

# PHYS 4030 Homework 3: PCA Lab

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In this homework, a set of data will be used for Principal Component Analysis practice. PCA is often used to simplify data, reduce noise, and find unmeasured "latent variables". The set of data that will be used is "speed\_dating.csv".

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## Loading and Cleaning up Data

Before we start, the memory has to be cleared. This frees up memory space to be used for the lab.

```
% Clearing up the memory:
clear; clf;
```

The data is then loaded into MATLAB as a table. To clear up the data, the file is read as an array instead. There are two cases for cleaning up the data:

1. Remove the columns with more than 200 NaN's.
2. Remove the rows with NaN's.

```
% Loading the Data into as a table:
data_table = readtable('speed_dating.csv','PreserveVariableNames',true);
% Cleaning the data using 'CleanMyTable.m':
data_clean = CleanMyTable(data_table,200);
head(data_clean)
```

ans = 8x24 table

	subject_id	wave	like_sports	like_tvsports	like_exercise	like_food
1	1	1	9	2	8	9
2	2	1	3	2	7	10
3	3	1	3	8	7	8
4	4	1	1	1	6	7
5	5	1	7	4	7	7
6	6	1	10	8	9	7
7	7	1	5	3	4	10

	subject_id	wave	like_sports	like_tvsports	like_exercise	like_food
8	8	1	2	2	1	10

## Visualize Some Preference Columns

Like the previous part, we want to see the correlation between the given preferences.

```
% Loading preference columns into a struct:
pref.tvsports = data_clean.like_tvsports;
pref.sports = data_clean.like_sports;
pref.museums = data_clean.like_museums;
pref.theater = data_clean.like_theater;
pref.shopping = data_clean.like_shopping;
head(struct2table(pref))
```

ans = 8x5 table

	tvsports	sports	museums	theater	shopping
1	2	9	1	1	8
2	2	3	8	9	3
3	8	3	5	7	8
4	1	1	6	9	1
5	4	7	6	6	8
6	8	10	8	5	1
7	3	5	10	10	10
8	2	2	9	9	8

The z-scores of the preference data set:

```
% Finding z-scores of each columns:
z_transform = (struct2array(pref) - mean(struct2array(pref)))./std(struct2array(pref));
z1.tvsports = z_transform(:,1);
z1.sports = z_transform(:,2);
z1.museums = z_transform(:,3);
z1.theater = z_transform(:,4);
z1.shopping = z_transform(:,5);
% Showing the first 8 rows as table:
head(struct2table(z1))
```

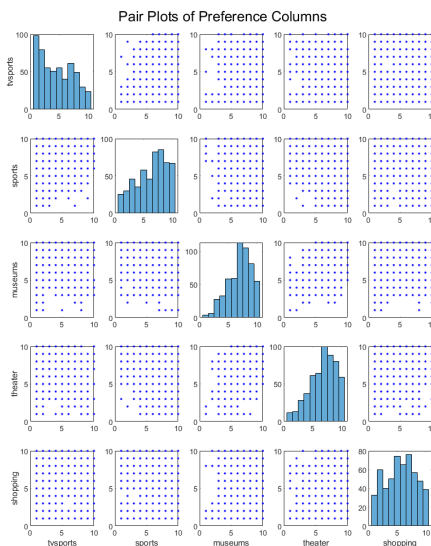
ans = 8x5 table

	tvsports	sports	museums	theater	shopping
1	-0.9119	0.9916	-2.9323	-2.5585	0.9124
2	-0.9119	-1.2906	0.4972	0.9847	-0.9999
3	1.2293	-1.2906	-0.9726	0.0989	0.9124
4	-1.2688	-2.0513	-0.4827	0.9847	-1.7648

	tvsports	sports	museums	theater	shopping
5	-0.1982	0.2309	-0.4827	-0.3440	0.9124
6	1.2293	1.3720	0.4972	-0.7869	-1.7648
7	-0.5551	-0.5298	1.4770	1.4276	1.6773
8	-0.9119	-1.6710	0.9871	0.9847	0.9124

