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Problem Set 9

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Problem 1

1/1 point (graded)

In \mathbb{R}^2 , what is the unit vector corresponding to the x_1 -direction?

☐ (0, 0)

☒ (1, 0)

☐ (0, 1)

☐ (1, 1)



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Problem 2

1/1 point (graded)

What is the unit vector in the same direction as $(3, 2, 2, 2, 2)$?

☐ (1.5, 1, 1, 1, 1)

☐ (1, 0.67, 0.67, 0.67, 0.67)

☒ (0.6, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4, 0.4)

☐ (0.5, 0.33, 0.33, 0.33, 0.33)



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Problem 3

1/1 point (graded)

What is the projection of the vector $(3, 5, -9)$ onto the direction $(0.6, -0.8, 0)$?

-2.2



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Problem 4

Problem 4

1/1 point (graded)

What is the (unit) direction along which the projection of $(4, -3)$ is largest?

☒ $(0.8, -0.6)$

☐ $(-0.6, -0.8)$

☐ $(-0.8, 0.6)$

☐ $(0.8, 0.6)$



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Problem 5

1/1 point (graded)

What is the (unit) direction along which the projection of $(4, -3)$ is smallest?

☐ $(0.8, -0.6)$

☐ $(-0.6, -0.8)$

☒ $(-0.8, 0.6)$

☐ $(0.8, 0.6)$



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Problem 6

1/1 point (graded)

The projection of vector x onto direction u is exactly zero. Which of the following statements is necessarily true? Select all that apply.

☒ u is orthogonal to x .

☐ u is in the opposite direction to x .

☒ u is at right angles to x .

☐ It is not possible to have a projection of zero.



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Problems 7-8 correspond to "Principal component analysis I: one-dimensional projection"

Problem 7

4/4 points (graded)

A three-dimensional data set has covariance matrix

$$\Sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 & -3 \\ 2 & 9 & 0 \\ -3 & 0 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) What is the variance of the data in the x_1 -direction?



b) What is the correlation between x_1 and x_3 ?



c) What is the variance in the direction $(0, -1, 0)$?



d) What is the variance in the direction of $(1, 1, 0)$?



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Problem 8

1/1 point (graded)

Which of the following covariance matrices has the property that the variance is the same in any direction? Select all that apply.

☒ The all-zeros matrix.☐ The all-ones matrix.☒ The identity matrix.☐ Any diagonal matrix.

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Problems 9-11 correspond to "Principal component analysis II: the top k directions"

Problem 9

8/8 points (graded)

Let $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be two vectors with $\|u_1\| = \|u_2\| = 1$ and $u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0$. Define U to be the matrix whose columns are u_1 and u_2 .

What are the dimensions of the following matrices?

a) U

of Rows =



of Columns =



b) U^T

of Rows =



of Columns



c) UU^T

of Rows =



of Columns =



d) $u_1 u_1^T$

of Rows =



of Columns =



Problem 10

1/1 point (graded)

Continuing from the previous problem, let $u_1, u_2 \in \mathbb{R}^d$ be two vectors with $\|u_1\| = \|u_2\| = 1$ and $u_1 \cdot u_2 = 0$, and define U to be the matrix whose columns are u_1 and u_2 .

Which of the following linear transformations sends points $x \in \mathbb{R}^d$ to their (two-dimensional) projections onto directions u_1 and u_2 ? Select all that apply.

☒ $x \mapsto (u_1 \cdot x, u_2 \cdot x)$ ☐ $x \mapsto (u_1 \cdot x)u_1 + (u_2 \cdot x)u_2$ ☒ $x \mapsto U^T x$ ☐ $x \mapsto UU^T x$ 

Problem 11

2/2 points (graded)

For a particular four-dimensional data set, the top two eigenvectors of the covariance matrix are:

$$\frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ -1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

a) What is the PCA projection of point $(2, 4, 2, 6)$ into two dimensions? Write it in the form (a, b) .

☐ $(2, 2)$ ☐ $(2, 3)$ ☒ $(7, 3)$ ☐ $(4, 6)$ 

b) What is the reconstruction, from this projection, to a point in the original four-dimensional space? Write it in the form (a, b, c, d)

☒ (2, 5, 2, 5)

☐ (2, 1, 2, 2)

☐ (4, 2, 2, 2)

☐ (2, 6, 2, 4)



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Problems 12-14 correspond to "Linear algebra V: eigenvalues and eigenvectors"

Problem 12

2/2 points (graded)

Consider the 2×2 matrix $M = \begin{pmatrix} 5 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$.

a) One of its eigenvectors is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

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b) Its other eigenvector is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$. What is the corresponding eigenvalue?

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Problem 13

6/6 points (graded)

A 2×2 matrix M has eigenvalues 10 and 5.

a) What are the eigenvalues of $2M$ (that is, each entry of M is multiplied by 2)?

Larger eigenvalue =

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Smaller eigenvalue =

10



b) What are the eigenvalues of $M + 3I$, where I is the 2×2 identity matrix?

Larger eigenvalue =



Smaller eigenvalue =



c) What are the eigenvalues of $M^2 = MM$?

Larger eigenvalue =



Smaller eigenvalue =



Problem 14

7/7 points (graded)

A certain three-dimensional data set has covariance matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & -3 & 0 \\ -3 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

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a) Consider the direction $u = (1, 1, 1)/\sqrt{3}$. What is variance of the projection of the data onto direction u ?



b) Which of the following are eigenvectors of the covariance matrix? Select all that apply.



$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$$



$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$$



c) Find the eigenvalues of the covariance matrix. List them in decreasing order.



d) Suppose we used principal component analysis (PCA) to project points into *two* dimensions. What would be the resulting two-dimensional projection of the point $x = (\sqrt{2}, -3\sqrt{2}, 2)$?

☐ (1, 0)☒ (4, 2)☐ (1, 4)☐ (4, 1)

e) Now suppose we use the projection in (d) to reconstruct a point \hat{x} in the original three-dimensional space. What is the Euclidean distance between x and \hat{x} , that is, $\|x - \hat{x}\|$?



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Problems 15-17 correspond to "Linear algebra VI: spectral decomposition"

Problem 15

1/1 point (graded)

M is a 2×2 real-valued symmetric matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 = 6, \lambda_2 = 1$ and corresponding eigenvectors

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad u_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}.$$

What is M ?

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

☐ $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$

☒ $\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$



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Problem 16

1/1 point (graded)

For a certain data set in d -dimensional space, the covariance matrix has the following interesting property: there are k positive eigenvalues and the rest are zero (where $k < d$). What can we conclude from this? Select all that apply.

☐ Each of the data points has at most k nonzero coordinates.

☒ The data can be perfectly reconstructed from their PCA projection onto k dimensions.

☒ Each data point can be expressed as a linear combination of the top k eigenvectors.

☐ It is possible to discard $d - k$ of the coordinates without losing any of the variance in the data.



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Problem 17

1/1 point (graded)

A data set in \mathbb{R}^d has a covariance matrix with eigenvalues $\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_d$. Under which of the following conditions is PCA most likely to be effective as a form of dimensionality reduction? Select all that apply.

☐ When the λ_i are approximately equal.

☒ When most of the λ_i are close to zero.

☐ When most of the λ_i are close to 1.

☒ When the sequence $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$ is rapidly decreasing.



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