

# Analyze Gauss: Optimal Bounds for Privacy-Preserving Principal Component Analysis



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# Outline

## 1. Goal:

Utility guarantee



Privacy guarantee

## 2. Method: Gaussian noise

Principal Component Analysis (PCA)

## 3. Evaluation method: Perturbed leader algorithm

Regret guarantee

# Goal vs result

**utility guarantee:** to compute a subspace that captures the covariance of  $A$  as much as possible.

**Theorem 13** (Subspace convergence in spectral norm). *Let  $\sigma_1 \geq \dots \geq \sigma_n$  be the singular values of the data matrix  $A$ . Under the randomness of the algorithm, with probability at least  $1 - 2\delta$ , Algorithm 2 outputs a  $k$ -dimensional subspace  $\hat{V}_k$  such that*

$$\left\| V_k V_k^T - \hat{V}_k \hat{V}_k^T \right\|_2 = O \left( \frac{\Delta_{\epsilon, \delta} \sqrt{n}}{\sigma_k^2 - \sigma_{k+1}^2 - \log(1/\delta)/\epsilon} \right).$$

**privacy guarantee:** to learn “about”  $A$  without compromising the privacy of any individual.  
 *$(2\epsilon, 2\delta)$ -differentially private.*

**Regret guarantee:** Gaussian noise for the regularization noise,

**Online problem regret bound:**

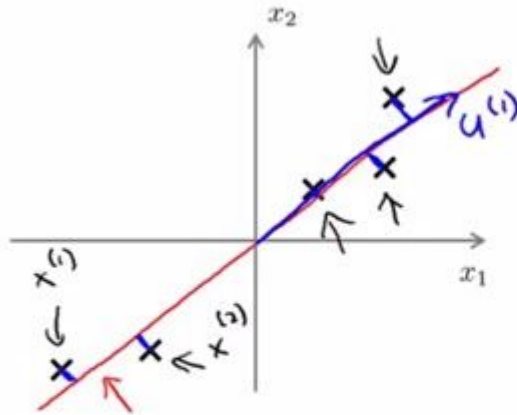
$$\tilde{O}(\sqrt{k \text{OPT}} n^{1/4})$$

**Offline problem regret bound:**

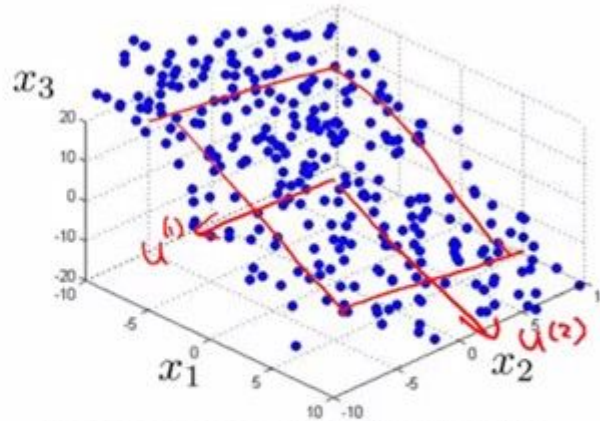
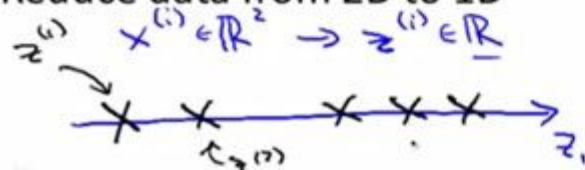
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# Principal Component Analysis: reduce Data dimension

## Principal Component Analysis (PCA) algorithm



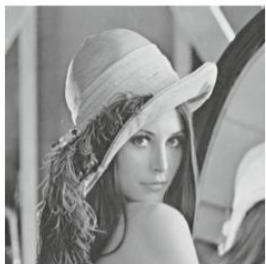
Reduce data from 2D to 1D



Reduce data from 3D to 2D

# Gaussian Noise + Principal Component Analysis

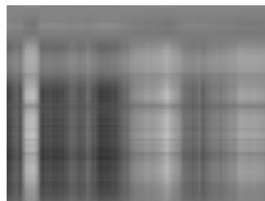
In this example, Gaussian noise and PCA is applied in the compression of 512-by-512 grayscale image. The image is represented by a matrix  $X \in \mathbb{R}^{512 \times 512}$ .



