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Lower-Dimensional Projections Introduction

A new approach

- The methods we have seen are only feasible for univariate or bivariate data
- For multivariate data, some tricks exist but normally the methods lose a lot of their power
- >> We need a different way to cope with multivariate data

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Linear Dimensionality Reduction

- In general, the optimal mapping y=f(x) will be a non-linear function
 - However, there is no systematic way to generate non-linear transforms
 - The selection of a particular subset of transforms is problem dependent
- ullet For these reasons, feature extraction is commonly based on linear transforms, of the form y=Wx

$$\begin{bmatrix} y_1 \\ \vdots \\ y_M \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} w_{11} & \cdots & w_{1N} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ w_{M1} & \cdots & w_{MN} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \\ \vdots \\ \vdots \\ x_N \end{bmatrix}$$

Lower-Dimensional Projections Principal Component Analysis

Introduction to PCA

- PCA is a very complex and large topic which can basically fill entire lecture series
- Furthermore, there are many interpretations and different applications for a PCA¹
- Here, we limit ourselfs to the usage of PCA in clustering:
 - Project data to a lower dimensional space
 - Hopefully provides a better means for visual inspection

Generally Speaking

The task of a PCA is to perform a dimensionality reduction in such a way that most of the variance in the original data is preserved

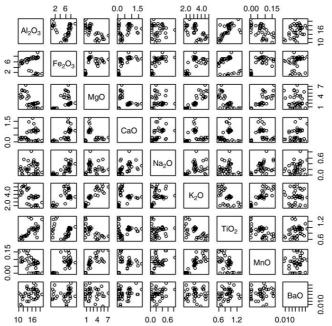
¹ see for example: https://liorpachter.wordpress.com/2014/05/26/what-is-principal-component-analysis/

Example: Pottery Data

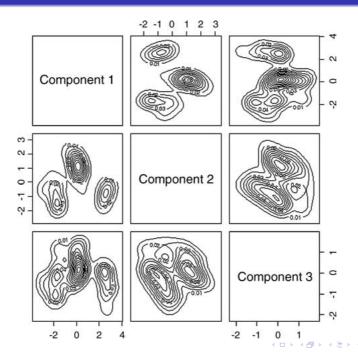
Sample number	Chemical component								
	Al_2O_3	Fe_2O_3	MgO	CaO	Na ₂ O	K ₂ O	TiO ₂	MnO	BaO
1	18.8	9.52	2.00	0.79	0.40	3.20	1.01	0.077	0.015
2	16.9	7.33	1.65	0.84	0.40	3.05	0.99	0.067	0.018
3	18.2	7.64	1.82	0.77	0.40	3.07	0.98	0.087	0.014
4	16.9	7.29	1.56	0.76	0.40	3.05	1.00	0.063	0.019
5	17.8	7.24	1.83	0.92	0.43	3.12	0.93	0.061	0.019
6	18.8	7.45	2.06	0.87	0.25	3.26	0.98	0.072	0.017
7	16.5	7.05	1.81	1.73	0.33	3.20	0.95	0.066	0.019
8	18.0	7.42	2.06	1.00	0.28	3.37	0.96	0.072	0.017
9	15.8	7.15	1.62	0.71	0.38	3.25	0.93	0.062	0.017

- The data show the chemical compounds of ancient pottery
- The table is very unintuitive
- Let's look at the scatter-plots

Pottery Data: Scatter-Plots



Pottery Data: PCA



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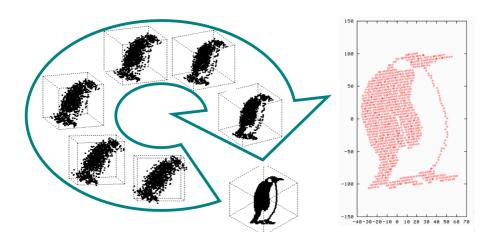


Image taken from Ricardo Gutierrez-Osuna's class on Pattern Analysis

Let's look into details

• Don't panic, we won't go too much into details

• We will perform a small PCA step by step

- Many of the following slides are taken and adapted from: http://www.cse.psu.edu/~rcollins/CSE586Spring2010/
 - this is a computer vision class ... just so you can see how often you will be faced with a PCA

The Covariance

- Variance and Covariance are a measure of the "spread" of a set of points around their center of mass (mean)
- Variance measure of the deviation from the mean for points in one dimension e.g. heights
- Covariance as a measure of how much each of the dimensions vary from the mean with respect to each other
- Covariance is measured between 2 dimensions to see if there is a relationship between the 2 dimensions e.g. number of hours studied & marks obtained
- The covariance between one dimension and itself is the variance

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The covariance is defined as

$$Cov(X,Y) = \frac{1}{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{n} (x_i - \overline{X})(y_i - \overline{Y})$$

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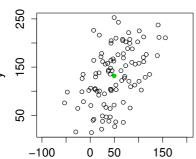
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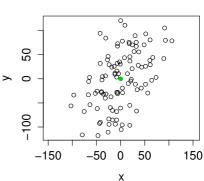
What we have so far:

