

## Chapter 3: Functional Principal Components (FPC)

- FPC's allow us to reduce the dimension of  $\infty$ -dimensional functional data to a small ( $p$ ) finite dimension in an optimal way.

① maximizing variability.

② optimal orthonormal basis.

### § 3.1 A maximization problem

**Thm 3.1** (Principal axis theorem).

Suppose  $A$  is a sym.  $p \times p$  matrix. Then there is an orthonormal matrix  $U = [u_1 \dots u_p]$  whose columns are the eigenvectors of  $A$ .

so,  $U^T U = I$  and  $A \cdot u_j = \lambda_j \cdot u_j$

$$\Rightarrow U^T A U = \Lambda = \text{diag}(\lambda_1 \dots \lambda_p)$$

□

Thm 3.1 implies that  $A = U \cdot \Lambda \cdot U^T$

**Question:**

Suppose  $A$  be sym. and pd. with  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_p$ .

Find  $x$  s.t.  $x^T A x$  is maximum and  $\|x\| = 1$ .

$$\text{---} \quad x^T A x = x^T U \Lambda U^T x = y^T \Lambda y \quad \text{where } y = U^T x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = U \cdot y$$

Since  $\|y\| = \|x\| = 1$ , find unit length vector  $y$  first and  $x = U \cdot y$ .

$$y^T \Lambda y = \sum_{j=1}^p \lambda_j \cdot y_j^2 \Rightarrow y = [1, 0, \dots, 0]^T \Rightarrow x = u_1$$

Extend this idea to a separable Hilbert space.

Suppose  $\psi$  is a sym. pd Hilbert-Schmidt operator in  $\mathcal{L}^2$ .

RECALL:

$$\langle \psi(x), y \rangle = \langle x, \psi(y) \rangle, \quad x, y \in \mathcal{L}^2$$

$$\langle \psi(x), x \rangle \geq 0, \quad x \in \mathcal{L}^2$$

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle v_j, \quad x \in \mathcal{L}^2 \quad (2.4)$$

where orthonormal  $v_j$  and  $\psi(v_j) = \lambda_j \cdot v_j$ .

$$\Rightarrow \psi(x) = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle v_j, \quad x \in \mathcal{L}^2 \quad \text{by (2.4)}$$

Then,

maximize  $\langle \psi(x), x \rangle$  subj. to  $\|x\| = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a. } \langle \psi(x), x \rangle &= \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle v_j, x \right\rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle \langle x, v_j \rangle v_j, x \rangle \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{b. } \|x\|^2 = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, v_j \rangle|^2 = 1 \quad \text{by Parseval's equality}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \text{maximize } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle^2 \quad \text{subj. to } \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, v_j \rangle|^2 = 1$$

Suppose  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots$

So, take  $\langle x, v_1 \rangle = 1$  and  $\langle x, v_j \rangle = 0 \quad \forall j > 1$

$$\Rightarrow \max \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle^2 = \lambda_1 \quad \text{and } x = v_1 \text{ (or } -v_1)$$

Next, maximize  $\langle \psi(x), x \rangle$  subj. to  $\|x\|=1$ ,  $\langle x, v_1 \rangle = 0$ .

then,  $\max \sum_{j=2}^{\infty} \lambda_j \langle x, v_j \rangle^2$  &  $\sum_{j=2}^{\infty} |\langle x, v_j \rangle|^2 = 1$ .

$\Rightarrow x = v_2$  & maximum value =  $\lambda_2$ .

### Thm 3.2

Suppose  $\psi$  is a symm. pd Hilbert-Schmidt operator with eigenfunctions  $v_j$  and eigenvalues  $\lambda_j$  satisfying  $\lambda_1 > \lambda_2 > \dots > \lambda_{p+1}$ .

Then,

$\sup \{ \langle \psi(x), x \rangle : \|x\|=1, \langle x, v_j \rangle = 0, 1 \leq j \leq i-1, i < p \} = \lambda_i$

and supremum is reached if  $x = v_i$ .

### § 3.2 Optimal Empirical Orthogonal basis

Approach in § 3.1 can be applied to the problem to find an orthonormal basis  $u_1 \dots u_p$  s.t.

$\hat{S}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|x_i - \sum_{k=1}^p \langle x_i, u_k \rangle u_k\|^2$  is minimized.