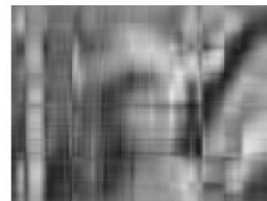
(a) Input original image



(b) Gaussian noise image  $\sigma = 20$



(a) 1 principal component



(b) 5 principal component



(c) 9 principal component



(d) 13 principal component



(e) 17 principal component



(f) 21 principal component

Trade-off between  
utility and privacy

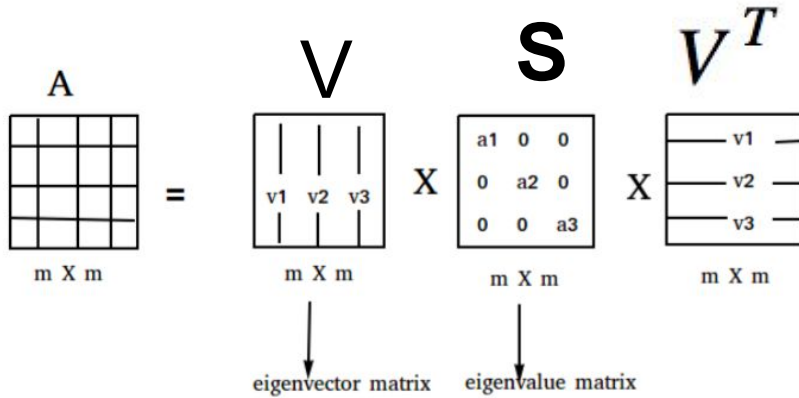


(g) 25 principal component



(h) 29 principal component

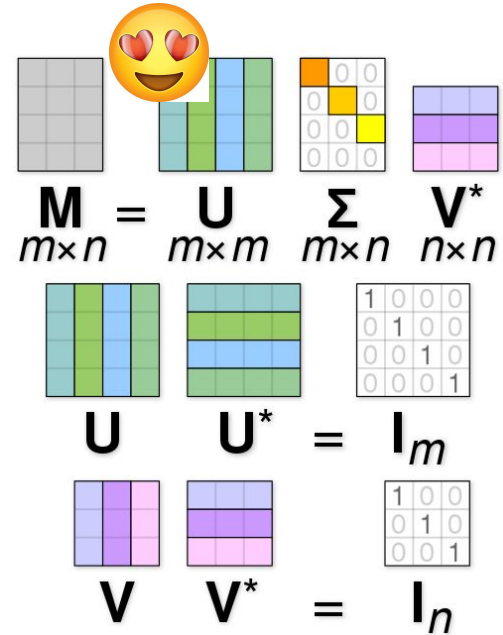
# Eigenvalue decomposition and Singular value decomposition



$$A^T A = V S V^T$$

$$A = U S V^T$$

$$U = A V S^T$$



# Algorithm 1: The Gaussian Mechanism

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**Algorithm 1** The Gaussian Mechanism: releasing the covariance matrix privately

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**Input:** matrix  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , and privacy parameters  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ .

- 1:  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  be a symmetric matrix where the upper triangle (including the diagonal) is i.i.d. samples from  $\mathcal{N}(0, \Delta_{\epsilon, \delta}^2)$ , and each lower triangle entry is copied from its upper triangle counterpart.
  - 2: Output  $\hat{C} \leftarrow A^T A + E$ .
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# Algorithm 2: Private Subspace Recovery

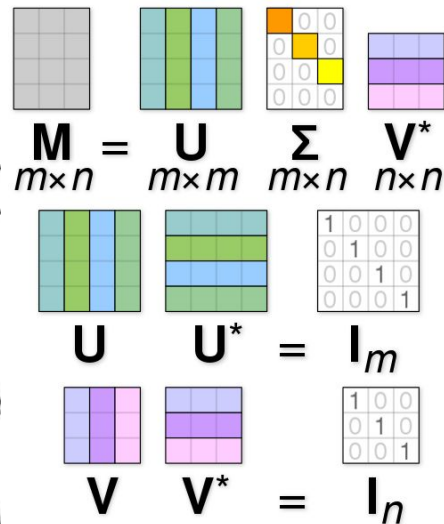
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## Algorithm 2 Private Subspace Recovery

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**Input:** matrix:  $A \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$ , rank parameter:  $k$ , and privacy parameters:  $\epsilon, \delta > 0$ .

- 1:  $V \Sigma V^T \leftarrow$  Eigenvalue decomposition of  $A^T A$ . Let  $|\lambda_1| \geq \dots \geq |\lambda_n|$  be the eigenvalues.
  - 2:  $\hat{d} \leftarrow (|\lambda_k| - |\lambda_{k+1}|) + \text{Lap}\left(\frac{2}{\epsilon}\right)$ .
  - 3:  $V_k \leftarrow$  Top  $k$  eigenvectors of  $A^T A$  (as a column matrix).
  - 4:  $\hat{W} \leftarrow V_k V_k^T + E$ , where  $E \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  is a symmetric matrix where the upper triangle is i.i.d. sample from  $\mathcal{N}\left(0, \frac{\Delta_{\epsilon, \delta}^2}{(d - 2(1 + \log(1/\delta)/\epsilon))^2}\right)$ , where  $\Delta_{\epsilon, \delta} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{2 \log(1/\delta)}}{\epsilon}$ .
  - 5: Let  $\hat{V} \hat{\Sigma} \hat{V}^T$  be the eigenvalue decomposition of  $\hat{W}$  and let  $\hat{V}_k$  be the top  $k$  eigenvectors of  $\hat{V}$  (as a row matrix). Output  $\hat{V}_k \hat{V}_k^T$ .
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# Proof