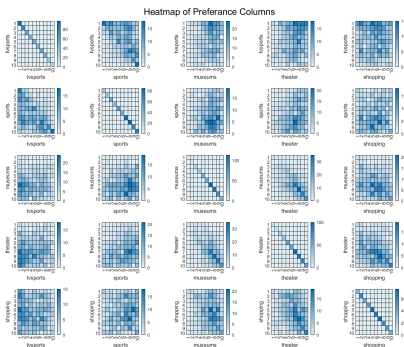
Pairplots of the given preferences:

```
% To make plotting easy, the table can be saved as array:
z_array = struct2array(pref);
z_label = ["tvsports" "sports" "museums" "theater" "shopping"];
% Plotting the preference columns:
clf; figure();
figure_1 = figure('Position', [100, 100, 1024, 1200]);
for n_column = 1:5
    for n_row = 1:5
        subplot(5,5,(n_column - 1)*5 + n_row)
        if n_row == n_column
            histogram(z_array(:,n_row))
        else
            plot(z_array(:,n_row),z_array(:,n_column),'b.')
        end
        if n_row == 1
            ylabel(z_label(n_column))
        end
        if n_column == 5
            xlabel(z_label(n_row))
        end
    end
end
sgtitle('Pair Plots of Preference Columns')
```



The heatmap of the preference column:

```
% Plotting heatmap:
clf; figure();
figure_1 = figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 1200]);
for n_column = 1:5
    for n_row = 1:5
        subplot(5,5,(n_column - 1)*5 + n_row)
            h = heatmap(struct2table(pref),z_label(n_row),z_label(n_column));
            h.Title = [];
    end
end
sgtitle('Heatmap of Preference Columns');
```



Looking at the heatmap, the results make sense intuitively. Some correlation that I may expect is the preference of sports and tv sports, which is shown to be correlated. Another correlation I would expect is the preference of museums and theater, which is also shown to be correlated.

## Fitting PCA on Preference Data

First step to fitting PCA on the preference data is to find the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors of the preference data. However, since the data set is not square matrix, we can use correlation coefficient to find the correlation matrix and use it to find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors.

```
% Finding eigenvalues and eigenvectors of pref:
pref_corr = corrcoef(struct2array(z1));
[eigen.vector,eigen.value] = eig(pref_corr);
% Sorting the eigenvalues and eigenvectors:
[val,n] = sort(diag(eigen.value));
eigen.value = eigen.value(n,n);
eigen.vector = eigen.vector(:,n);
struct2table(eigen)
```

ans = 5×2 table

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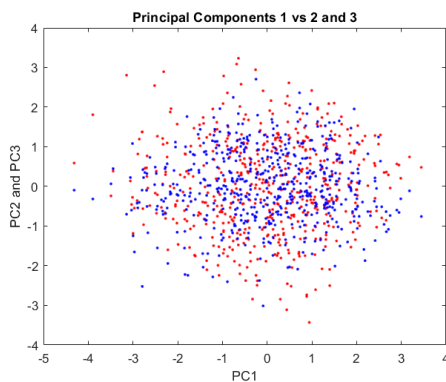
	vector
1	0.2954
2	-0.4006
3	0.5569
4	-0.6632
5	0.0477

Now that we have the eigenvalues and the eigenvectors in ascending order, we can compute the PCA using the top 3 eigenvectors. These eigenvectors are used as the projection matrix.

```
% Taking the top 3 eigenvector:
eigen.vect2 = [eigen.vector(:,end),eigen.vector(:,end-1),eigen.vector(:,end-2)];
```

To get the transformed 2D Z matrix, we take the dot product of X and W, which are the preference data and the top 3 eigenvectors respectively.

```
% Taking the dot product of X and W:
% For a dot product of a matrix and vector, MATLAB's built in command is
% NOT a good way to do dot product:
for k = 1:length(eigen.vect2(1,:))
    for n = 1:length(z_transform(:,1))
        for m = 1:length(z_transform(1,:))
            comp(m) = z_transform(n,m)*eigen.vect2(m,k);
        end
        PComp(n,k) = sum(comp);
    end
end
% Plotting the PC against each other to show uncorrelation:
clf; figure();
plot(PComp(:,1),PComp(:,2),'r.',PComp(:,1),PComp(:,3),'b. ');
title('Principal Components 1 vs 2 and 3');
xlabel('PC1'), ylabel('PC2 and PC3')
```



We can see from the plot above that the principal component 1 is not correlated to principal component 2 and 3.