Original Data 250



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Centered Data



The Covariance Matrix

Now, the Covariance matrix Q can easily be calculated as $Q = XX^\top$ which is

$$Q = \frac{1}{n-1} X X^{\top} = \frac{1}{n-1} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \overline{\mathbf{x}} \quad \mathbf{x}_2 - \overline{\mathbf{x}} \quad \dots \quad \mathbf{x}_n - \overline{\mathbf{x}}) \begin{pmatrix} (\mathbf{x}_1 - \overline{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \\ (\mathbf{x}_2 - \overline{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \\ \vdots \\ (\mathbf{x}_n - \overline{\mathbf{x}})^{\top} \end{pmatrix}$$

Note:

- ullet Q is square
- ullet Q is symmetric
- Q is a $d \times d$ matrix

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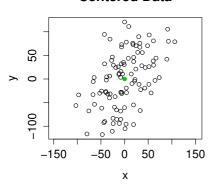
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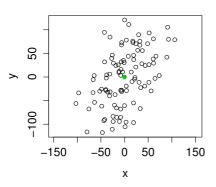


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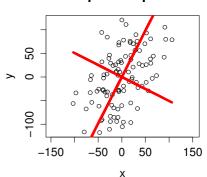
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Our Small Example

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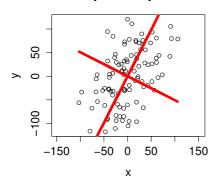


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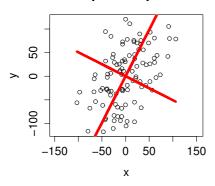
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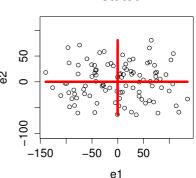
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Dimensionality Reduction with PCA

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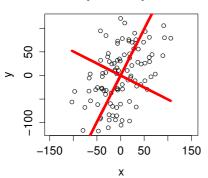
$$\lambda_1 \ge \lambda_2 \ge \ldots \ge \lambda_n$$

- Assume $\lambda_i \approx 0$ when i > k
- Then

$$\mathbf{x_j} \approx \overline{\mathbf{x}} + \sum_{i=1}^k g_{ij} e_i$$

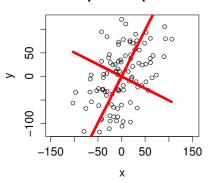
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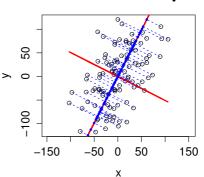


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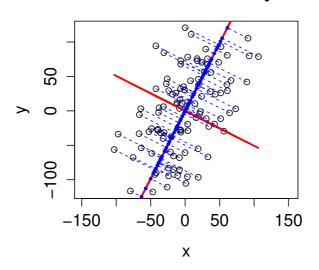
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Some Final Remarks

- Obviously, a PCA makes more sense, when performed on higher dimensional data
- We have not looked at any proofs (i.e., do the eigenvectors actually give us the vectors with the most variance?)
- We haven't discussed how to find eigenvectors efficiently
 - Most programming languages have implementations available
 - For example eigen(X) in R
- The lost of variance can actually be calculated by

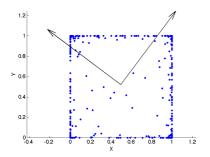
$$\frac{\sum_{i=0}^{k} \lambda_i}{\sum_{i=0}^{d} \lambda_i}$$

where k is the number of "used" coordinates

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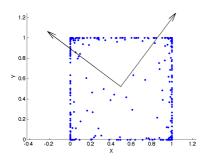
- PCA is not without its problems and limitations
- PCA assumes approximate normality of the input space distribution
- PCA may still be able to produce a "good" low dimensional projection of the data even if the data isn't normally distributed
- PCA may "fail" if the data lies on a "complicated" manifold
- PCA assumes that the input data is real and continuous

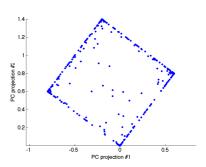
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Lower-Dimensional Projections Multidimensional Scaling

Goal of Multidimensional Scaling

- Detecting underlying structure
- Represent data in lower dimensional space so that distances are preserved
 - Distances between data points are mapped to a reduced space
 - In other words, we are looking for a projection of the data measured with some distance into an Euclidean space
- Typically displayed on a 2-d plot
- We will briefly discuss
 - Metric (or classic) multidimensional scaling
 - Non-metric multidimensional scaling

The following slides are based on http://www.cs.toronto.edu/~bonner/courses/2007s/csc411/lectures/16mds.pdf and http://www.cedar.buffalo.edu/~srihari/CSE626/Lecture-Slides/Ch3-part2-PCA.pdf



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Closer look at $X^{\top}X$

Let n=4, d=3, then

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Remember the definition of the Euclidean distance, we get:

$$d_{ij}^2 = \sum_{d=1}^{3} (x_{id} - x_{jd})^2 = b_{ii} + b_{jj} - 2b_{ij}$$

^{*} note the rather unusual indices in the matrix, because we wrote each vector \mathbf{x}_i in a column. Sometimes, you find X being defined as having each vector in a row which only changes the position of the transposed sign.

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Non-Metric Multidimensional Scaling

- We will just have a brief overview
- Sometimes, distances are not given with metric distance
 - We will learn more about distances later on

- ullet Given: A dataset X and a distance matrix D containing pair-wise distances obtained in any fashion appropriate for the data
- ullet Goal: A representation Y in 2-D or 3-D space preserving (as good as possible) the pair-wise distances given in D