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Algorithms for Data Science

Unsupervised Learning: Eigen Decomposition

Eigen Decomposition Overview

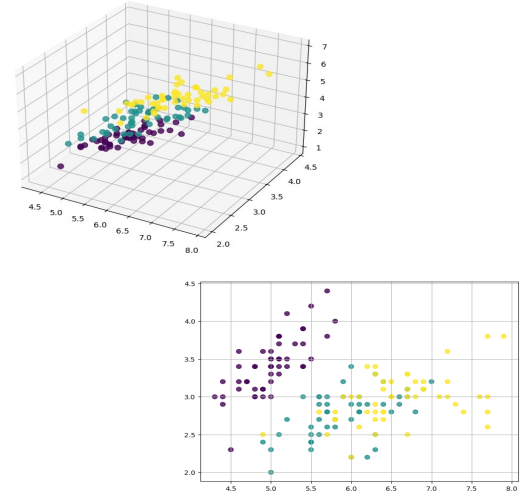
Eigen Decomposition involves breaking a matrix into its eigenvalues and eigenvectors, representing variance and direction in data.

Purpose

1. Dimensionality Reduction
2. Variance Expansion
3. Factor Analysis

Applications

Data Compression and Feature Extraction



Eigen Decomposition: Mathematical Formulation

Eigen Decomposition:

$$\Sigma = V\Lambda V^T$$

Where:

- Σ : Covariance matrix
- V : Matrix of eigenvectors
- Λ : Diagonal matrix of eigenvalues

Variance Expansion:

$$\Sigma = V\Lambda V^T$$

- Variance captured by each principal component is proportional to its eigenvalue.

Factor Analysis: Rotated Components

$$Z_{\text{rot}} = ZR$$

- Where R is a rotation matrix (e.g. Varimax)

Eigen Decomposition Algorithm Analysis

1. **Compute** the covariance matrix. —————> Covariance computation: $O(N^2 \times d^2)$
2. **Perform** eigen decomposition to get eigenvectors and eigenvalues. —————> Eigen decomposition: $O(d^3)$
3. **Project** data onto eigenvectors. —————> Data projection: $O(N \times d^2)$

Total Complexity: $O(N \times d^2 + d^3)$

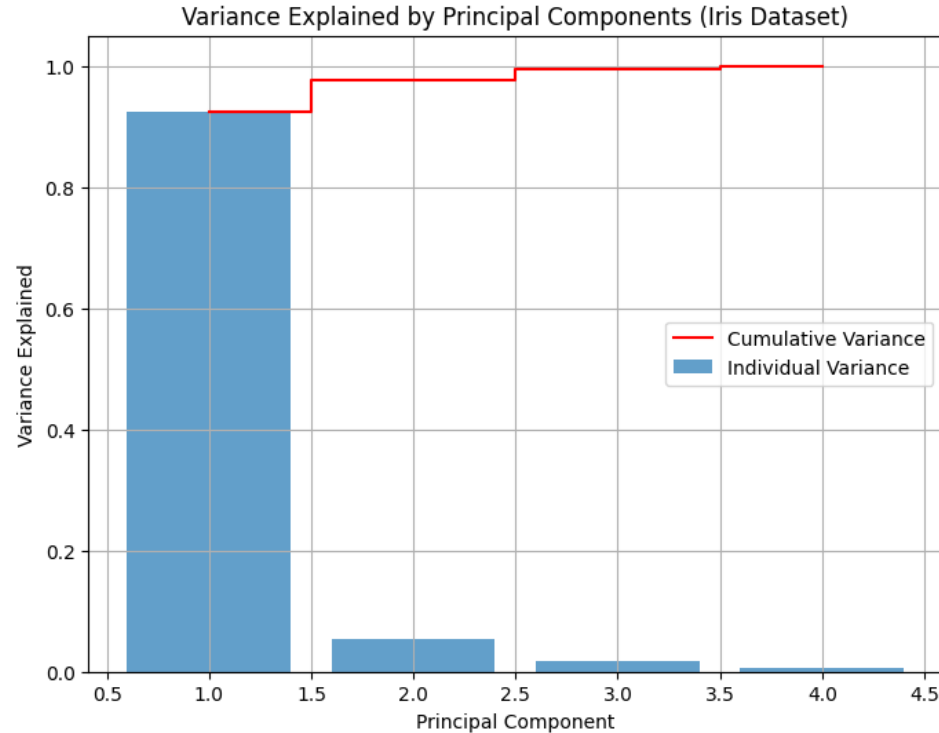
Variance and Dimensionality Reduction

- Variance Explained by Eigenvalues:

$$\text{Variance Explained (\%)} = \frac{\lambda_i}{\sum_{j=1}^d \lambda_j} \times 100$$

- Where λ_i is the eigenvalue for component i .
- Dimensionality Reduction:
 - Retain components explaining a high cumulative variance (e.g. 90%)
 - Reduce d dimension to k dimensions, where k retains the desired variance.

Variance and Dimensionality Reduction



Eigen Decomposition: Correctness

Theorem: Any symmetric covariance matrix has eigenvalues and orthogonal eigenvectors.

- **Proof:**

- Symmetry ensures: $\Sigma = \Sigma^T$.
- Spectral theorem guarantees diagonalizability.
- Eigen decomposition ensures: $\Sigma = V\Lambda V^T$

Applications

1. Dimensionality Reduction
2. Exploratory Data Analysis
3. Noise Filtering



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