Principal Component Analysis

Learning Type: Unsupervised, Task: Dimension Reduction, Algorithm: PCA

Definition:

It is a popular technique to reduce the dimensionality/feature of the datasets. It preserves the maximum amount of information by finding new feature vectors that maximize the data spread.

Applications: It is used to visualize the data, find the patterns in high-dimension data, and image compression

Algorithm:

Step1: Standardize the features with zero mean and one standard deviation.

$$x_j^{(i)} \leftarrow \frac{x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j}{\sigma_j} \qquad where \quad \mu_j = \frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_j^{(i)} \quad and \quad \sigma_j = \sqrt{\frac{1}{m}\sum_{i=1}^{m}\left(x_j^{(i)} - \mu_j\right)^2} \tag{1}$$

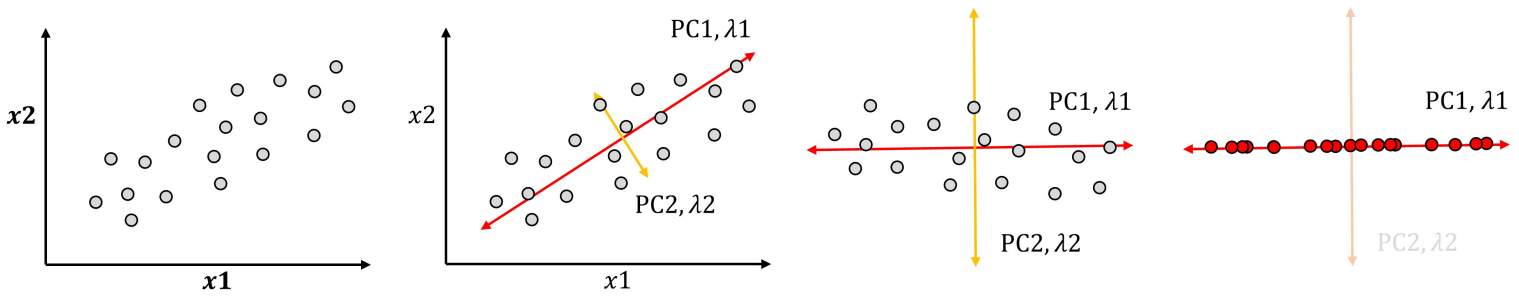
where m is the number of examples in dataset X.

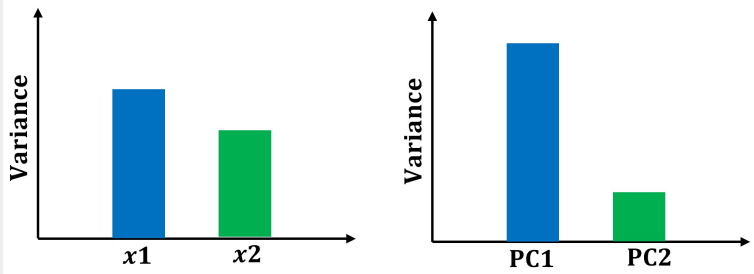
Step2: Find the covariance matrix of the dataset and compute eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the covariance matrix using spectral decomposition, where n is the number of features.

$$Cov(X) = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma_{x_1}^2 & \dots & cov(x_1, x_n) \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ cov(x_n, x_1) & \dots & \sigma_{x_n}^2 \end{bmatrix} \qquad and \quad Cov(X) = V\Sigma V^{-1} \tag{2}$$

Step3: Sort the eigenvalues and eigenvectors in ascending order $\Sigma_{sort} = \text{sort}(\Sigma)$ and $V_{sort} = \text{sort}\,(V, \Sigma_{\text{sort}})$

Step4: Transform the dataset X to first k eigenvectors $V_{\text{reduced}} = V[:, 0:k]$ and $X_{\text{reduced}} = X \times V_{\text{reduced}}$





1) The eigenvector with the largest eigenvalue is in the direction along which the dataset has the maximum variance which is called first principal component that is PC1.

2) Covariance matrix will be order of $n \times n$ with n eigenvalues and n eigenvectors.

3) $X_{reduced}$ will be order of $m \times k$ where X is $m \times n$ and $V_{reduced}$ is $n \times k$

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