- $x_1 \dots x_N$  : observed realizations of random functions in  $L^2$ .
- $p < N$  (fixed)

$$\Rightarrow x_i \approx \sum_{k=1}^p \langle x_i, u_k \rangle u_k$$

$u_j$  : optimal empirical orthonormal basis.

or natural orthonormal components.

The functions  $u_1 \dots u_p$  minimizing  $\hat{S}^2$  are equal to the normalized eigenfunctions of the sample covariance operator  $\hat{C}$ .

proof

Suppose  $p=1$ . Find  $u$  with  $\|u\|=1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{S}^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^N \|x_i - \langle x_i, u \rangle u\|^2 \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^N \|x_i\|^2 - 2 \sum \langle x_i, u \rangle^2 + \sum \langle x_i, u \rangle^2 \|u\|^2 \\ &= \sum \|x_i\|^2 - \sum \langle x_i, u \rangle^2\end{aligned}$$

RECALL:

$$\hat{C}(u) = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x_i, u \rangle u.$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \langle \hat{C}u, u \rangle &= \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x_i, u \rangle x_i, u \right\rangle \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum \langle x_i, u \rangle^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min \hat{S}^2 \Leftrightarrow \max \sum \langle x_i, u \rangle^2 = \max \langle \hat{C}u, u \rangle$$

$$\max \langle \hat{C}u, u \rangle = \lambda_1 \quad \text{and} \quad u = u_1 \quad \text{by Thm 3.2} \quad \square$$

Generally,

$$\min \hat{S}^2 = \sum_{i=1}^N \|x_i\|^2 - \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^p \langle x_i, u_k \rangle^2.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \max \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{k=1}^p \langle x_i, u_k \rangle^2$$

$$= \max \sum_{k=1}^p \langle \hat{C}u_k, u_k \rangle$$

$$= \max \sum_{k=1}^p \left\langle \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \hat{\lambda}_j \langle u_k, \hat{v}_j \rangle \hat{v}_j, u_k \right\rangle$$

$$= \max \sum_{k=1}^p \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \hat{\lambda}_j \langle u_k, \hat{v}_j \rangle^2 \leq \sum_{k=1}^p \hat{\lambda}_k \quad \text{by thm 3.2}$$

and maximum is attained if  $u_1 = \hat{v}_1 \dots u_p = \hat{v}_p$

### Section 3.3 Functional Principal Components

Section 3.3, we identify the funct. princ. score with the eigenfunction of the covariance operator and show how its eigenfunctions decompose the variance of the functional data.

Suppose  $X_1, X_2, \dots, X_N$  are functional observations.

**EFPC**  $\rightarrow$  Empirical Functional Principal Components

(The eigenfunctions of the sample covariance operator.)

1. If these observations have the same distribution as a square integrable  $L^2$  valued random function  $X$ , we define the FPCs as the eigenfunctions of the covariance operator.

Recall: If  $X$  is square integrable,  $E\|X\|^2 = E \int X^2(t) dt < \infty$  and  $E(X) = 0$ , then  $C(y) = E[\langle X, y \rangle, X]$ ,  $y \in L^2$ .

$\mu(t) = E(X(t))$  (mean function)

$c(t, s) = E[(X(t) - \mu(t)) \cdot (X(s) - \mu(s))]$  (covariance function)

$C = E[\langle X - \mu, \cdot \rangle (X - \mu)]$  (covariance operator)

$\hat{\mu}(t) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N X_i(t)$  (sample mean function)

$\hat{c}(t, s) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N (X_i(t) - \hat{\mu}(t))(X_i(s) - \hat{\mu}(s))$  (sample cov. function)

$\hat{C}(x) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i - \hat{\mu}, x \rangle (X_i - \hat{\mu})$ ,  $x \in L^2$  (sample cov. operator)

\* Parseval's Eq.  $\Rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\langle X, v_j \rangle|^2 = \|X\|^2$

Let  $v_j, \lambda_j, j \geq 1$  be the eigenfunctions and eigenvalues of the covariance operator  $C$ . The relation  $Cv_j = \lambda_j v_j$  implies that

$$\lambda_j = \langle Cv_j, v_j \rangle$$





$$\lambda_j = \langle C v_j, v_j \rangle = \langle E[\langle X, v_j \rangle X], v_j \rangle$$

$$= \langle E[\int X(t) X(s) v_j(t) dt], v_j \rangle$$

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If  $\psi \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $X$  is integrable, then  $E[\psi(X)] = \psi[E(X)]$

$$= E[\int X(t) v_j(t) dt]^2 = E[\langle X, v_j \rangle^2]$$

★ Section 3.2 explains that the EFPCs can be interpreted as an optimal orthonormal basis.

