

Given,  $S = \frac{1}{N} X^T X \dots (1)$  and let,  $B = \frac{1}{N} X X^T \dots (2)$

For this problem we need to show, how using the eigen vector  $v \in \mathbb{R}^D$  of  $B$  we can derive the eigen vector of  $S$  ( $u \in \mathbb{R}^D$ )

We know that,

$\lambda v = Bv \dots (3)$ , where  $\lambda$  is the corresponding eigen value

$\therefore \lambda v = \frac{1}{N} X X^T v \dots (4)$  (Using equation (2))

Now, multiplying both sides by  $X^T$  on the left, we get.

$$\Rightarrow \lambda X^T v = \frac{1}{N} X^T X X^T v \dots (5)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda (X^T v) = \frac{1}{N} (X^T X) (X^T v) \dots (6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda (X^T v) = S (X^T v) \dots (7)$$

$\therefore X^T v$  is the corresponding eigen vector of  $S$  for eigen value  $\lambda$

$$\therefore u = X^T v \dots (8)$$

Since it is specified  $D > N$ , the dimension of  $S$  will be  $D \times D$  and dimension of  $B$  will be  $N \times N$ . Now, as  $N$  is smaller than  $D$ , solving the eigen decomposition problem for  $B$  will be faster than solving it for  $S$ . Thus, it will be advantageous for this case.