

Homework week 1

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Consider a dataset $X = \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & x_1^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & x_2^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & x_n^T & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} \in R^{N \times D}$ with mean 0, we assume there exists a low dimensional compressed representation:

$$Z = XB \in R^{N \times M}$$

where $B = [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m] \in R^{D \times M}$

$$\begin{aligned} Z &= XB \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} \cdot & \cdot & x_1^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & x_2^T & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & x_n^T & \cdot & \cdot \end{bmatrix} [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_m] \\ &= \begin{bmatrix} x_1^T b_1 & x_1^T b_2 & \cdot & x_1^T b_M \\ x_2^T b_1 & x_2^T b_2 & \cdot & x_2^T b_M \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ x_N^T b_1 & x_N^T b_2 & \cdot & x_N^T b_M \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

We assumed that:

$$\mu_x = 0 \iff E_x[x] = 0 \iff XB = 0 \iff E_z[Z] = 0$$

To satisfy this assumption, we standardize the data $x = x - \mu_x$

Our goal is to find matrix B that retains as much information as possible when compressing data by projecting it onto the subspace spanned by columns $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_M$ of B. This problem is equivalent to capturing the largest amount of variance in the low-dimensional code.

We start by seeking a single vector $b_1 \in R^D$ that maximizes the variance of the projected data

$$\begin{aligned} V_1 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N z_{1n}^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N (x_n^T b_1)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=1}^N b_1^T x_n x_n^T b_1 \\ &= b_1^T \left(\frac{\sum_{n=1}^N x_n x_n^T}{N} \right) b_1 \\ &= b_1^T S b_1 \end{aligned}$$

where S is the covariance matrix of X

Because increasing magnitude of b_1 increases V_1 , we restrict all solutions to $\|b_1\|_2^2 = 1$. Then we have an optimization problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &b_1^T S b_1 \Rightarrow \max \\ &\text{subject to: } \|b_1\|_2^2 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

The Lagrangian multiplier:

$$L(b_1, \lambda) = b_1^T S b_1 + \lambda (1 - b_1^T b_1)$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta b_1} = 2b_1^T S - 2\lambda b_1^T = 0$$

$$\iff b_1^T S = b_1^T$$

$$\iff S b_1 = \lambda b_1$$

$$\frac{\delta L}{\delta \lambda} = 1 - b_1^T b_1 = 0$$

$$\iff b_1^T b_1 = 1$$

Because $S b_1 = \lambda b_1$, we can see that b_1 , λ is eigenvector and eigenvalue of S

$$V = b_1^T S b_1 = b_1^T \lambda b_1 = \lambda$$

To maximize the variance of the low-dimensional code, we choose the basis vector associated to the largest eigenvalue principal covariance of the data covariance matrix