ECE M146 Discussion 8

Introduction to Machine Learning

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1. In class, you learned that the direction that maximize the variance of the projection onto a one-dimensional space is the eigenvector that corresponds to the largest eigenvalue of the data covariance matrix $S = \frac{1}{N}X^TX$. Formally, the solution to the following maximization problem

$$\max_{u_1} u_1^T S u_1 \quad \text{subject to } ||u_1||^2 = 1,$$

is the eigenvector that corresponds to the largest eigenvalue of S.

Suppose u_2 is orthogonal to u_1 and have unit norm. We want to maximizes the variance of the data projected on u_2 . Show that the optimal u_2 is defined by the second eigenvectors of the data covariance matrix S that corresponds to the second largest eigenvalues.

2. Minimum Error Formulation of PCA