**Theorem 4** (Worst case utility guarantee). *Let  $V_k$  be the principal rank- $k$  right singular subspace of  $A$  and let  $\hat{V}_k$  be the principal rank- $k$  subspace of the matrix  $\hat{C}$  (output by Algorithm 1). Then with high probability,*

$$\|\hat{A}\hat{V}_k\|_F^2 \geq \|AV_k\|_F^2 - O(k\sqrt{n}\Delta_{\epsilon,\delta}).$$

## Eigenvalue Properties

- $|A| = \prod_{i=1}^n \lambda_i$
- The rank of a matrix is equal to the number of its non-zero eigenvalues
- Eigenvalues of a diagonal matrix, are simply the diagonal entries
- A matrix is said to be diagonalizable if we can write

$$A = X\Lambda X^{-1}$$

## Trace of a Matrix



- The *trace* of an  $n \times n$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is defined to be the sum of the elements on the main diagonal of  $\mathbf{A}$ :  
 $\text{trace}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \sum_i a_{ii}$ ,  
where  $a_{ii}$  is the entry on the  $i$ th row and  $i$ th column of  $\mathbf{A}$ .
- Properties:
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) + \text{tr}(\mathbf{B})$
  - $\text{tr}(c\mathbf{A}) = c \text{tr}(\mathbf{A})$
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{AB}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{BA})$
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{ABC}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{CAB})$  (invariant under cyclic permutations.)
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}^T)$
  - $d \text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{tr}(d\mathbf{A})$  (differential of trace)
  - $\text{tr}(\mathbf{A}) = \text{rank}(\mathbf{A})$  when  $\mathbf{A}$  is idempotent –i.e.,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^2$ .

**Theorem 4** (Worst case utility guarantee). *Let  $V_k$  be the principal rank- $k$  right singular subspace of  $A$  and let  $\widehat{V}_k$  be the principal rank- $k$  subspace of the matrix  $\widehat{C}$  (output by Algorithm 1). Then with high probability,*

$$\|A\widehat{V}_k\|_F^2 \geq \|AV_k\|_F^2 - O(k\sqrt{n}\Delta_{\epsilon,\delta}) .$$

*Proof.* We have the following with the noise matrix  $E$  in Algorithm 1.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(V_k V_k^T (A^T A + E)) &= \text{tr}(V_k V_k^T (A^T A)) + \sum_{i=1}^k v_i E v_i^T \\ &\geq \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 - k\|E\|_2. \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

By definition, the highest singular subspace captures the maximum variance. Therefore,

$$\text{tr}(\widehat{V}_k^T (A^T A + E) \widehat{V}_k) \geq \text{tr}(V_k^T (A^T A + E) V_k). \quad (2)$$

Combining (1) and (2), we get the following.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{tr}(\widehat{V}_k^T (A^T A + E) \widehat{V}_k) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 - k\|E\|_2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \text{tr}(\widehat{V}_k^T (A^T A) \widehat{V}_k) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 - k\|E\|_2 - \text{tr}(\widehat{V}_k^T E \widehat{V}_k) \\ \Rightarrow \text{tr}(\widehat{V}_k^T (A^T A) \widehat{V}_k) &\geq \sum_{i=1}^k \sigma_i^2 - 2k\|E\|_2 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

Since  $E$  is a symmetric Gaussian ensemble, by Corollary 2.3.6 from [42], with probability at least  $1 - \text{negl}(n)$ ,  $\|E\|_2 = O(\sqrt{n}\Delta_{\epsilon,\delta})$ . This completes the proof.  $\square$

# Algorithm 3: Online singular subspace computation

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**Input:** Vectors  $a_1, \dots, a_m \in \mathbb{R}^n$  where  $\|a_t\| \leq 1$ , rank parameter:  $k$ , regularization parameter:  $\epsilon, \delta$ .

**Output:**  $k$ -dimensional subspaces  $\hat{V}_1, \dots, \hat{V}_m$ .

1: Choose an arbitrary rank  $k$  subspace  $\hat{V}_1$ .

2: **for**  $t \leftarrow 1$  to  $m$  **do**

3:   Get a reward  $R_t = \|\hat{V}_t^T a_t\|_2^2 = \text{tr}(a_t^T \hat{V}_t \hat{V}_t^T a_t)$  and receive input  $a_t$ .

4:   Compute  $C_t = \sum_{\tau=1}^t a_\tau a_\tau^T$

5:   Compute  $\hat{C}_t = C_t + E_t$ , where  $E_t$  is sampled as in Algorithm 1 using the parameters  $\epsilon, \delta$ .

6:   Compute  $\hat{V}_{t+1}$  as the top  $k$  singular subspace of  $\hat{C}_t$ .

7: **end for**

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