(2)  $\langle X_i, \hat{v}_j \rangle = \int X_i(t) \cdot \hat{v}_j(t) dt \Rightarrow$   $\hat{v}_j$ -th score of  $X_i$   
 ★ Weight of the contribution of the FPC  $\hat{v}_j$  to the curve

Recall:  $\hat{C}(x) = \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i - \bar{\mu}, x \rangle (X_i - \bar{\mu}), x \in L^2$



$$\langle \hat{C}_{x,x} \rangle \text{ or } \langle \hat{C}(x), x \rangle$$

$$\langle \hat{C}_{x,x} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i - \hat{\mu}, x \rangle (X_i - \hat{\mu}), x \rangle \right\rangle$$

$$\text{Assume } E(X_i) = 0$$

$$\langle \hat{C}_{x,x} \rangle = \left\langle \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i, x \rangle X_i, x \right\rangle$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \left\langle \sum_{i=1}^N \int X_i(t) x(t) dt \cdot X_i(s), x \right\rangle$$

$$= \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \int \int X_i(t) X_i(s) x(t) x(s) dt ds$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \int X_i(t) x(t) dt \right] \cdot \left[ \int X_i(s) x(s) ds \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \left[ \int X_i(t) x(t) dt \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i, x \rangle^2$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{1}{N} \cdot \sum_{i=1}^N \langle X_i, x \rangle^2 = \langle \hat{C}_{x,x}, x \rangle$$

Sample variance of the data  
in the direction  $x$ .  
of the  
function

We must find  $x$  by maximizing  $\langle \hat{C}x, x \rangle$  subject to  $\|x\|=1 \Rightarrow$  By Th. 3.2,  $x = \hat{v}_1$ .  
 The first EFPC.

~~★~~ Observe that since  $\hat{v}_j, j=1, \dots, N$  form a basis in  $\mathbb{R}^N$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \|x_i\|^2 &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j=1}^N \langle x_i, \hat{v}_j \rangle^2 \\ &= \sum_{j=1}^N \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \langle x_i, \hat{v}_j \rangle^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N (C \hat{v}_j, \hat{v}_j) \\ &= \frac{1}{N} \sum_{j=1}^N \hat{\lambda}_j \end{aligned}$$

★ Parseval's eq.  
 $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} |\langle x, v_j \rangle|^2 = \|x\|^2$

RESULT: Variance in the direction  $\hat{v}_j$  is  $\hat{\lambda}_j$ .

$\hat{v}_j$  explains the fraction of the total sample variance equal to  $\frac{\hat{\lambda}_j}{\sum_{k=1}^N \hat{\lambda}_k}$





$$X_n(t) = \sum_{j=1}^P a_j \cdot z_{jn} \cdot e_j(t)$$

$a_j$ : real numbers for every  $n$

$z_{jn} \stackrel{\text{iid}}{\sim} (0,1)$

$e_j(t)$  orth. functions with  $\|e_j\|=1$

★ Denote by  $X$  a random function with the same distribution as  $X_n(t)$ .

$$X(t) = \sum_{j=1}^P a_j \cdot z_j \cdot e_j(t)$$

By definition:

$$C(x)t = E \left[ \left( \int X(s) \cdot x(s) ds \right) X(t) \right]$$

$$= E \left[ \int X(t) X(s) x(s) ds \right] = \int \underbrace{E[X(t)X(s)]}_{c(t,s) \text{ cov. function}} x(s) ds$$

$$c(t,s) = E[X(t)X(s)] = E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^P a_j \cdot z_j \cdot e_j(t) \sum_{i=1}^P a_i \cdot z_i \cdot e_i(s) \right]$$

$$= E \left[ \sum_{j=1}^P a_j^2 \cdot z_j^2 \cdot e_j(t) e_j(s) \right]$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^P a_j^2 \cdot \underbrace{E(z_j^2)}_1 \cdot e_j(t) e_j(s) = \sum_{j=1}^P a_j^2 e_j(t) e_j(s)$$

Spectral  
Decomposition

$$\boxed{\lambda_j = a_j^2, \quad v_j = e_j}$$