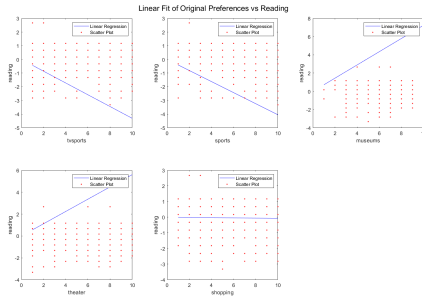
# Use PCA for Dimensionality Reduction

We are going to predict if a user likes to read. The first step we can do is to plot the original preferences against reading. First, we can plot the heatmap of the originals vs reading, and then use scatter plot and linear regression to see if there is a correlation. We can compare the linear regression against the heatmap and see if they make sense intuitively.

```
% Putting reading preference into MATLAB:
pref.reading = data_clean.like_reading;
z1.reading = (pref.reading - mean(pref.reading))/std(pref.reading);
% Plotting original variables against reading preference (heatmap):
clf; figure();
figure_1 = figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 1000]);
for n = 1:5
    subplot(2,3,n)
    heatmap(struct2table(z1),z_label(n),'reading')
end
sgtitle('Heatmap of Original Preferences vs Reading')
```



```
% Plotting original variables against reading preference (line fit):
clf; figure();
figure_1 = figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 1000]);
X = [ones(length(z1.reading),1) z_array];
line_reg = crossval('mse',X,z1.reading,'Predfun',@regf);
for n = 1:5
    subplot(2,3,n)
    plot(z_array(:,n),z_array(:,n)*regress(z_array(:,n),z1.reading), ...
        'b-',z_array(:,n),z1.reading,'r.')
    legend('Linear Regression','Scatter Plot')
    xlabel(z_label(n)), ylabel('reading')
end
sgtitle('Linear Fit of Original Preferences vs Reading')
```



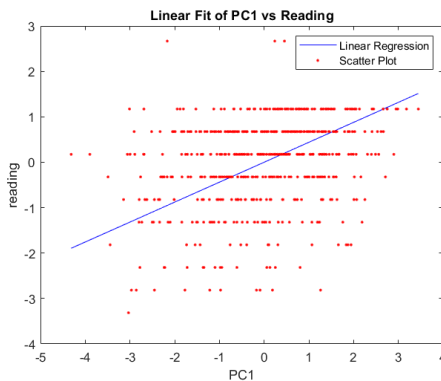
```
fprintf('The Mean Crossval is %f',line_reg)
```

The Mean Crossval is 0.863435

Intuitively, the slope of the regression line makes sense when comparing to the heatmap. For example, the chances that someone would like museums increases as they like reading, and this is shown in both the linear regression and the heatmap.

Next, we can compare reading to the Principal Component 1.

```
% Plotting PC against reading:
clf; figure();
X = [ones(length(z1.reading),1) PComp(:,1)];
line_reg = crossval('mse',X,z1.reading,'Predfun',@regf);
plot(PComp(:,1),PComp(:,1)*regress(PComp(:,1),z1.reading),'b-',PComp(:,1),z1.reading,'r.')
legend('Linear Regression','Scatter Plot')
xlabel('PC1'), ylabel('reading')
title('Linear Fit of PC1 vs Reading')
```



```
fprintf('The Mean Crossval is %f',line_reg)
```

The Mean Crossval is 0.900624

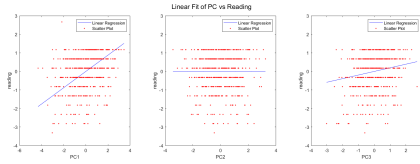
Next, we can compare reading to all Principal Components.

```
% Plotting PC against reading:
clf; figure();
figure_1 = figure('Position', [100, 100, 1600, 500]);
X = [ones(length(z1.reading),1) PComp];
```

```

line_reg = crossval('mse',X,z1.reading,'Predfun',@regf);
for n = 1:3
    subplot(1,3,n)
    plot(PComp(:,n),PComp(:,n)*regress(PComp(:,n),z1.reading),'b-',PComp(:,n),z1.reading,'r.')
    legend('Linear Regression','Scatter Plot')
    xlabel(['PC' num2str(n)]), ylabel('reading')
end
sgtitle('Linear Fit of PC vs Reading')

```



```

fprintf('The Mean Crossval is %f',line_reg)

```

The Mean Crossval is 0.873343