

## Series 2, March 9-10, 2017 (Principal Component Analysis)

### Problem 1 (PCA Theory):

1. (a)  $\bar{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}$
- (b)  $\Sigma = \frac{1}{N} \bar{\mathbf{X}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{D \times D}$
- (c)  $\Sigma = \mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{U}^\top$ . In the sequel we assume that  $\Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_D)$ , where  $\lambda_1 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_D \geq 0$ . The eigenvalues are positive because  $\Sigma$  is symmetric. Further, the eigenvector matrix  $\mathbf{U}$  can be written as  $\mathbf{U} = [u_1, \dots, u_D]$ , where  $u_i \in \mathbb{R}^D$  are unit eigenvectors (i.e.  $\|u_i\|_2 = 1$ ) represented as column vectors.
- (d)  $\bar{\mathbf{Z}}_K = \mathbf{U}_K^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}$ . Here, we have  $\mathbf{U}_K$  is given by the first  $K$  columns of  $\mathbf{U}$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{U}_K = [u_1, \dots, u_K]$ .
- (e)  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{U}_K \bar{\mathbf{Z}}_K$
- (f) We have that  $\tilde{\mathbf{X}} = \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top \bar{\mathbf{X}}$ . The reconstruction error is :

$$\text{err} = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|\tilde{x}_i - \bar{x}_i\|_2^2 = \|\tilde{\mathbf{X}} - \bar{\mathbf{X}}\|_F^2 = \|(\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d) \bar{\mathbf{X}}\|_F^2$$

where  $\|A\|_F = \sqrt{\text{trace}(AA^\top)} = \sqrt{\sum_i \sigma_i^2}$  is the Frobenius norm of matrix  $A$  and  $\sigma_i$  are its singular values (the same as eigenvalues if  $A$  is symmetric). Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{err} &= \frac{1}{N} \text{trace}((\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d) \bar{\mathbf{X}} \bar{\mathbf{X}}^\top (\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d)^\top) \\ &= \text{trace}((\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d) \Sigma (\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d)) \\ &= \text{trace}((\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d) \mathbf{U} \Lambda \mathbf{U}^\top (\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{I}_d)) \\ &= \text{trace}((\mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top \mathbf{U} - \mathbf{U}) \Lambda (\mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U}_K \mathbf{U}_K^\top - \mathbf{U}^\top)) \\ &= \text{trace}(([\mathbf{U}_K; \mathbf{0}] - \mathbf{U}) \Lambda ([\mathbf{U}_K; \mathbf{0}] - \mathbf{U})^\top) \\ &= \text{trace}\left(\sum_{i=K+1}^D \lambda_i u_i u_i^\top\right) \\ &= \sum_{i=K+1}^D \lambda_i \cdot \text{trace}(u_i u_i^\top) \\ &= \sum_{i=K+1}^D \lambda_i \end{aligned}$$

where we used the fact that  $\text{trace}(u_i u_i^\top) = \|u_i\|_2^2 = 1$ .

2. (a) Intrinsic dimensionality: high  
 No knee in eigenvalue spectrum
- (b) No, the approximation error is the sum of the discarded eigenvalues and  $\lambda_{100}$  is still large.
- (c)  $D = 100$  (no reduction)
- 3.

1.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  Answer: (B)

2.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -0.5 \\ -0.5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Answer: (E)

3.  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  Answer: (C)

4. (a) We would like to decouple the dimensions/measurements in the transformed dataset, i.e. we would like to have uncorrelated dimensions.

- (b) Consider  $\mathbf{Z} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X}$ . Let  $\bar{\mathbf{x}}$  be the mean of the dataset  $\mathbf{X}$ . We write  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}} = \overbrace{[\bar{\mathbf{x}}, \dots, \bar{\mathbf{x}}]}^{N \text{ times}}$ , correspondingly,  $\mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{Z}} = \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}}$ . We can write the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{X}$  as  $\Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} = (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})^\top$ .

The covariance of  $\mathbf{Z}$  is then given by:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\mathbf{Z}} &= (\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{Z}})(\mathbf{Z} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{Z}})^\top \\ &= (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{Z}})(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{Z}})^\top \\ &= (\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{X} - \mathbf{A}^\top \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})^\top \\ &= \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}}))^\top \\ &= \mathbf{A}^\top (\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})(\mathbf{X} - \mathbf{M}_{\mathbf{X}})^\top \mathbf{A} \\ &= \mathbf{A}^\top \Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{A} \end{aligned}$$

- (c) If we use  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{U}$ , we obtain:

$$\begin{aligned} \Sigma_{\mathbf{Z}} &= \mathbf{A}^\top \Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{A} \\ &= \mathbf{U}^\top \Sigma_{\mathbf{X}} \mathbf{U} \\ &= \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{U} \\ &= \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{U} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{U}^{-1} \mathbf{U} \\ &= \mathbf{I} \mathbf{\Lambda} \mathbf{I} \\ &= \mathbf{\Lambda} \end{aligned}$$

We see that the covariance matrix of  $\mathbf{Z}$  becomes the diagonal eigenvalue matrix  $\mathbf{\Lambda}$ : Choosing the eigenvectors associated with the highest eigenvalues results in capturing high variances in the transformed dataset.