solutions

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Tutorial 10

1. Load the socioeconomic data on U.S. States (used in the lecture on principal components). Isolate the 5 numeric variables and scale this data

```
library(tidyverse)
States<-readRDS('StateSE.rds')
States%>%
  select_if(is.numeric)%>%
  scale->States_Scaled
```

2. Carry out the singular value decomposition on the standardised data.

```
States_SVD<-svd(States_Scaled)
```

3. Construct a correlations biplot using `ggplot`. Before doing so look at the help function for `pc.biplot` for additional instructions on how this is constructed

```
#Set scale and find sample size
scale=1
n<-nrow(States)

#Singular values can be put into a diagonal matrix using diag
#Use %*% for matrix multiplication

#Note that the observations are multiplied by root n
PC_obs<-States_SVD$u%*%diag((States_SVD$d)^(1-scale))*sqrt(n)

#Note that the variables are divided by root n
PC_var<-States_SVD$v%*%diag((States_SVD$d)^scale)/sqrt(n)

#Create dataframe for observations with PCs
df_Obs<-tibble(Label=pull(States,StateAbb), #Extract State Abbreviation
               PC1=PC_obs[,1], #Extract first PC
               PC2=PC_obs[,2]) #Extract second PC

#Create dataframe for variables
df_Vars<-tibble(Label=colnames(States_Scaled), #Extract State Abbreviation
               PC1=PC_var[,1], #Extract first loading vector
               PC2=PC_var[,2]) #Extract second loading vector

ggplot(data = df_Vars,aes(x=PC1,y=PC2,label=Label))+
  geom_text(data=df_Obs)+ #Observations
  geom_text(color='red',nudge_y = -0.2)+ #Variables (offset using nudge_y)
  geom_segment(xend=0,yend=0,color='red', #Add arrow
              arrow = arrow(ends="first",
                           length=unit(0.1, "inches")) #Make tip smaller)
```



4. Using the spectral theorem, prove that Principal Components are uncorrelated by construction.

Consider the $n \times p$ matrix $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{YV}$ where \mathbf{Y} is the data matrix and the columns of \mathbf{V} are the eigenvectors of the covariance matrix \mathbf{S} . The matrix \mathbf{C} will be an $n \times p$ itself. The i^{th} row and j^{th} column of \mathbf{C} is obtained by multiplying the i^{th} row of \mathbf{Y} by the j^{th} column of \mathbf{V} . The i^{th} row of \mathbf{Y} contains the values of all variables for observation i while the j^{th} column of \mathbf{V} contains the weights for principal components j . This implies that The i^{th} row and j^{th} column of \mathbf{C} is the value of principal component j for variable i .

The matrix \mathbf{C} is essentially a data matrix but for the principal components. As such the variance covariance matrix for the principal components is found by taking $\frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{C}$. Some matrix algebra shows

$$\frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{C} = \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{YV})' \mathbf{YV} \quad (1)$$

$$= \frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{YV} \quad (2)$$

$$= \mathbf{V}' \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{Y}' \mathbf{Y}) \mathbf{V} \quad (3)$$

$$= \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{SV} \quad (4)$$

Using the eigenvalue decomposition, $\mathbf{S} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{\Lambda}\mathbf{V}'$ and substituting

$$\frac{1}{n-1} \mathbf{C}'\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{SV} \quad (5)$$

$$= \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{V} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{V}' \mathbf{V} \quad (6)$$

$$= \mathbf{\Lambda} \quad (7)$$

The above holds since $\mathbf{V}'\mathbf{V} = \mathbf{I}$. Since $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ is a diagonal matrix, the covariances are all 0 and the principal components are uncorrelated.